

The Message of Grace #4

'The Hour of Full Assurance'

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Shall we pray: Heavenly Father, we want to express our appreciation again for Your love, mercy and grace which has been extended toward us in this hour, unworthy Lord, we've absolutely proven to be. We recognize that but we thank You Lord, by Your grace You have turned the tables around and we're accepted in the beloved, now we're walking on Lord, to the place where we will one day be taken out of here, Father, knowing that's not too far off. We pray that You'll help us in the study of Your Word Lord, to only say those things that are convenient which are enriching, oh God, which show forth Your grace, which are right and just Lord, which are given to us by the prophet, Father.

May we not overstep ourselves in any way but be very careful Lord, neither not adding or taking from but in all things hewing close to that Word Lord, being true conduits so we might be anointed of You Lord, to be changed in our mortal members if such that be our position tonight, or Father, if we die we know that we'll come forth be in that hallowed throng to meet at Your feet. Bless us tonight, therefore, in one accord, we ask these mercies in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now my memory's very poor so I never can tell, I mean not that I can never tell but many times I do not remember whether I say a thing in my message or whether I say something here previously to it which are kind of like little announcements that we bring to our own church, and so if I'm talking along a little devotional line at times within a message that Bro. Branham has given us I might say something and then it kind of needs correction at times. Not too much correction but it can be taken a little bit wrong, and I was wondering if I said last Sunday concerning Bro. Branham's statement, he said, "*When you begin to think of somebody that you loved that is departed,*" he said, "*a sweet spirit come in the room,*" he said, that's *that sweet spirit drawing nigh.*" I can't say myself that he was referring to the spirit of the person himself though it sure sounded that way.

You know, someone could say, "Well, what if we did that here in this church and we decided to make a phone call to Africa and they decided to think kindly of Bro. Branham, and so then in Australia, then perhaps down in New Zealand and then over in Europe, Asia and India, you could have twenty groups at the same time thinking of Bro. Branham. Will his spirit be in every one of those groups? Well, the answer would be patently 'no'. You'd be trying to put God to the test, of course, that isn't right but the answer would be patently 'no'.

2. What would it be then for the spirit of the person? Well, certainly I don't like thinking of people I don't like. And I don't like thinking of people that have been miserable; I got to think of myself, you know how it is. [Bro. Vayle chuckles.] I get enough time...bad time you know, thinking of myself, but you don't want to think that way. But someone like Bro. Branham, to think of him, and the Lord Jesus Christ, because they would be inseparable. I don't want anyone to get an idea our church will practice something like spiritism. But we're thinking of is to think

of those people in terms of what we knew they were like, Christ's, grace, the love and beauty of a prophet's life, and you think of those things, that Spirit that's there, not necessarily the spirit of a man but that aura that will come into the church and that is true because your thoughts mean so much. So that's what we're more thinking of and so if that went out on a tape or on a video cassette, you know what we're talking about because we're a million miles from spiritism or worshipping a man.

It isn't it but brother/sister; you can be too much like the old Alcoholics Anonymous, a little parody somebody brought out many years ago. There were three bears, Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and Baby Bear, and Papa Bear got to drinking too much and became a booze head, and so he'd come home and kicked the table over and swat the little bear aside and mauled his wife and just knock her in a corner, and that kept on for years till one day he heard of 'Alcoholics Anonymous' and he joined the Alcoholics Anonymous and so he cleaned up his act, you know, he wasn't going to do it anymore. But when company came he invariably told the company what a brute he was, so how he used to slap him out, slap his mom across, you know and how he used to abuse the kid, so here he would be smacking the kid around. And the moral of the story is you can fall just as flat on your face as you can on your back. I hope you caught the little analogy there, the little thing I'm trying to get across to you.

3. Well, you know there are those who go too far trying to get away from what Bro. Branham was, and there are those that go too far on the other way and you can fall just as flat on your face or on your back in the wrong...taking in the wrong direction, like years ago when Bro. Branham was having quite a breakdown in nerves, and I felt led of the Lord to go by his place there. I was down in the Carolinas and I said, I said to my wife, I said, "I feel led to go by Bro. Branham's. I don't even know if he's home. He shouldn't be back from his...out west yet. But," I said, "I feel to go. Na, I'm not going. I'm going to go another ways, it's closer home."

Well, don't you know after going a couple of hundred miles and a long way out of my way, I said, "No, no way, I have got to see Bro. Branham." So I got to go across the country. I should have...I messed up. It served me right. So I get there. And you know, here's Bro. Branham and he's tossing and turning in a terrible condition with his bad nerves because people made him God. And the same people that made him God were there and they said to Sis. Branham, literally abusing the dear sweet woman, and you know, being there when they should not have been there, taking her time and all, and don't you know that she said, "Well," she said, "it's just that Bro. Branham is so nervous."

And they would say, "Listen, don't you dare call God nervous. He's not nervous."

They fell flat on their face, flat on their faces, but somebody that doesn't realize how he was God to us and his position fell just as flat on his back and when you're down, you're down and you get KO-ed by the devil it doesn't matter whether you're on your back or on your face. Remember the little analogy of the 'Alcoholic Anonymous' bear, just don't try to go too far on one side, stay right down the middle. So that's what we're talking about with that...that's what we want to inculcate in this church everything we can. We do have a lovely spirit here but you know there's always room, there's always room for the grace of God to help us.

4. Now, we're in message number 4 on The Message of Grace that Bro. Branham preached after he saw a God manifested in a symbol to him, one God in three offices, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And he preached on the grace of God at that particular time. Now we ended just about I suppose on paragraph 82, but before we begin paragraph 82, on page 13, which sermon

was delivered in Jeffersonville, it's well to recall that this Message is as thoroughly vindicated as to the correct understanding of grace as is the doctrine of the one true God. Now remember, Bro. Branham illustrated that over here in—I can never find anything, but again then it's just by luck I might, oh here it is right in front of me, thank you.

[78] *Now, my Christian friends, (and these here that are being and...) (...these tapes here that are being made will spread across the world) let me ask you something—...who try to make God be three gods, or you who try to make Him to be one, like your finger.*

Now, of course, we found that was a little difficult because say, what finger. Well, I think he was indicating a person holds a hand up. How many? There's one. How many? Two. How many? Three. I can't bend my fingers too good but I did get three up there, okay, hold that, now you see better, it's horrible when you can't bend your hands, but anyway, I think that's what he had in mind, showing one. Not a matter of the forefinger being an indicator but being like a digit, one digit, one unit. Now he said, *"That's not the way it is."*

5. How is it that God is one God? Now remember, he says, in Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, he said, *"Now if you made...in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God, if you make Jesus the Word, you make three gods because God is the Word."* See? So what is he saying here? We read down in paragraph 81.

[81] *There was only just one...way. There was only one way that could be . . . God's great laws' demands could be met. He had to meet it Himself. (That's talking about sin.) He had to do it. God's a spirit and He can't die, so God had to be made man. And He died in human flesh, in the form of a man called "Jesus Christ," (Now you watch carefully!) and that was the promised Messiah (Christos and Messiah is the same word) that bought the grace. (b-o-u-g-h-t, not b-r-o-u-g-h-t, that's true but He bought it.) There where you see that God and Christ is the same person, (Now how?) God indwelling... Christ. ("Now not like your finger," he said, "one. That's Jesus Only." That becomes a corruption. See? What was it?) There where you see that God and Christ is the same person, (How? God dwelling in Christ. Now watch!) "I and My Father are One, (Who said that? Jesus said that. Now watch!) "I and My Father are One, (Why?) My Father dwells in Me; ...*

Now God didn't say, I'm dwelling in Myself. He didn't say that. He said, "The Father's dwelling in me." And that was who speaking? A man. Now what was this man? This man was the life of God; God putting all His attributes into two tiny cells, and remember, it's the life that counts that makes everything because the chemistry is only necessary for the sensate. That's all. That's all the chemistry is all about; therefore, you don't even worry about your body, what you put on and what you'll eat and so on. You worry about your soul. And anything you plan for the body, you must plan through the soul. That's why I spoke on the attitudes are so important when you try to understand stewardship and what I'm teaching here. If you cannot get the spirit of what I am saying, please go to God and find out from God what I'm teaching because you'll never get it.

