

Perfect Faith #9

Bride Material

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we come before you this morning thinking of that Scripture when your Messenger appeared unto Mary and told her the great news of the Savior coming. She said, "How shall these things be?" There was an answer given to her that all things are possible with the very presence of God. And we know that that's what brought in that great One, God manifest in flesh, and the very Presence is going to bring that same one back who was born here on earth. We know this same Spirit that's amongst us now, God—Holy Ghost—Jehovah, will become incarnate to us. We'll crown him King of Kings and come back to earth with Him. So, we pray, Lord, we may never falter or fail in our faith but abide in the truth and the truth abide in us.

We know, Lord, your Word will not fail us. May we never fail that Word. Help us to learn how to get out of the way that the Life that's in that Word may be released in us, and we crucified with Christ, nevertheless, living; yet Christ living through us, Lord. We desire that this morning. We ask you to help us in our studies, Lord. We know that one paragraph is just like reading your Own Word that we find bound up in the volume by those prophets that were anointed—many, many sermons, as it were with many, many thoughts on it; but we pray, Lord, you'll help us that our thoughts today may be very appropriate to this hour, that we may glean from what we're hearing from the prophet, those truths, which were precious to him. They're precious to us; they're going to see us over to the other side. These mercies we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now just before I get into "Perfect Faith #9", I always like to tell the people my feelings about them, and I was just thinking, sitting there, about the dedication of these little babies. We've been having quite a number, and it's been a very great pleasure and a privilege for me to be a part of it, especially since I've known some of the young mothers since they were just babies. And, of course, it doesn't make me feel that much older, but although that's part of, you know, part of life. But it gives a greater kinship; also, it could make me a little more bossy, which I really don't intend to be.

But here is Becca coming up this morning with her fine husband, Bruce. I've not known him too many years. I've known Becca since a little girl, and she's just kind of like a granddaughter. The Grahams, knowing them perhaps longer than anybody here in this building—kind of like children of ours. I don't think they're any older than our own children. And here we are now, and I just think of what fine couples these are that come in. We think of Marilyn and Brad; I haven't known Brad as long as I've known Marilyn. Marilyn is kind of our... What would I say, Marilyn? She's too much like me to talk, but she's a favorite of ours. I've known her since she just getting into her teens.

2. So, here we are, my wife and I, great grandparents, many, many times over. And we're very proud of all these parents of ours that are here. I couldn't take every single one: there's Dave and Ruth, and there's Marge and Gary. And I've known Don and Cindy all through their marriage, and every child born. I don't think they were all born since I've known them. Perhaps. Was Nathan born yet? He's here too.

See, I look at all the parents, and I think, "My lands! I've never seen such fine parents in my life." And Peter and Diane; haven't been too long. And I see the children. I see what even some of the families have been through, and they're with us now, and I see how their children are blossoming out. And it makes me very happy, because it's a good evidence to me that we're seeing before our very eyes what Bro. Branham said, "*Apply the token; your whole family is going to go with you.*" And that's marvelous. That's marvelous.

3. So, I just want to pass that on, in faith, this morning to you that I'm very thrilled about it. And, of course, you know I'm very proud. I don't say too much to you all the time, because, you know. But, when I get behind your back, or I tell anybody, I keep telling everybody in the country; I say, "Hey, we don't have a very big church, but I believe this: For the number of people we have, I think we've got the greatest concentration of faith and believing in this Message there is in the world." Now that just may be a plumb lie, for all I know, but I'm going to stick with it. I'll go about...stand here as a liar; I'll go down as a liar, and praise the Lord doing it.

So, I thank the Lord for these people, these young people. And I just don't see any problem lying ahead that isn't going to be solved by the grace of God in their families. No matter what comes, and how long the Lord tarries, we have faith that this Word applied, received by the children, the children learning It, It's going to do something for them. It will...that no other Age has had. So, we praise the Lord for our young people and these families. I'm very proud of them, and you know we certainly all love them together.

4. Now, this message "Perfect Faith #9", in speaking of perfect faith, Bro. Branham sets forth the reality of faith, that it is even more of a substance of authority and power than anything involving the senses and the dynamics of nature and industry, so that, like Abraham, we can ignore the conditions and fill our minds with the promise of what is to be. So, that's what this substance is. It's the substance of authority and power. And a reason I put authority above power is that Bro. Branham, like Christ, said, "...while even now," said Christ, "I could call twelve legions of angels, but" he said, "I don't have the authority from God to do it." Bro. Branham said, "I could take the disease off you, but God hasn't told me to."