Now you got to understand I'm sincere here, brother/sister, this is one place I am sincere. Out there, I can be as crazy as the next person can, but up here that doesn't go. I may be...make some little remarks up here but I want you to understand what I'm saying. I have to stand before God

for what I'm saying tonight, and I'm not afraid to stand before God. Because Bro. Branham said, "*Get into the Spirit of It.*" If you don't get into the Spirit of what this is about concerning the prophet, concerning stewardship, concerning all these things, I'm happy for you that you get as far perhaps as you do get. Look, nobody's...fussing at that. It's like Bro. Branham said, "*I'm glad they go to church; they're trying to be good people.*" That's fine. We appreciate that, but that's not it. That's not it. That's not Bride food. That's not for Bride. So we're in a different thing here. See?

6. Now, he said here,

[81] ...there where you see that God and Christ is the same person, (God dwelling in Christ.) "*I and My Father are One, My Father dwells in Me; it's not I that speaks the word, but my Father that dwells in me.*"

He's telling Me, and He's doing this and that. See? So what you're looking at here, as I said awhile ago, that God took that...take that life of His in which like a drop of ocean water is the same as the billions of tons of ocean water. See? Now this is this little modicum of life that God took but everything of God basically as concerning humanly speaking, genes and chromosomes and the life has to do with them because they're the ones that makes the patterns. People talk about DNA and RNA, that's very good but there's a life behind the DNA and the RNA there's a life behind everything that is chemical. But what people have a hard job understanding the spirit is the substance, the same as other things are substance.

7. Now life is a substance. It is substantial. If you don't think it is, what happened to the passenger pigeon? Let's bring him back. You can't do it. We've got all the chemistry and all the smarts and all the brains, we'll never bring him back. But he's out there somewhere. You bet he is. Now you got people destroying nature until it's a scandal, and God's going to destroy those that destroy the earth.

Now he's bringing us all back to what I'm saying, that God is Spirit, God is Life, and that Life He took a tiny bit and put it in a surrogate mother, so that the chemicals in themselves are nothing and yet they're everything as pertaining to a body that God could later inhabit in order to make a sacrifice. But if it weren't for that Life the Blood wouldn't matter because we've got plenty of blood, and we've got plenty chemistry. It's the Life.

8. Now he said, the Life that caused that, the Life that indwelt that was God Himself, Elohim that indwelt that body at the River Jordan, and Bro. Branham said, "*Left in Gethsemane,*" the same One on the Cross said, "Into thy hands I commend my Spirit."

They came to him and looked at a man and said, "Good Master," and he said, "Hold it, there is none good but One and that's God. Worship God." You've got to understand what you're dealing with. Now take it to the end, the projection, and the law of projection, prophetic projection, Bro. Branham took this very thing and he put it right to the Future Home of the Earthly Bride and the Heavenly Bridegroom and he said, "*The Lamb will be on the Throne,*" now watch, the Spirit that's in our midst becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. We have the Wedding Supper and come on back here and at the end of the great Millennium, at the White Throne, the Ancient of Days is there, the same One that was a Judge of Revelation 1, right? Is projected right down a thousand years later, okay, that same One now in the New Jerusalem is sitting on a Throne but there's a departure for that One that indwelt him is now in a Pillar of Fire over the Lamb. And Bro. Branham says, "*They're One.*" So that's not your finger. Jesus is the image of God, expressed image. What it is he's the expression of His

substance; he is the substance that expressed the unseen substance. It's exactly what he was, so therefore, he was the temple of Almighty God but that does not make him God.

9. Now the word 'clone' came in the twentieth century. Did God clone Himself? In a manner of speaking 'yes', in a manner of speaking only, in a manner of speaking only. Now the point is this, if we're able to clone ourselves which we've come pretty close already through biology, if we could do it, does that make that One the Person? No, it makes it the derivative in this case the Son of God and this is what I'm looking at. And I cannot go back, if you think that's two gods my brother, my sister, be my guest, I will meet you at the White Throne. I can't...I can't back up. And I'm not telling you to believe what I believe. I'm telling you what I believe. I tell you I'm not telling anyone what to believe but I'm telling you here and reading to you Bro. Branham said, *"It's not as your finger,"* and he explains it.

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How? You see, see, physically seeing and understanding. "But he that hath seen me and seen the Father." Is that a fact? "No man can see God and live." Then how did he see Him? By replication, to a degree, actually image, icon, the substance, the revealed a substance because Spirit is substance. You can't see wind but if you don't think it's a substance, how come it will blow down houses, pick up tractors, tanks, a whole city? Whoosh! Destroyed. You say, *"It's a force."* It's a substance. It's H... What is air made of? How many things? Who knows? There's hydrogen, oxygen, there's...you've got neon in there, what, I don't know how many elements there are...gases, you got all kinds of them but it's a substance. Do you think a gas is not a substance? How can they weigh it? It's got weight and valance.

10. So what I'm trying to see here is that God was in Christ and Christ came from the actual substance of God Spirit and took on a chemistry, took on a form. Now where do you find that that man ever leaves? The man Christ Jesus right now is the Mediator to get us in, the Intercessor to hold us in. And Bro. Branham said, *"The same One that was in flesh is here now in the form of the Holy Spirit in a Pillar of Fire,"* who could invade, egress, exit, anytime He wanted the prophet, into the prophet and out for the Word, *"He is here now proving it is the same One by doing the same works for the Gentiles He did when He was here in the form of flesh here on earth."* Now if you can't understand that, I'm not going to try to go beyond it. I've come to full satisfaction where I stand right today, and that is this, there is one Lamb.

If I can't go further I tell you categorically you will come to the time when you will see One sitting on the Throne and a Pillar of Fire above the Throne and they're One, because it's One Life. Because I said... Bro. Branham said, *"You're going to see It."* And if you couldn't see It, he told you It would be there, and that's good enough for me. Like the time when the Pillar of Fire wrote on the wall, *"Bro. Vayle, do you see it?"*

And I said, "No, I don't but I see the one that does see It, and that takes care of me." And I wasn't being humble; I'm just telling you the truth. All right.

11. So therefore, we have here Bro. Branham by vindication is preaching a Message of grace, he's the one that revealed the one and true God and you know that that goes back to Ephesians, chapter 1. Brother/sister, it is just absolutely thrilling to see these things before us, and there's nothing that anybody can do against it. It's going to be fully consummated. It's going to end there in the New Jerusalem. You better believe it. It's already started. See, the law of projection says There is where you are going. I like that. So Bro. Branham is just finished speaking about the origin of grace in the Garden in...paragraph 82 which we read on page 13.

[82] *But grace was promised in the garden of Eden, and grace came, grace to Adam and Eve. Nowhere to go, no...way to turn, and yet grace made a way!*

Now remember, always Bro. Branham preached Alpha and Omega, what was back there is now, and he brought...remember, when he spoke on the Seals, I think even in the Church Age, perhaps many messages, he referred to the fact that God was the One who had to start redemption, therefore, God would be the One that finished It and redemption is being finished now, the Bible speaks of It.

12. Let's go and take a look at the Book of Ephesians and understand these things, brother/sister. There's a certain redemption, 1st chapter, and it talks about the baptism with the Holy Ghost and what it does for you, and it says...

(13) In whom ye also (hoped), after...(you) heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that (you)
believed, (you) were sealed with that holy Spirit of
promise,

(14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the
purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

So we're running out of a certain phase of redemption, and this is the redemption he's talking about, our bodies, which were sealed in by the Holy Ghost to come back immortal. And remember, the baptism gives way to the Baptizer, and here's the Baptizer right here.

(17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may
give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the
knowledge of him:

Now that's the same as when the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water, not as though there were two spirits or a special spirit came out of God but indicating that God is a Spirit. And Bro. Branham said, "*Elohim is here.*" You can't deny a vindicated prophet. So who's here? The Spirit that's in our midst will one day become incarnated to us, at the Wedding Supper; we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. That will be the Son of God. That will be the Son of David. That will be the Son of man. That will be the King of the earth. That will be the Bright and Morning Star. That will be Elohim, Emmanuel, He'll be everything because there it is. And you see it relatively, you're related, the same life that you see is when It says, "When Christ who is our life shall appear we shall appear with him in glory," and that's at that time. So what's going on? How can people be complacent? See?

13. So therefore, we are today when all hope was gone. What is all hope gone? Where...when is there any hope when the people say, "We're rich, increased in goods and don't lack a thing?" And God says, "Hey, you're wretched, miserable, you're naked," and you don't have anything because that word 'wretched' means to be literally begging like a beggar and you got no hope unless somebody takes care of you. You're destitute.

Oh, how great people felt just before the 1929 crash, luxuriating as millionaires. Oh, they had stocks and bonds and everything else. Shhm, overnight gone. That's the way this church is. It's finished. The darkest hour, Malachi 4 tells you that. All that do wickedly, they're ready for the fire that's going to destroy them off the earth.

14. Let's take a look at Romans, the 1st chapter again and see where this church is today because it's right before the flood of Noah because this is the period as it was in the days of Noah, in the days of the Son of man come...

(18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all
the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (down)
truth in unrighteousness;

Now what are these people? This tells you this is the clergy, the Gentile clergy. Oh, they're nice fellows. They're hale-fellows-well-met, wonderful guys. Oh, you know, they can sing like angels and play pool like an expert. Shoot bingo with you, too, you know bingo on the card table or anything else. They're the ones that are supposed to tell you what the truth is, but they're the great deceivers. After the false prophet comes these birds, the false teachers, then you got the false pastors, there's nobody that doesn't teach, even a dog teaches her pups. It's all teaching. Everybody wants to be a teacher. Well, there's more judgment you get from being a teacher. Go ahead, if you want the tough condemnation of God, just go ahead.

A fellow I know calls himself a teacher because he teaches Sunday school. Well, Sunday school teacher is fine but not five-fold. He teaches such error it is pitiful; he doesn't know what he is teaching. You know that man is going to stand before the White Throne judgment condemned, condemned every time he opened his mouth that he is not what he said? People had better be careful. The wrath of God is revealed from heaven. In other words, the Great Tribulation is coming on. This is the sign of Great Tribulation right there. The One that came down to be glorified in his saints is the same One that came down as the Judge to revenge and not just to avenge because avenge means to vindicate. [Romans 1]

(19) (Now) because that which may be known of God is manifest in
them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

15. In other words, at this particular time when these men do this, these preachers and this clergymen, this...this clergy, the five-fold ministry so-called does this, there has been a manifestation of the absolute proof of the living God.

(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are
clearly seen,

Well, look it, that's a creation, and that's like a creation taken by a camera because you're not looking at God when you get a picture of God right there. When Bro. Branham said, "*His picture was taken.*" I don't believe that's a spirit right there; I believe that's an emanation. Bro. Branham said, "*that was the Shekinah glory,*" and according to the Hebrews 'Shekinah' glory is that effulgence, that glory that is there attending personally upon the Being. So the Being is not the emanation; the emanation comes from the Being.

Like these guys get mixed up on two souls, if the soul is the real thing where the real gene of God is, then it's not a nature; it gives a nature, and thereby is the nature of the spirit giving it one. Do you understand what I'm saying? You don't just have a nature without something giving the nature. There's got to be something there before there's a nature. So he's talking of a life. See? Got to be a nature. Okay.

(20) ...clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even
his eternal power and Godhead; so they are without excuse:

(21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God,
neither were thankful; but became vain in their
(reasonings), and their foolish (hearts) was darkened.

(22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (that's
insipid, they became sophists, you know, philosophers, you
know, oh, grubby, grubby stuff)

(23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image
made like to corruptible man, ...to birds, and fourfooted
beasts, and creeping things.

(24) Wherefore God...gave them...to uncleanness through the lusts of
their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies...(and so
on) (And that's taking place right now. It says right
down here in verse 31,)

(31) Without understanding covenant-breakers, without natural
affection, implacable, unmerciful: (the covenant is broken.
God didn't break His covenant. Man broke the covenant.
God sent Elijah; they broke it.)

(32) Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such
things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have
pleasure in them that do them.

16. In other words, they take their stand with the false five-fold; they positively line up with them. That's why they all will go to the pit. Yet today, brother/sister, in spite of all this darkness in this end hour we are God's victory of His grace because in this hour if anybody needed grace we needed grace and we have the grace. ...

[83] *Let me say this, my sinner friend* (and Bro. Branham talks to sinners). *You may be here this morning a prostitute, you may be here this morning a woman-chaser,* (Well, that's going to cover ninety-nine percent right there) *you may be...a drunkard, or a gambler,* (Well, 'que sera', there's some of those, too.) *or a murderer.* (That could be either physical or by what you might call character assassination.) *You might be here as an impure husband, an impure wife.* (Now that's blanket coverage, just about everywhere.) *You might be the vilest of sinner.* (Well, they won't admit that. There's always somebody worse.) *You say, "I'm past that stage of redemption."*

Now there could be some remorse, someone could say, "I'm past that stage of redemption." Now why would a person say that? Because Satan puts that in their heart to say, "Look, there's no place I can repent." Do you know Bro. Branham made a statement: a person came to him one time and said, "Bro. Branham I've committed the unforgiveable sin."

He said, *"That's proof you haven't."*

I've found that to be true. That's the devil's lie. If that person had committed the unforgiveable sin; they wouldn't care two bits about anything. There would be no room for conviction, because the person is gone, blaspheming the Holy Ghost. See?

17. Now he said,

[83] *No, you're not... (past the stage of redemption; this is end time evangelism, the message of grace.) No, you're not, or you wouldn't be at...church this morning. Grace will make a way for you in this dark hour if you'll just accept it. Adam had to be willing to accept it; so do you. Accept it.*

Now, in other words, grace has already been worked out. That's right. What did Adam try to do before God got His plan in motion? He tried to make himself fig leaves; he worked his own little salvation out, but he was able to accept God's gift to him which was a death brought about a covering. So God has already worked out on our behalf, grace, and the very fact Bro. Branham speaking to those people there showed that God was dealing in grace because God had brought them to church that morning to an open door where there could be something given to them from Almighty God. All right.

18. Now you notice in here, he's going to talk about Noah. And I want to just throw this in as we go into this study further as time goes on, you will notice that Bro. Branham uses prophets in his illustration more than anything else and the reason is so that you may understand he as a prophet received grace and the Message that he brings, therefore, will be one of grace. So he's going to use prophets.

[84] *...Noah, just an ordinary man, he and his family, but because Noah feared God, he believed God. You can't fear God without believing. How can you fear something you don't believe?*

Well, that's true, even if it's just a hookie-pook, or hallucination, at least something is out there. See? So you see they go together. In other words, faith does not have a basic which is intangible. Faith is very tangible. See? The tangibility of faith is lost upon us because we think faith is sort of intangible. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. See? Faith is the basic, that which stands under. It is foundational. That's why Bro. Branham said, "*Faith is a revelation.*" You get a real revelation; it's rock. You can't...it will never leave you, no.