5. So, we look at authority here, as we looked last night in Eph 3:20, that it is God exercising His power that is within you, or His gifts. That's where the Corinthian church really made its great error, and Pentecost fell into the same thing, because they thought they had gifts whereby they, in the manipulation of gifts, could aggrandize themselves. And they certainly did, and they ran afoul of everything. But you see, that's not the way it's supposed to be.

Bro. Branham said that you operate the gift, and the gift operated him. And, if you had a real gift in operation, the gift would really operate you, because, like he said, "I can't have a discernment for you anymore than you can have a dream for me or a vision for me anymore than you can have a dream for me." See, that's true. We are really under the headship of the Lord, and we have lost, and left, that Headship. That's why Bro. Branham was so strong against "churchianity"—the headship of men coming in and running things, because they didn't have authority, see.

Like years ago I told you how I was up there in Canada, and this fellow came into the church, and he saw me discerning...which I don't say I should have been doing...praying for the sick, and they were delivered. And so, he comes up and says: "By what authority do you do this?"

And, of course, I caught right away what he had in mind. I said, "Tell me, do you have the authority to do what I'm doing?"

He said, "Yes, I do."

I said, "Are you doing it?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Can you do it?"

He said, "No."

I said, “I thought so.” He was a Mormon. He had no authority. He had no power either—completely skunked by the devil. Sure he was. Yes, sir.

So, authority from God is the main thing. And we have the authoritative Word of the prophet, so that should set us free in that particular area.

6. Then, we have the power, because we have the Holy Ghost, which is ‘dunamis’. As Bro. Branham said, “*We need a spark to set off the power.*” And faith would be the spark to set off the power. So, we have the authority and the power to utilize this faith, which is a substantial thing. Substance and authority... I mean authority and power are certainly substance. If you don’t think so, you defy a cop. The whole nation is against you. So, that’s the truth.

So, we can be like Abraham: to ignore the conditions and keep our minds on the promise of what is to be, because it already is in the mind of God, and by promise, by oath, we can afford to do this, because we know the facts of faith in prayer. In other words Bro. Branham wishes to position us in the atmosphere of believers: “I am what I am; therefore, I do what I do.” In other words we become thoroughly oriented. We become a part of the dynamic Kingdom of God. We recognize it.

7. So, that’s what we’re looking at here in this message, and... But this is very important to Bro. Branham, because he used the understanding of the Scripture that Jesus knew who he was and where he was in the Scripture and how the Scripture backed him.

And Bro. Branham said that’s the same in his case, although he didn’t just tell us plump and plain it was there. Plump and plain really, if you can understand English, and the same goes to you and me. Using Jesus as an example, Bro. Branham tells us that true believers, walking in faith, are mystics and appear mystical to the world. They are misunderstood even as Jesus was. Christ admitted we would be.

8. In fact, paragraph 114, where we begin today, he tell us, “This life is a life that isolates us from the world, and the world from us.” Like Paul said, “I’m crucified to the world, and the world to me.”

Now he tells us of the enormity of this faith and how it transforms the believers. So, we’re going to read about this in paragraph 114. There are a lot of things that are going to come out of here that, by the help of the Lord, I want to weave into it from what Bro. Branham preached, though he might not be thrusting at some of these things directly, but more obliquely. And I’m looking at some things he says here, because they’re not too clear as to what he’s actually saying, because he doesn’t define every point. So, I’m going to try to do that with you this morning. We’ll just see where we go. All right.

9. [Paragraph] 114. And so, “*When a man lives by faith and walks by faith...I mean substance faith,*” and you know the power with a substance of authority and power. In other words, can do, see. So, when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean the ‘can have’ and the ‘can do’ was what God gives him, he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ. So, the doctors fight divine healing; they fight about everything. The preacher will fight this. The Church will fight it. Everybody’s going to fight it. You’re going to have a pretty rough stand here, when you take this stand. If you are really a faith person, you and I will be more mystical, more mysterious, more offbeat, downbeat to the people, weird, than we give ourselves credit for being.

Herein “*he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature.*” The first thing he says, “If you are a substance faith believer, if you understand the true substance of your authority and power, you get that glint in your eye against the world and the devil, see: harmless as doves, and wise as serpents; meek as sheep and tough as a lion. Faith doesn’t back up, stay sweet, strong by love, but it doesn’t back up. You stand there. You know what you’ve got, and you’re going to stick with it.