[84] *How can you fear something you don't believe? You've got to fear God. Solomon said, "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Now, just to fear God, you're beginning to have wisdom. (That's good.) And the fear of God . . . Noah feared the Lord and he believed the Lord. ...that's what God honors, is your faith in Him. That's right. Then, when the fear of God came upon Noah, God called him by grace, and saved him and his house. Because it was grace that did it. Not because Noah was a great big handsomer man than all the rest of them, not because Noah belonged to the best church there was in the country, not because he belonged to the best...organization, not because he could dress better, not because he had more money, not because he was some special person,...*

Now what's he saying here? After the flesh, not after election, not after foreordination, because that's something he didn't know. You know something about election, foreordination? It's like Spurgeon said, "Over the entrance of the church is the big sign that says, 'Welcome, come in, you know, come unto me all ye that labour,' but over the altar where you kneel it says, 'Beloved, elect of God.'" But you don't know that.

19. Man said to me years ago, he said, "Well, Lee," he said, "how would I know if I'm elect?"

I said, "The very fact that you're talking to me and God dealing with your heart shows there's something there."

The man turned out to be very, very fine Christian. But this is after the flesh. After the flesh you cannot know anything; it is only after the Spirit to know the things of God because the things of God are not revealed by the things of the flesh. That's why reasoning takes you away from God, and simply believing what is spoken especially vindicated, leads you right to God into the fullness of the things of God.

20. So he's speaking here of this man, Noah and his family. They were nothing special as far as the human race was concerned except for one thing that Bro. Branham does leave out. And I think he must have known it though he didn't speak about it. Noah was the only man perfect in his generation which meant he was the only person genetically pure as a human being. But that still didn't make him any great shakes because he had been born in sin, shaped in iniquity and he was a sinner. But he was no special person as you talk about people as the general pattern. Nothing special.

[84] *...but because of the grace of God, God saved Noah. (That's exactly right. Now had he been something special, outside of grace, it still would not have worked because man's responsible. See?) Grace saved Noah (not by works, but by God's grace) and also saved his family.*

So you see here's where you see grace and predestination go together. For God predestinated a sinner He would also have to give grace or have something in the line of grace for that sinner to get back because the man predestinated is still a sinner. And the predestination of God though in realm of sin looks down the road to realms of glorification. Then how's he going to get one man from here to there? By grace. What does grace simply mean? The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ. Was bought, I read it to you. Bro. Branham said, *"It was bought."*

[85] *We'll call another character where God's grace was extended---though there are many of them. We'll just speak of a few. Abraham. Abraham, no special man, (That's right.) came down from the tower of Babel, perhaps came out of an idolatrous bunch. His father came down from the land of Shinar down there to dwell in the city of Ur. And while he was there God spoke to him---by grace. (Sure. Now God foreknew Abraham, but Abraham didn't know that. Now God's freely doing everything by grace, and there's a way He made, through the Blood of Calvary.) Not because he was different, not because he was a better man, but by grace God called him.*

21. All right, now watch. No man can come except the Father draw him. No man can come except the sheep are called. My sheep hear My voice. So if this man was nothing as far as the flesh was concerned. (Now we'll read that.) Although very nice fellow. What was it that allowed God to call him? It was the precept of grace. In other words, what God had and knew within Himself and what He wanted to do within Himself He did it and there was a certain people that were heir to it. Grace, in other words, put it in the hands of God when you talk of grace because that's what it's about.

[85] *The Bible clearly makes that known. Oh, Abraham, how Abraham tested God's patience! God told him... "Abraham, stay in this land, don't you go out of it." But as soon as...famine came, Abraham ran.*

When was that? When did Abraham run? Right after the Presence of God; just like Jonah. Running from the Presence of God. He said, "Now don't do that." But Jonah did what he wanted. What did God do with Jonah? He was a prophet; another measure of amazing grace.

You say, that was some grace. He had to have that kind of grace, and if it hadn't been for the grace of God Jonah would have had a terrible job convincing the Ninevites but because they believed that God...their god was the god of the sea, a great big whale, oh, God prepared a great big fish, not a whale but one like a whale, and prepared it and it swallowed old Jonah, and then when they came...when the fish came right to land, came up to the shore where old Jonah could wade out, and he opened his big mouth and Jonah just tramped out. He must have been some looking sight for God, [Congregation laughs.] for a demi-god with all the seaweed and stuff hanging on him. Sheee, that must have been a stinking mess, but he asked for it, but God sure made the job easy for him. It was God's grace because the whole land capitulated right there; they just repented. You see?

[86] *Now Abraham spoke of us in type. ...God took Abraham by grace, and saved him. And that's how He takes you, by grace. And how do we test His patience? Today we're up; tomorrow we're down. One day we believe; the next day we're wondering. (Now listen!) Today we're a Methodist; tomorrow...Baptist. Today we believe in divine healing; tomorrow the tummyache comes...we don't know whether we believe it or not. But yet in the midst of it all...---God wants us to stay put---but He saves us anyhow. If it wasn't the grace of God, we'd all be gone. Sure. God saves us by His grace.*

22. In other words, from the cradle to the grave we have problems and though we are unstable, see, instability, misunderstanding, double minds, and all those things; they are not meant to be used by us and multiplied in order to see the grace of God, but because we are weak and many times unstable the grace of God is there. Look at this case...look for...at this little thing right here.

[86] *Today we're...Methodist; today...Methodist; tomorrow...Baptist.*

How many of us pretty well we find ourselves I think in that position? Because we came out of different areas, different denominations, and because of that we have different beliefs and we bring them to this message. We don't mean to but look it, I come here tonight with my hands, and I'm not going to get rid of them. But you know something? I come here and you come here with our thinking, but we can get rid of our thinking. We can. Now that's what we're supposed to do, and that's what we're looking at here in this last hour, this dark, dark hour because everything is a parallel. No matter what Bro. Branham speaks of any time, in any previous time it refers to this hour.

And what is the big trouble today? We are always remiss by using our background and our doctrine. And that's what I find is so difficult for people to even to begin to understand what I'm saying, let alone what Bro. Branham said, because if I'm hard to understand and I'm taking an awful lot of time breaking things down. I don't see how they're going to get it with their cursory, with just their little casual look at it. You cannot interpret this Message in the light of anything you received from a previous education and religion. It won't work.

23. Now,

[87] *Abraham was supposed to stay in that land, (Now here's his disobedience and instability) but he went down to the Chaldeans . . .not Chaldeans, but... Philistines. Went down there to sojourn, to get out of the famine. Things were a little hard up in his country, so he went down there to sojourn...with them.*

Now what did Bro. Branham warn the people about, the preachers? Money! He said, *“Why will they not leave their denominations? Because they’re tied up to a pension fund.”* My, if they’d just trust the Lord like we do here? They could have it. You don’t have to go and beat your brains out. That’s get in the spirit of things, brother/sister. The world says, *“He’s a jolly good fellow.”* Do we believe God is more than a jolly good fellow? Do we believe in the grace and the kindness of God keeping His Word? Look it, get in the Spirit of a thing. I don’t care what it is, one will lead to another. Get into an understanding. I’m not here as some great servant trying to tell you something but I know what I’m talking about. And that’s strange in most people; they don’t know what they’re talking about; they just think they do. But I know what I’m talking about, to a degree, and I’ll never push you past that degree because I can’t lead you beyond a certain degree. I’ve got to have firstfruits myself before I can pass any on to you. I got to know what I’m talking about. And if I know what I’m talking about, then I can help you. If I don’t there’s no point, only going to confuse you. But the preachers were all worried about money. See? They just...they got hard up; they got worried about their stomach. You see?