10. Could you imagine Bro. Branham back away when the chips were down? He backpedaled fast as anything when the chips weren’t down. It’s just, “Well, I believe something else.” Be my guest. But, if you ever told him he was off on one vision, you watch your step. You could die for it. He could stand

any fooling around at all, but don't mess with this. You see why families separate, and the people think evil of others that stand in this Way? Bro. Branham said, "*The entire world is isolated from you and you from it. And you become a new creature in Christ.*"

Now, I am not convinced by the context of this statement (preaching on "Perfect Faith") that this new creature has very much to do with 2 Cor 5:17, where It says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation." That's true. It has to do with the rebirth. "...Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now, if you read It the way It is written, in context with this Message, and you apply It with this Message, that's fine; but, let's watch: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now, that, to me, is not really what most people think it is; although, that's true what they think. So, watch it.

1 Corinthians 6:9 (Let's read It.)

- (9) Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor efeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- (10) Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkard, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- (11) And such were some of you: but you are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of God.

Now, that belongs there, but I don't believe that's it. No, I don't. I believe it is more than that, because he's talking about creatures of faith. So, let me tell you what I believe It is, as we go along here.

11. And we are going to look at Heb 11:8-12.

- (8) By faith Abraham, when he was called out...

...became a new creature, because he was a pagan down there in the Ur of the Chaldees and a worshipper of foreign gods, when God spoke to him and said, "You are the one I have chosen." So now, he came out, and he is a new creature. We have come out, so we are now new creatures in the accepted sense that we are not what we once were before we came out. So, I am relating this to this hour—everything Bro. Branham said. So, just stick here.

He was called to go into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, and he obeyed not knowing where he was going, but he went. When we came out under this Message, we had no idea what we would be getting into today. We just knew we'd better get out, because something was brewing. And those who took the right attitude—stuck with it—have come to the conclusions we have come to today and the stand that we have.

- 12. (9) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country. (He didn't really get used to it.)

That strikes a familiar note, doesn't it? How used, are we, to it? Hey, it's not easy. We are of the earth, earthy. Remember? Adam was taken from the earth outside the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was God's righteous judgment come down upon earth. Right? And so therefore, of the earth, being earthy, (And we read It last night.) that's different from being heavenly of the heavenly. And being what he was, that's why it was so easy to take to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil instead of the Tree of Good, of eternal Life. Now, I never have seen a sheep yet that wasn't capable of doing everything a goat could do and doing more of it and better. Strange! A lot of these things are strange to us. That is why it's faith.

13. And my point is, can you take this strangeness?

You say, “Bless God, I love it!”

Well, there you’ve got faith; proves you are a Believer right there. So, what are you crying for? I’ve proved to you right now you’ve got faith. Now, when do you get troubles some place? We have got families that have trouble other places. I don’t have to mention names; we’ve had them for years. We still don’t have to mention names; we don’t. They don’t have a bit of trouble. Do you Dave? No trouble. Why? Because you believed back there, you believe stronger now. The Melms didn’t go and cut their heads off—their noses—to spite their faces, like some people do. We’ve got different ones sitting here. You are not messes. You might have been messed with. You might have been hurt. Let me tell you, you stick to this Word. See? You’re not a hundred percent familiar. Who is?

My heavens! We are believing in what a camera took and a prophet told us all about. Look here. Scientists say this; the prophet said that. Who are you going to believe? I’m down right kookie. I’m sorry, but that is what the prophet said. Now you can say what you want.

Say, “Well, Bro. Vayle. What if...?”

I just told you before the service, if I was a liar, I’m going to stand here as a liar. I’m sorry about that. I’m not moving. I can’t move, because I believe it.

14. (9) (Now) ...dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. (He had his kids with him. (Lovely families here today with their children growing up in the Message...absolutely fantastic).)

(11) Through faith Sarah, also herself received strength to conceive seed, was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged Him faithful that had promised. (We’ve got that.)

Bro. Branham told us stories of women past the age of childbearing—completely past—positively bore beautiful children. Now, not like Sarah here; they weren’t gifted for that. They weren’t meant it. Barren women received children, right down the line.

(12) Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead. (See. He didn’t worry about his body, seminally speaking.) so many as the stars in the sky—multitude—the sand which is by the seashore (in the world).

(13) These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were persuaded: (went right down to the grave saying, “Amen, it’s so.” They) embraced *them*. (They) confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims (to) the earth.

They said, “Hey, boys, I know you don’t understand me.” Abraham sat in the gate—his old long-flowing beard.

And they said, “Hey, that’s the mayor of the town.”

“Better talk to him.”

“Who are you?”

“Well,” he said, “I’m Abraham.”

They said, “Well, bless God. That means ‘father of nations’. You must have many children.”

He said, “Nope, ain’t got a one.”

“Well,” they said, “You ought to change your name.”

He said, “I already did. It was Abram.”

“Then you took this?”

“Yeah.”

“Would you like to explain it, not that I’d like to hear it. It would be kind of fun to tell the boys at the club, though, and my wife, she plays bridge with the old ladies and get a good cackle out of those hens too. What with you, old Boy?”

“Well,” he said, “God said my wife...”

“Where is your wife?”

“She’s over there.”

“How old is she?”

“She is ninety.”

Oh-ho, brother. You talk about isolated! Man. I think they were as popular as the kids that went to school knowing he had AIDS. Well, that’s what it says here.

15. Now, listen.

(14) For they that say such things (make a plain declaration. They don’t belong. They are seeking something other)—a country. (Now, listen:)

(15) Truly, if they had (kept in mind the) *country* from whence they came out, they (would have gone back).

That’s what It says. I’m reading that literally—a literal translation. I’m not reading the King James. It’s a literal translation. So, if you want to fight, you fight with somebody else, because you’re a dead duck in my books. “If they had kept in mind..., they would have gone back.”

Now, let’s be honest. If they had kept in mind, would not they have gone back? They would have been nuts not to! Right. You see how serious it is to watch the mind line up. So, when we are talking about this faith, I’m not talking about you being born-again, a new creature. I’m talking about the principles of faith in a born-again creature, which makes you and me that new creature.

16. And, believe me, brother/sister, I say to my own disgrace, I am sorry I ever let down on a ministry of power, although Bro. Branham said, “All do not pray for the sick.” And I can’t do it. I can’t break what God gave me. But I do feel in my heart, because there were certain things I couldn’t go along in certain ministries, I feel I could have preached to people’s benefit, in my own, in particular, these precepts of faith, because they work. They are not something given to us that we can simply look at and bypass and say, “Well, I’ve added that to my knowledge.”

A lot of unrelated facts, my brother/sister, that we do not use in our lives, are pitiful. They are excess baggage or garbage. And it is a pity to call the Word of God ‘baggage’ or ‘garbage’, but Bro. Branham did say, “*They are full of wiggle tails.*” Just leave them somewhere. That becomes garbage. That is an awful thing with the Word of God, but I am afraid we have certainly let down in these areas. All right.

17. Let's read a little further by going to Romans 4, and we'll just take a little tiny peek at that, because I want to go into it again with you on another thought. And that is here where Abraham, given:

- (13) For the promise that he should be heir (to) the world, *was not to* Abraham, or his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. (The same thing applies to you and me.)
- (14) For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

So, there is no promise of God in the whole category that is effective outside of a constant faith. In other words you stick with it, and it sticks with you.

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

We talk about the grace of God, and we neglect to mention the word 'faith' in the same breath. And that is erroneous, because grace can only be applied by faith. When God extended grace to you and me, it was on the basis of faith motivated by love, or He never would have done it. It's the same with you and me. Why would you extend grace to anybody? On the grounds that faith is 'someday that person may turn'. What if your faith is not met, and the person never changes? No matter. You still use faith. You don't give up the ship. That's what this is talking about.

- 18. (18) Who (when) hope (was gone hoped on in faith that he might become what God said he already was.)
- (19) And being not weak in faith...(but very weak in his body and growing shakier every day.)

He said, "So what?" That's tough. That is a tough attitude; that's hard to do, because pain is pain, sickness is sickness. He was one hundred years old; shouldn't even have been living. He said, "So, I'm in bad shape. What's that got to do with it? And my wife's in worse shape. What's that got to do with it?"

Like Billy Paul's little boy, went to Chicago one time. He was messing around, and his dad said, "*You mess around again with that thing, I'm going to throw it in the garbage can.*" So, he kept messing around, and he said, "Daddy, there's a garbage can."—bluffing his Dad. He saw more. He said, "In fact, this whole city's nothing but a garbage tin. Saw a bunch of garbage in it. That's what Abraham said, "It's just a bunch of garbage lying around here."

19. Now the question is: "What can Abraham do with what he has got?" Nothing. What he has got has got him in trouble. So, here's what you do: You've got problems; you've got debts. So, all night long you sit up, and you pour over your debts. You say, "Oh, my heavens. I owe on the refrigerator. Oh, my heavens. I owe on the car. Oh, my heavens. Oh, my heavens. Oh, my, my...the mortgage, the rent, the doctor bill, the this, the that."