24. Now, there’s a great warning here, now I just slightly mentioned it awhile back when I talked of Abraham, how that that Pillar of Fire, that One standing there, Bro. Branham called Elohim, stood out there before Abraham, remember? Now, this is the same time Abraham had just received a visitation from God, a promise that he would have a son by Sarah, fresh at that time in the hour designating transformation and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to this earth, they wandered off in fear to a land of idolaters and they got in trouble. And there’s a warning to every one of us as Bro. Branham said so clearly, he said, *“I am worried that this people is going to be caught up with the cares of this life and miss it.”* Now that’s what you’re looking at right here.

[87] He did...*exactly what God told him not to do, ...*

How many people went back to Pentecost? The trouble is this I said many a time, *“When I came out of Pentecost, thank God, Pentecost came out of me.”* But a lot of people think they come out of Pentecost and they do to a degree but Pentecost never comes out of them. Now that’s a pity because look it this is an inside job that God is doing in this hour; it’s not an outside job. Anything outside is cosmetic.

If you want a real pretty complexion and no acne, you young people, then get off your Cokes and your ginger ales, and all your pops and your coffee and your chocolates and all that junk you are using right now, and you’ll almost...you’ll almost clear yourself perfectly up by a right diet. That means get your inside cleaned up and the outside will begin to transform. And I’m a witness to that tonight; if I had not been a strict diet I’d be dead by now or wishing I was dead or trying to get out of here somehow. God does not do cosmetic jobs. The inner garm...the garment that God’s giving us that the prophet gave us through the Word of the Lord is an inner job. That’s right. Nothing cosmetic about this. Okay.

25. They went back.

[87] He did...*exactly what God told him not to do, but yet the grace of God appeared to him, (It had appeared and it was going to keep appearing too because God won’t lose one of us.) kept...the king from taking his wife. Grace of God. When Abraham said, “It’s my sister,” he lied about it, but yet the grace of God held him because he repented. He was willing to repent.*

Now let’s ask ourselves a question right there. How did he repent? You know who grants repentance? God grants repentance. Sure, that’s grace. It’s grace all the way.

[88] *And anybody that's willing to repent, the grace of God still goes for you. (Goes how? Under the conditions of Laodicean, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man will repent, change his mind, open the door to the Word of God, to Logos, and the Word He brings, it's available to you.") The grace of God is searching for you. (The Shepherd that seeks for the sheep.) So, that goes for you backsliders this morning (as well as, the sinners). The grace of God is still looking for you if you'll just repent. God's grace is sufficient.*

Now even today there is grace in this hour that God is just about closing out the human history and will. God grants repentance. That's true. And He will forgive anybody in this hour except those who embrace the unforgiveable sin.

[89] *How he looked at...good old Abraham, and brought him back. ...How he took good old Abraham, and brought him back. And remember, Abraham was not saved by his works; he was saved by grace.*

26. Well, that proves he wasn't saved by works. You know, there is a tremendous message of security here if people can only really understand. But first of all you've got to be in the election and you got to make your calling and election sure, and there's only one way brother/sister, and Paul laid it out. You've got to believe the Word of the hour because if you're not piling Word upon Word; there's something wrong somewhere. Let's face it. That's the truth.

[89] *Abraham was saved by faith, which is grace.*

There you are. Well, look it, if faith and grace are not synonymous in the sense of the word, you tell me, how in the world can you ever receive, can you ever receive something that you've wronged the person so severely and put yourself in a position whereby there's no recourse that you could possibly think that you could get anything from the person or get some help. You just have to go there by sheer faith that the guy would do something and he'd have to have enough grace to do something for you because you know that you're shot, you can't present anything to the fellow, although it's funny, some people think they can present something to somebody. I run across people like that. I'm amazed at their brass. Oh brother, I'm amazed at God's grace.

[89] *And God saved Abraham because of God's grace, not because of Abraham's behavior. He saved him because of His own grace. (That's God did it.) Oh, how good! Abraham was saved by that grace.*

27. Let's find out what the Bible says: Romans, the 4th chapter. That's after that long chapter, the 3rd chapter.

- (1) What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? (He's a good old guy, Abraham.)
- (2) For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.
- (3) For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
- (4) Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

So it tells you right here that Abraham didn't have one thing to present to God, except himself on the premise of grace. All right.

[90] *Let's take Israel. I got a Scripture written down here. I wrote it down and I could just refer to it in my mind. (And we're going to read about three paragraphs right at once.) If you want to put it down, this'd be a good one to remember, if you want to: Deuteronomy 7:7. God gave Abraham His promise . . . or gave, not Abraham, pardon me, gave Israel. And told them, "If you will not associate with idolatry, if you'll not do these things, if you'll stay away from... these pagan ceremonies, if you'll do all these things, then I'll bring you to a good land. I'll take care of you, I'll feed you, I'll lead you. I'll do these things if you'll do such-and-such, if you'll love me, if you'll keep my commandments, my statutes, my ordinances. I'll do all these things if you'll just do something, and keep my commandments and love me."*

28. Now that doesn't sound like much grace, that sounds like a bargain. So we keep reading. Now watch!

[91] *Just like a husband taking a wife, and saying, "If you'll be a good woman, if you'll take care of the house, if you'll be true to me, if you'll keep my clothes clean, (And Bro. Branham put a big stock in that) if we have children if you'll be a mother to them, if you'll do these things, I'll work...my hands till they bleed to make you a living---if you'll do it." But then, think, (Now watch this premise of grace.) what if that woman turns wrong, lives lazy, won't work, won't do anything? Then it takes grace to keep that family together. (Now he's illustrating up here to Israel, and remember, this fits us. There's something in here for us. You see?)*

[92] *O God! It's taken the grace of Jehovah to keep His family together. And that's the only way we're Jehovah's family today is because of the grace of Jesus Christ. We'd all be gone, but it's grace, oh, grace.*

Now that's exactly true because Israel did not live in the light of the Word, and the churches have never lived in the light of the Word. Now that's true because remember, darkness came in in the First Church Age which was Ephesus. "You have fallen," Paul...John said, by revelation. "You are a fallen woman." Paul knew it, and he knew where they fell. See, he says right in the... they've fallen from grace by reason of the corrupted mind.

29. Now let's just take a look at this grace over here in the 6th chapter of the Book of Revelation and in the 6th verse. I think we're looking for the 6th verse.

(6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;
and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Now they'd gotten so low that they were making complete merchandise of God, the same as they're doing today: Oral Roberts in hostage to God; being held by God for four point five million dollars. Catholicism, bail me out, give God money. Did you ever think it would come to that place? Pat Robertson, he said, "I've got the greatest confidence in Oral," he said, "I hardly think that God would hold a man responsible for a certain sum of money," along that line. Now he very nicely gilded the lily for Oral, but the fact is brother/sister, you see a spirit of Catholicism of Babylon in the church today. You see it more and more and more.

I don't care where you go in this twentieth century. Read your newspapers. Pick up a magazine. Read an article on sociology. Read an article in science. Read it in politics. Read it in

physics. Read it anywhere you want; you're going to see the twentieth century right here in this Bible here as the prophet taught it. That's why you don't have a lot of Scripture. Bro. Branham didn't have to use a lot of Scripture; the Scriptures run out. He did a lot of illustrating, very, very little doctrine. He didn't need to. He just did the right thing to bring us to the place where we need to be. See? Study the Seven Church Ages and the Seals will show you that. Christ has been Mediator and Intercessor for all Seven Church Ages and the Blood has availed. And it's by grace or the church would be gone.

30. You want to listen to grace again at the end time which is so black, the 3rd chapter he said....

(15) I know (your) works, that (you are) neither hot nor (cold): (Your influence on me; I want to...you make me vomit.)