You get someplace, don't you? No, you sit there and go crazy.

But you say, "Ah, ha ha! I know what I'll do. I'm a carpenter. The doctor, I've seen, needs work in his office. So, I'll go to the doc, and I'll say, "Doc, hey, I don't have the money, but I see your office needs fixing. Let me change my service for yours—a little barter."

That will get the man somewhere, right? Then putting, like Abraham, the mind on the Word of God is what is going to do, because the other will never do. Then, why waste your time on it? So many people, they say, "Well, it's too bad. The cream is sour, so we won't have any whipped cream." Go on

downtown and buy another pint, and whip her up. See? Shakespeare said, “I don’t cry over spilt milk.” Somebody said, “There’s enough water in it already.”

20. Notice:

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

Why? Because faith was substance. It was authority and power. God said, “You will have a son by Sarah. I don’t care who said different!”

He said, “Bless God! I’ll have a son by Sarah, and I don’t care who said different.”

And you know it took him 25 years to come to the place of perfect maturation of faith, which is called the assurance of faith. He started with faith, and he ends up with assurance of faith. Bro. Branham’s been gone by about 22 years. Maybe it’s going to take us 25 years to get assurance of faith. All right.

21. So, this is what the new creature is I’m looking at. You don’t go by your senses anymore. Why? Because you are born into a heavenly kingdom which operates on faith. And, remember; Eve did not use her faith; she used her senses. The Bible said she was seduced! I won’t go into that, but you know all about it. New creature. All right. *“So, when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean substance faith,”* (And you know that power and authority, absolutely, is substance and controls physicals.) *“he is isolated from the entire world.”* God picks you up. All right.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam had control. God, pick up... (Pwfft) Right over here, outside it, boy. Now, by faith, not through regeneration of the human cells, immortal. He goes, grabs it (Pwfft). Right into the Kingdom of God. Now we are queer ducks again. Poor old Adam, a queer duck out here. Now we are queer ducks in here. But God gave Adam everything he needed: the sweat of the brow and everything to live out here.

Now here is the point: We are equipped by God to live in the Kingdom. We are. Take stock of your assets; you’ll find that.

22. Number two: *“There, now we are getting into Bride material”* when you begin to realize that you are a new creature (And, remember; he talks of this Message. He talks of Bible days are here again: the Son of man, all these things he is talking of, using his ministry, the presence of God, to deal even with this subject, which is only one subject of nine hundred and some tapes or a thousand and some messages we have of Bro Branham, see.)

He says, *“There, now you’re getting to Bride material. See? You’re getting into rapturing condition now.”* Okay. *“Bride material.”* ‘Bride material’, I believe, is Hebrews 4. Now, look; I can be wrong on this, but I very sincerely doubt I am. In fact, I can tell you right now, I know I’m not. I’m playing this for all I can, if it takes one paragraph or one message. I want to look at this, because these are things that he said. Why did he say them? Okay. Hebrews 4:9-16.

(9) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Abraham got it. “Why,” they said, “You funny, old duck. Do you really believe?”

He said, “No problem at all.”

“Well, maybe you could get some rejuvenation shots and take a young woman.”

He said, “No, I’m not interested. I had that; been all through that with Hagar. It just caused a lot of trouble. No. No dice.”

“Well, do you mean you can sit right here and be comfortable with the fact of this strange thing that you believe has been committed to you from God?”

“Oh, yes. No problem.”

23. Can't you see us sitting here today and realizing this Message is the conduit of the Holy Ghost that is going to make us immortal? And I'm very comfortable! In fact, I'd be uncomfortable with anything else, because then, I've got to do something. Hogwash! Let me tell you flat, I'm not comfortable with any kind of a work, unless God does the work, where He builds the conduit, and then fills it with water. I don't mind drinking. I'm just like the guy that was so lazy he wouldn't do a thing.

So, they said, “We're gonna get rid of him. We're gonna bury him alive.” “Well,” they said, “That's the way it's gonna be. It's gonna be, because we won't feed him, unless he works.”

So, one time they took him to the graveyard in this old farm wagon, and a farmer came by and said, “What's going on?”

They said, “We're gonna bury this lazy skunk alive. He won't work, so he ain't gonna eat. And he's too lazy to work, but he'll eat.”

And the farmer said, “Well,” he said, “I'll tell you what. You turn him over to me, and I'll feed him corn.”

And the guy raised up and said, “Is the corn husked?”

He said, “No.”

He said, “Drive on!” [Laughter]

Pretty good farmer, eh, Gene [Petry]? That's where I am. You tell me something now? It's too late. I ain't got what it takes. Abraham didn't have it.