(17) Because (you say), I am rich, and increased (in) goods, (you're a bunch of liars) and have need of nothing; and (don't know you are) wretched, miserable, poor, naked (blind):

He said, "I'm going to give you some grace, I'm going to give you some counsel." The Lord Himself descended from heaven with a Shout. He came down. Where is He? Well, you can be like latter-rain. He came down; He goes up, now He's going to come down again. He's going to come down when He's going to raise the dead and go up to come down and get us? Find me that in the Bible; and show me where the prophet said it. He came down. He does all three in descending and Bro. Branham did not say in descending three times. And Who is the Lord Jesus that came down? The Pillar of Fire, God, Elohim. The Lord Himself. What Lord is that? The Lord that said to my lord. My Lord is not himself. The Lord that said to my Lord, that Lord is Himself. That's the great Mister. The Word is Mister, a title of respect. Figure, that's right, putting all things in order, I wonder if you really understand what I'm saying? Now please don't think badly of me. But you see I have conversations you people know nothing of. I have phone calls you know nothing of. And people stick close to me as many as ten solid years and they're not getting what I'm saying. I'm not saying that to make you feel bad. I'm making you to prick your ears up and are you understanding, brother/sister? Do you understand That? Where was That? Over any other person but That? You could maybe see in a congregation, Bro. Branham might see several lights around. That's not that. That's a little modicum. "When Christ Who is our Life shall appear. When Christ the Life giver." Hard to understand. He said, [Revelation 3:]

(18) ...that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;... (That's from John when He's present, our nakedness should not appear, our adulteries, our fornications.) anoint (your) eyes with eye-salve, (not that you have but come and get it) that (you may) see.

(19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The hour of zeal is to change your mind, change your mind, examine every thought of doctrine you have in the light of this Word. Don't try to reconcile it to your thinking. Reconcile your thinking to this. It's you that change the mind. I that change the mind. Not God that changes His mind. The Bible distinctly says in Malachi, "I am the Lord, I change not." He said concerning Balaam and Balak, Balaam said, he said, "Is God a man that He should change His mind?" Man changes his mind. Man is in the mind changing business. Eve lost her mind; she changed her mind from God's mind to the serpent mind and today we're finally get back to the

mind of God. This will be the only Church with the true mind of God because she goes to the Tree of Life and going to take over. Bro. Branham speaks of that Church; I'll refer to it here as we get along. Okay.

31. It's grace that kept the family to where it is and it's grace that's going to get us back.

[93] *Now, but they didn't keep it. (Israel did not keep it.) ...But they never did come to the full promise. Not that generation.*

Now Bro. Branham wonders about this generation and it looks like all the old timers will be dead, maybe another group going in, therefore, they won't be Pentecostal derivatives. They'll be those that are of the raw heathen type. Good for the raw heathen. They make the best because they're not cluttered up; they never had anything to get cluttered up with, or very little. The sheep out there are all coming in. It could well be. Just think of that, a new generation. Bro. Branham died twenty-one years ago and those under twenty were nineteen years of age, that means they're forty now. Well, Bro. Branham said, "*Billy wouldn't be an old man before California sunk.*" What's an old man? It all depends on how youthful you fell, I guess. You're old, you're about seventy, I suppose. Billy's got about twenty years to go. Anything could happen anytime. There's a move going on. There won't be many standing here, brother/sister, don't think there will be. There won't be many standing here at that last day but there will be some.

[93] *...that generation. No. The ones that the promise was made to perished in the wilderness. But God fed them, God took care of them, God loved them, He moved around. (Moved them around, too.) . . . Why? His grace did it---His grace because of His promise. ...the grace that went with His promise. But they never did come to the full value of the promised land.*

32. Now he's telling you there that that generation never did get into the Promised Land and received full value, neither did those in the Promised Land ever come to where God really wanted them. They never could settle down, down, down. There were a few, wonderful Christians, wonderful people, but as a nation they didn't make it. Now what God really wanted them to have which was His ultimate as to their position in physical manifestation in that land, they only got part of It. They got a long way. They never got It. And you notice how the church keeps coming up, going a long way and dropping back, dropping back but all the time something is coming up, getting closer and closer and realer, and there's a real move today that's going to get us right into the Millennium.

[94] *And neither... (he says, comparing that to this age) And neither does this church come to its full value. (Talking about the church, New Testament compared to the Old Testament coming up today, it goes all the way to Laodicea, reaches literally a complete total blackout and then the light of God strikes it. Now he says here,) The grace of God holds us. (Now watch! Here's where we're getting at.) But He wants to get a church that'll obey Him, (Now watch what it is.) a people that'll take His Word and say, "It's the Truth," (This is called the obedience of faith. Do you follow? Okay.) ...people to take... His Word and say, "It's the Truth," regardless of your organization. He wants a people that'll not say, (Now watch!) "Well, I'm just as good as you are. I'm*

Presbyterian, I'm Methodist, I'm Catholic, I'm as good as you are." That's not grace. That shows that something is wrong.

Now he's telling you here that this Church will come to the place of full value. This Church will come to the place of Truth. This Church will come to that place of obedience.

33. Now let's begin to read that place of obedience that we are coming to and it's the 4th chapter in the Book of Romans that has to do with Abraham's faith. All right, we're going to read it....

(13) For the promise, that (Abraham) should be heir of the world, was
the not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through
till the righteousness of faith. (So, all right, that couldn't take place
Resurrection, right off the bat, you got a clue right there.)

(14) For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and
the promise made of none effect: (It means you can't buy it,
you can't bake it, you can't get it any way except God
gives it to you.)

(15) Because the law worketh wrath: (because to do a work you've got
to know what work you can do. And the work that is set
forth you cannot do. So you're stuck.) because the law
(works) wrath: for where no law is, there is no
transgression. (How could there be? No penalty, there's no
law.)

(16) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the
promise might be sure to all the seed;

Now watch where surety comes in; the only way you and I are sure of anything is by grace. I don't care what the promise says, and I do care but I don't care. I'm letting you know now I don't care...In other words, it doesn't matter what promise is made, let's get that flat; there can be a million promises and unless it's by grace you're still not going to get it, because every coin has two faces, two sides. Where there's a promise there's a curse, where there's a curse, there's a promise, and it's blessing, cursing; blessing, cursing and so on. Okay.

(16) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the
promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which
is of the law, (that is Israel back there) but to...that also
which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father
of us all,

(17) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) (Now
watch!) before him whom he believed, even God, who
quickeneth the dead, and (calls) those things which be
not as though they were. (He quickened Abraham and
Sarah and He said, "You're a father of nations," before he
was, and he became.)

(18) Who (when hope was gone, hoped on in faith,) that he might
become the father of many nations, according to that which
was spoken, So shall thy seed be. (Now watch!)

(19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

(20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

(21) And being full persuaded (which he was not until a certain time,)...

34. And that time was at the manifestation of God, when God stood outside the tent in a human form and rebuked Sarah having read her heart, and said, "The promised son is on the way. Sodom and Gomorrah is going to get burnt, and you're going to get changed and that way you'll bring the son to earth." And that's exactly where we are today; the full assurance of faith was not until this hour. Now that's why Bro. Branham said *that Luther and Wesley and the Pentecostals who thought they had it looked for the Pillar of Fire. But they didn't know that they were looking for.*

Abraham didn't even understand he was really in the land that God was giving him because he said, "How shall I know?"

He said, "You'll know when you get there."

Abraham did not know the land he was looking for. Believe me, he did not. You can only know it after the fact. You must be born into the Kingdom first then you understand the things of the Kingdom. You must have had all of this before you understand it, so don't try to figure anything. It's grace and it's amazing grace if you want to know the truth because it doesn't only make you stand in awe but it makes you wonder how in the world did I get in here in the first place? How could some dodos like us get It and the rest of them fall short? But you see they wouldn't hold the Truth, but they held It down.

And I'm going to tell you, people can believe this message so-called and hold it down. You know from this pulpit I've told you many things I shouldn't even bother telling you but I'm a big blabbermouth, I just blab it all out there. It's on the tapes and the people know about it. They hear it around the world and that's fine by me. I know what goes on in America. Not that I really want to know, not much matter anymore, I just stay home and I like it. I thank you for coming, you're sweet people. Yes sir.

35. [Romans 4:]

(20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving...God (the glory);

"You mean that that's God, a real Pillar of Fire? And that's a real prophet? And those are angels? Ha, ha, ha, phttt!" You know something? This Message is can stagger you in spots. It's tough. It can stagger you in spots, creating squirrels. Well, if God can't create squirrels, the prophet sure didn't do it, I tell you that because he's no creator. But if God can't create squirrels for the prophet, I don't know how He's going to get us out of the grave that's for sure.

I have trouble with those things myself at times but you know, I can never get around what God gave me to really make me solid and that is that microphone cord wrapped around him two times and suddenly—Phttt!—there it was. And you might say, "Bro. Vayle." Bro. Vayle me all you want; you're not going to faze me kid, I can tell you right now. Drop dead. If you all left me

tonight; I'd say, "Well, hallelujah, got rid of that bunch, I guess, they were not believers." I've got no part with them and they got no part with me because I saw it, I was there, I didn't blink my eye. See? I'm not going to get carried away and going to make some big statement about it, you know, and the devil try to trip me up on it. I don't understand this, no way. All I know is I did not blink an eye and I was stricken by terror, I didn't dare blink an eye. You know, if the guy's going to chop your head off, you coughed, and you had hiccups or something like that. [Bro. Vayle chuckles.] You talk about rooted in fear, I was rooted, my roots went all the way down. I didn't blink an eye and suddenly there it was right there beside him. Well, you can believe or not believe that doesn't matter to me. I know you do believe it but it's strange. [Romans 4:]

(20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; ...

36. The promise of God in this hour, "I will send you Elijah," that's going to take care of it. "You mean that's going to take care of it?" Yes, that's going to take care of it. Now that shows amazing grace right there, you see, in the face of unbelief. Now watch!

(20) ...strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Previously he could not give glory to God though you might say Abraham was a fine man he did give glory to God. Not like he gives glory here. No way, uh, uh. Oh my goodness, look, I'll tell you how to get this picture right. Put Abraham in his day right where we are in our day with everybody around us, and everybody around dear old Abraham and he comes and said, "You know," he said, "God spoke to me and the wife." Oh boy, you can figure that one, can't you? Yeah, put it right today and you'll see how it is that Abraham types us and he didn't stagger. I will not stagger over that picture. And I'll not stagger over this picture because I believe in a vindicated prophet. Now if somebody doesn't believe that, that's fine by us, we...what do we care, we're not going to worry about those things that's their business, let them think what they want to think. See? Let them think what they want to think. See?

37. Now listen!

(21) And being fully persuaded that, what (God) had promised, he was able also to perform.

Now what had God promised? To get us out of here and the righteous not die with the wicked. How He does it is His own business. Well, Elijah's got to come to do it. "Oh, Phhhh, who needs Elijah" I've gone through this a hundred times, "Dear Jesus, we've got you. All we need is you. Oh, we don't need this Elijah stuff. Now so we're the real faithful ones." And they got their popes and their district presbyters and then they got their priests, and they got their preachers; they got everything that is hogwash. They got the lie of the devil, they don't have God at all. They say because the Bible said, "Laodicea does not have God, He's outside," and don't think he's trying to get back into the church either. He's trying to get to a Bride, pull her out. Why would God want to get back into a church? Why not the church opened her door by grace, then that's wonderful. But Bro. Branham did use the statement, "*God trying to get back in.*" He knew He wasn't going to get back in and He knew it. They kicked Him out. Simply, why if they had wanted Him in there they would have kept Him in; they booted Him out. See? See, now listen here he said. Now look it.

(22) And therefore it was imputed (unto) him for righteousness.

38. Now this righteousness is a different kind of righteousness because this has to do with the bringing back of the Son in human flesh and our change to immortality which faith they could not have had previously. Well come on, am I right or wrong? That's right. There's no way they could have had it before because God couldn't quicken it to them till the moment. So the Word could not become flesh until this hour.

[94] *And neither does this church come to its full value. The grace of God holds us. But He wants to get a church that'll obey Him, a people that'll take His Word and say, "It's the truth," regardless of the organization. He wants a people that'll not say, "Well, I'm just as good as you are. I'm Presbyterian, I'm Methodist, I'm Catholic, I'm as good as you are." That's not grace. That shows that something is wrong. (You got to come to this place here. Now watch what we're saying here. He wants the church to come to its full value. Well, we'll just keep reading.)*

[95] *But a person, regardless, (of what he is or who he is) that'll read God's Word and see that you've got to be born again and filled with the Holy Ghost, and they'll believe that. And they'll take it by the Word. (Not by some emotion or creed or church dogma but as the Holy Ghost baptism is preached today, and it giving way to the Baptizer Himself.) They'll take the Word exactly what It says.*

39. See? They'll understand that the rebirth, the baptism and the salvation is one and the same thing; you know what I mean, born again and baptism with the Holy Ghost is one and the same thing, they'll know that without sensation. They're piling Word upon Word until they'll be truly full of the Holy Ghost.

Now listen! He's saying up here that the church won't come to its full value but He wants a Church that will obey Him, take the full Word, take His truth, not be back in the creeds and dogmas, understand the Word of God, full of the Holy Ghost. Now watch! ...

[96] *Like in baptisms and sprinkling. Baptism is right. There was nobody in the Bible ever sprinkled. No such a thing in the Scripture. Neither was there ever anybody baptized in the name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost in the Bible.*

Now what's he saying? He wants the Church to come to its full value. What is the full value of the church? What God pours into it, that's what its value is. He said, "You don't have a plug nickel, you Laodiceans. Come and get gold from Me." The gold of what? The gold of faith which has been tried and proven—vindicated prophet, vindicated God—that will listen and get its full value to come back to the Tree of Life and walk into the...into immortality. You can't do it by organization, creeds and dogmas.

40. Now, he's telling you here in plain English, when That Which Is Perfect is come that in part is done away. That's 1 Cor 13:9, so that means Seven Church Ages, seven measures, and the Seventh Church Age gets the final measure now which is the Seventh Seal, seven of them but especially the seventh and the Seven Thunders which bring out the pure Word of God which brings restoration because that's what you have to understand and receive because he puts it in there, like baptism, sprinkling is out. Father, Son and Holy Ghost is out. He said, "Never anybody in the Bible baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

[96] *They were every one baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. So there's not one, not even one speck of history for it. If anybody can show me anywhere, anywhere in...history, where any person...ever baptized in the Bible, or three*

hundred years after the death of the last disciple until the Catholic church, if anybody can show me anywhere that anybody was ever...sprinkled or baptized in the...Father, Son, Holy Ghost until the Catholic church, you're soul-duty bound to come tell me. It's not there. But what do we do?

In other words, do we just go along with it? Now, God allowed all of these things to be inflicted upon the Church, and to maintain an error as long as they still had that life. Don't destroy the oil and wine. There was a little revelation, a little bit of life there, and so like unto Israel in the Fifth Seal but it's not that way really, but like it, they were able to come in.

41. Now God winked at ignorance but in this last day when God Himself vindicates Himself and comes down with a Message, the Shout, then you are to the place of full assurance and you believe this and you walk in it. So God is looking for a Church that's got its full value and we are the Church of the full value because there's nothing more to pour into It. Headship is down, the full Word, Christ in our midst. That's what we're looking at here. So that's amazing grace. God doesn't dump the Church. He doesn't walk off.