24. (10) For he that is entered into His rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God *did* from His.

(11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest... (Where is the laboring? It's in the mind, whether you can make the decision and stay with it.) lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (What's the unbelief? When they left Egypt, they turned down the prophet. That's what.)

Now, listen; this is today.

(12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and joint and marrow, and discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart.

And he said time after time after time to ten people, to one hundred, to one thousand, to five thousand, to thirty-thousand people, to a half a million if necessary: “*I take every spirit under my control in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*” And you couldn't hide if you tried. That's ours. We have entered into a rest: Bride food.

Everybody tried to produce Bride food. They discerned, and they lie, and they lie, and they keep lying. Hah. You say, “What if somebody came on the scene bigger than Bro Branham?”

I'd laugh. I told him personally one time, and I would say it again to anybody: "I wouldn't walk across the street to see you raise the dead, except I know you." If I could mouth off at a prophet... I was sincere though; I meant it. I knew him—the man that he was, the kind of man you don't see, except in the Millennium: real prophets.

25. (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- (14) Seeing then we have got (this) great high priest,...(who has taken on him the fullness, now Melchisedec, because he climbed on the throne. Right? Ready now not to offer blood, but what? To sit with us and to partake of that which symbolizes it in the Kingdom)...Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* (confession).
- (15) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but in all points tempted like as *we*, *yet* without sin.
- (16) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace...(free speech, open mouth, not afraid, come right up)...that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in time of need.

I believe that's the new creature you are looking at with the Bride food, with the 'Bride material'. All right.

26. Let's look at some more 'Bride material'. This Bride material we have read many, many times. We'll read it again, (It's 2 Corinthians.) because we don't want anyone to ever fail. I would like everyone who hears my voice and hears these tapes to know the scriptures the same as I know them, which isn't very much to be honest with you. You don't need to. You don't need to know it all. You just need to know what the prophet preached, see. All right. Reading then, 2 Cor 3:15:

- (15) But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon (the hearts of Israelites).
- (16) Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord (the heart, the mind, when there is a turning, then) the veil is taken away.

When God caught our attention, brother/sister, that's the time we, as Bride, turned to God and said, "That's God." They would not do that in Jesus' day. They couldn't say it.

They said, "Why, he makes himself God. He makes himself equal. Who does he think he is? What's going on here anyway?"

Hah! You mean to tell me they couldn't put two and two together and come up with four? They refused It. They deliberately blinded themselves. They deliberately did it.

27. (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: (Jehovah God is the Spirit.) and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.
- (18) But we all, with open face (unveiled) beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, (now we) are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* by the Spirit of the Lord.

Now It tells you right there, starting in the first Church Age, it started. It went on. It was buried in the fourth Church Age. In the fifth Church Age it started to come back and look a little bit like Christ. But it was only in this hour that It actually was the Christ and showed that It was.

Now, we beholding have come to the place of acceleration, where, as Bro Branham said, *“The shadow must give way to the substance, and the negative to the positive, for,”* he said, *“if you put your hand up to a white wall with the light shining, then move your hand toward the wall where the hand and the shadow become one, you are seeing the negative turn more and more to the positive.”* He said, *“Never”* he said, *“could I see the shadow of an elephant, and it turn out to be a little spindly man.”*

You get the picture, brother/sister? Could you see the shadow, what God was doing in this man’s ministry, and then end up with a spindly little concoction of man’s mind? He’s laying it on the line for you and me. All right.

It says: [2 Corinthians 4]

- (1) Therefore (we) having this ministry..., faint not.

What ministry? Apostolic ministry. Of that you may have many teachers, but you’ve got one Father. So today, it is the same thing. You have got a problem with wrong teaching, as they had in the first age, as it came in after Apostle Paul. All right.

28. With this, we go to Romans 12. And you are all aware of this chapter. We have read It many, many times, because It is right in here we see:

- (1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto the Lord, *which is your reasonable service.*

Now, Eve and Adam defiled their bodies. And ever since then, we have been defiling our bodies. How do you get back to the garden? How do you get back to immortality? Present your bodies to God. Be a temple, and He will raise you up like Christ. In this last hour, how much more should we present our bodies? Now, they are being scared with all of the diseases coming on the earth.

Let me tell you, they are going to get worse. I predicted this not knowing what it would be. You, I’m sure, heard me speak it many times how that God repented. He was sorry for man, dying in the slime and ooze of his own body, just going down, down. And in Africa whole villages have the AIDS, and they call it a walking, sleeping sickness. It’s just what I said. I did not know it would come this way.