Instead you know what He does? He raises up a guy that's just as bad as we are, a prophet, born in a drunken family, wild as the combined the drunken Irishmen with a drunken Indian. That's what he was pretty well. You talk about wild. He could fight like a tiger, too, the size of a bantam, banty rooster, but he could sure take the dogs and the pigs out of the yard. Raised up a guy just like that, one of us. Sure, grace, amazing grace. Bro. Branham put the prophets in grace. I warned you and they were the ones with amazing grace indicated and vindicated to reveal the amazing grace to us. It's all a part of It and they cannot speak except they are partakers themselves. No man can tell us unless he's a partaker. So what we're looking at we see here. Okay.

42. The Church coming to its full value. Praise God, sure, In other words, the full measure of the precious Blood of Jesus Christ that was bought for us, the full measure of the Holy Ghost, the full measure of that Word, the full manifestation which is to take us up there and over and yonder, it's right here now because where He is there is everything. Redemption is closing out into more glorious stages of redemption where you see the fully redeemed in an area where they've never been before.

[97] *We've been through the church ages...and saw where they had to do that. So, you see, God wants somebody that'll obey Him. (He told us what obedience was up here, the obedience of faith.) If it's not in the Scripture, then it's a man-made doctrine and not a Bible doctrine, see. So regardless of what the church is, how wrong you've been, what difference does that make? It's how right you can be now! God's grace has showed It...; then walk in it. God's grace!*

43. Let's take a look at that business of this Light, and never mind how late it is or what this or that. There's a Scripture here in Ez 33:11-16 we might read. I found interesting years ago to look at this Scripture and it has never left my mind. ...

(11) Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure
in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his
way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die,
O house of Israel?

- (12) Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he (turns) from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. (He's going to cut her short.)
- (13) When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust (in) his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his (righteousness) shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.
- (14) Again, when I say (to) the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;
- (15) If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- (16) None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Well, what are you looking at? You're looking at the end time right here. I don't care how much good you have done when you come up against the Light you turn it down, you are gone. And I don't care how rotten you've been, if you see the Light you say, "Hey, that's for me." You'll live. There you are. That's what you're looking at.

44. Now this is the Son of man message that is being preached by grace right here. He said, "*You this morning might have thought you're too late but you're not too late. You that think you're past your repentance; you're not past repentance. You that think, how can it be done now? Well, it's grace.*" This is a peculiar period of a once for all repentance or change of mind, and there's not one that's above it and there's not one that's below it.

[98] *Remember Moses also, (another prophet, another leader) that great leader. God should have killed him when he went down there to glorify himself by smiting the rock, and said, "You see what I can do?" In other words, "You rebels, must we fetch you water from this rock?" And he smote it and the waters didn't come. And he smote it again. What did he do? He testified of the weakness of Christ, (In other words, Christ was crucified in weakness. In other words, He just gave Himself over. That's what he's saying here.) ...in weakness..., ... because Christ was that Rock. That's the Headstone. Instead of...speaking to it, he smote it. . . .*

[99] *Now it was smitten once. (That was the cornerstone of Eph 2:20.) Remember, God told Moses...in Exodus, "Go out and I'll stand before you upon the rock, and smite the Rock." And he smote the Rock and It brought forth waters. And God said, "The next time, ...speak to the Rock and It'll bring forth its water."*

45. All right, that's 1 Corinthians, the 10th chapter. Now we've looked at this many times, you know, but we'll read It again.

- (1) Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, ...that
all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through
the sea;
- (2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud...in the sea;
- (3) And (the same) did eat the...spiritual meat;
- (4) And (they)...all (drank) the same spiritual drink: for they drank of
that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was
Christ.

So there you are. We're looking at that. Okay.

46. He said now,

[99] *"The next time, go and...speak to the Rock and It'll bring forth...water."*

Oh, all right here, what we're looking at then in this end time is a speaking to the Rock when It appears. Now remember, this Appearing is different. After His Resurrection he appeared to five hundred. He was taken away. That's not what we're talking about. That would come to the Appearing of a literal second coming upon earth in a physical form. We're talking now of this here where Christ is up for crucifixion in Hebrews 6.

Now you'll notice, my brother, my sister, that when John heard a Voice from heaven, it is absolutely set forth in the Greek that it was a conversational voice. So that the One speaking could speak to the scribe, receiving the vision, John, and John could speak back. That is definitely in the category of a prophet who speaks face to face with God. Moses was one. Paul was one. William Branham, one. Now therefore, at this end time people will crucify to themselves and smite the Capstone, the One Himself that descended because remember, Christ, God Himself build His own house. He's the builder, the architect of It all.

Now He's the One that is here to be crucified and condemned by the world and received by us. And this is the time when he said, "You speak to the Rock." You cannot smite the Rock. Men will crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh when they do not listen to the Voice that speaks back and forth the way God demands that He speak back and forth because God cannot speak to us as individuals. He will not speak to us as members of Christ; He can only speak to us through the ordained pattern which is his vicar which is the one that is a messenger for every age. And in this hour we have had absolutely a prophet.

47. Now, notice, he said, *"You speak and It'll bring forth water."* What water is it going to bring forth in our hour? The water from Ezekiel's vision of the temple flowing from the Eastern Gate, pouring all the way to the West. Now what's at our West Coast? The vast ocean of all, the Pacific. We've had waters under Luther to the ankles. We've had them to the knees under Wesley. We've had them up to the thighs up here under Pentecost. But today the waters will take us plumb over. See? The waters, is speaking, not to Christ to smite anymore, not to argue, but to speak to Him and remember with it there's also speaking to each other that God dearly loves. God never has to do anything twice. He never has to. Why would Christ need to be smitten twice? But the people to themselves do it because they turn away from Almighty God. All right.

48. We're at the place then where Moses has smitten the Rock. So this is the place we're going to quit because the time has run out. Wednesday we'll start with continuing on Moses, where God intervenes with grace. You come to the place where looking at we'll say, well, God's got to

do something, what He does is a matter of grace because God does not destroy Moses, and we'll find out and I'll give you a quote from a man that's on the air right today, an outstanding world famous Bible teacher who positively disagrees with Bro. Branham. So that's interesting isn't it? Shall we just bow our heads in prayer?

Heavenly Father, we come to You at the end of this little service tonight talking about amazing grace that the prophet gave to us, and we appreciate it so much Lord, to know that these things are in this last hour and we just bring them all together as the prophet taught us in this last hour and see It all laid out before us and It dovetails so beautifully. And we know Lord, as the prophet said so truly, *"If we're not Bride there's got to be a Bride out there somewhere, and by the grace of God, Lord, we don't want to stand in her way,"* because Lord, we know that You are on the scene and You've done these things. We know something is done them Lord, we know it cannot be the devil. Because the earmarks Lord, we believe are the Word.

Now Father, we could be of the devil, a little tiny group, that sure wouldn't be much of a deception on this earth, hardly a handful. Compared to the days of Noah, maybe just about right, just very, very few, but Lord, we do believe that this is Your living Word, and we are not a match for the devil Lord, we're not a match to him at all. We have never been and we'll never be, so we're so glad of Your amazing grace, Your love, Your mercy, and Your kindness.

Keep directing us Lord, keep helping us, and keep us in Your amazing grace, in Your love, oh God, and Your helpfulness as You've been doing until Lord, we're just so simply in love with You because of Your love shed abroad in our hearts, and one with each other walking in this Light, the blood cleansing us that we don't want to do any will but Your will Lord, fully committed to it, not our way but Yours because Yours is the right way.

Fill us, Lord, full of that beautiful life that we think about Lord, as we think about You and the prophet and let it just inundate our Church until every member is a living vessel of that same beautiful life and that same fantastic aura of grace manifested in and through all of us. And Lord, we shall give You the praise and the glory in Jesus' Name. Amen.