I should have had brains to know it would come this way. You don’t hear the prophet for many years, as I heard him, and then not realize it would have to be degenerate sex. And they think they are going to cure it. They’ll cure it, maybe, but they will get a worse one. That is the way it is going to be; it has got to be. Eve never got pregnant eating apples. The world has gone down. *“Present your bodies.”*

29. (2) And (don’t) be (fashioned according) to this world...(Bro Branham said, *“Satan fashions this world after Hollywood.”* Yeah. You know, God burnt up Frisco once, but you wait until the next fire.)...but be you transformed (transfigured... Enter into the metamorphosis that you are looking for, getting out of here from the old caterpillar to the butterfly, where nature doesn’t light on you, but you light on nature. Nature doesn’t light on butterflies; butterflies light on nature. Get away from the caterpillar, groveling existence—transformed, regenerated, renewing.) by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

And Bro Branham set it forth here as that walk of faith, that new creature. And, if you look at this, you will understand Abraham perfectly and understand where we are going today. Now, it is not incumbent upon us to be prophetic like the prophet, but it is incumbent upon us to learn the rules. In other words we are now looking at rapturing faith, the revelation that Bro Branham gave us. All right.

Listen to me. To accept Malachi 4, and his vindication... Let me read a little bit further here, before I talk about that.

30. [114] *You are getting into rapturing condition now. That means for each one of us, (not just the pastor now), deacons and trustees... That means for the laity. Every individual walks in a world with God alone. You are baptized into this Kingdom, and there is nobody in there but you and God.*

Now, he says, "This is the new creation. I'm leading you to a place where you can identify yourselves and be what God is speaking of you, the new creature. It is a faith precept, not just fruits now. No. You can be the most fruitful Christian (you think) in the world, but he's talking about something beyond that in standing here in this realm of faith: "You will be isolated. You are going to rapturing faith in your isolation. You're going to be alone—"you and God."

31. [114] *He gives the orders, and you carry them out. Whatever He says, there is not a shadow of doubt anywhere. You walk right on.*

Now Bro Branham, as the prophet, could say that in the sense of being a prophet and mean this. To you and me, it is not that. It is the demonstration he gives by God that lets you and me know this Book here is superior, with its Word, than even his visions. Why? Because out of this Book comes the vision. So therefore, out of whole comes the part. So, when you see the whole proven, you take the part, each individual commitment that God's given us as a promise. You understand. Okay.

[114] *Now, you walk right on with this Word. If the Lord says this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it. You go right on just the same." (Now, that's the prophet again talking...trickle down to you and me.) Now you're coming into perfect faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That kind of faith never fails.*

That is the faith that you find in 1 Corinthians 13. Now abides faith, hope and love—these three. At the end of the Ages, when perfection comes, you now have come to a perfect faith. God's Own perfect faith, built on His power and authority, is producing a Bride. And in them is that which will respond to that which He is, and has, and demonstrates to us, clearly giving us the intent of what it is all about so that we may believe for what He has for us. And we can do it. Hebrews 13:8 and with it Mark 16.

[114] *That faith never fails. He was a mystic to them with His perfect faith, and so it is now with those who have perfect faith. They are mystics to others.*
All right.

32. Let's go back and look at the third point: "There's nobody in this Kingdom but you and God." Well, that's interesting. When did that ever happen? When Adam was here in the Garden of Eden. So, he's telling you, right now we're getting back to the Garden of Eden.

Let's just take a few scriptures on that. We have a little bit of time here to expand our minds and see what maybe everything the prophet had in his mind, because, look; we're talking about rapturing faith now. We're talking about getting into the Kingdom. We're talking about this perfect faith. We're talking about being new creatures. Hey, we're going somewhere, evidently. I believe we are. Genesis, then. We're going to read Gen 3:8-14. And, let's look at It.

- (8) And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of God amongst the trees of the garden.

Uh-huh. So, all right. We're back to Eden. Man sinned. Now he's trying to duck this. God comes on the scene (Mal 4:5-6, 1 Th 4:16, Rev 10:1, Eph 1:17, lots more, right down the line, Jn 14:12, right down

the line). Okay. When devils are cast out, the Kingdom of God has come amongst you. Bro Branham had the greatest authority over spirits in the world. *"I take every spirit under my control."* Devils fell at his feet.

33. So, what are you going to do? Kingdom's come. God is here. The same One in the flesh is here again. Now I could start screaming right now. See, I'm Pentecostal right there. I could start screaming, crying and screaming, because it is real. I don't care what anybody says. I don't care if I say it or don't say it. If William Branham hadn't said it, it's still true. We wouldn't have known it! See? Right back. They hid themselves. This Age can't hide, because the discerning Word wouldn't let it. Everything is naked.

Adam said, "We're naked."

He said, "Who told you?"

Now they say, "We're clothed."

He said, "Who told ya?"

"Oh, a preacher did."

"Liars! You are naked."

You don't believe this whole Bible is for today, brother/sister? Where are you?

You say, "I heard your voice, and I was afraid."

"I was afraid of my denomination," said the preacher, "I was afraid of my pension."

I didn't have one; I got one now. Hallelujah.

34. Are you learning something? I try to walk. I try to live. I try to show you these things. They work. If they work for me, and God knows (Look at me!) and I mean look at me like you look at a worm, not the way you'd look at Bro Branham. There is something to it. So, I hid myself.

Bro Branham said, *"You can't hide."*

Sure, you are naked. Who said you're clothed? What tree are you eating of? You bunch of hypocrites. You're naked, wretched, and blind. And 'wretched' means you are a beggar and a bum, sitting on the street corner panhandling. And Abraham sat there; he looked weird—old.

"How old are you?"

"I'm a father of nations." And he was. And here today, they're sitting on the street going, "Hallelujah! I'm a millionaire! I'm rich! Look at me, the businessman."

"Oh, hallelujah! We're gonna fill the pulpit, because the preachers aren't doing their job."

And they died, intruding into an office. Rich! They're beggars, panhandling.

35. You hear what I said? I've giving you the Word of God, my brother/sister. I don't care what you believe. I'm not interested...not interested at all in what you believe and what I believe. Facts.

He said, "Who said you're clothed?"

Who said to you, you were clothed, when you came to this Message? You think you're clothed? Clothed. Fap! Where's the spirit of self-righteousness—legalism, brother, amongst us? It's rotten. The

new creature of this hour. Yes it is, because he is going to walk in immortal! You talk about a new creature! Adam, the best he could obtain, as a “fresh from the hand of God” creation, would wait six thousand years. Oh, it was wonderful, the six thousand years, if we had not have sinned—if we had waited. You and I are going to walk in; if the Lord tarries, gives me health, just walk in.

You say, “Bro Vayle, you don’t look like you should.”

Well, neither did Abraham. Hallelujah! If you go by looks, you ain’t so hot yourself. I’m not interested. It’s a one-man show. You don’t have to look in my mirror. I’ll look in my mirror; you look in your mirror! Abraham didn’t see Abraham; didn’t see Sarah. He saw God.

36. Do you believe God can talk to you? Go back and get a tape in Beaumont. Go on and do it. I challenge you. I suddenly thought about my son, Grae. I knew he’d come back. It did cost him his life, but he came back.

You’re a queer duck.

Abraham said, “You have what you have. I got what I want.” Said, “I’ve got what God wanted for me.” Something in there said, “This is the way to go.” All right.

He said, “Did you eat of the tree I told you not to eat?”

The antichrist lie. What’s the antichrist lie? “Thou shalt not surely die.” “Millions now living will not die.” That’s a lie from the pit of hell! How can the whole world go to the antichrist and go to God at the same time? And you’ve got a black-white bird and a sober-drunk man?

They said, “I’ll tell you where I got it. I got it from my church.” The woman. And God blasted the woman.

“Oh,” he said, “How come he did it?”

“Well,” she said, “I’ll tell you honestly; I got it straight from the devil. He tricked me.”

And God said, “Oh, little darling—pat, pat, pat. Seeing you were tricked by the devil, and you took my son down with you, it’s all right, honey.”

Did He? You read Revelation 18; you’ll find out what He said. With her merchandise and everything else, she’s going to go to the Lake of Fire. All right. That’s interesting.

She said, “The serpent said...”

“What about you now? I’ll tell you what I’m going to do to you. I’m going to destroy you, bring you right down. You’ll eat dust. In other words, everything you built up by pride and vanity and you took faith in, as though you could do something by controlling people, you’re down.”

And so, the devil and his church and his world and everything goes down. And we come back completely purified with God.

37. Let’s go back to Genesis, because we want to read this carefully—how we’re doing this now. I’ve got a purpose in what I’m doing. Genesis 2:7-9:

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

(8) And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

- (9) And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now, I'm going backwards on purpose, because I'm looking at the Resurrection now. And in the Resurrection I see them all coming out of the ground to take over the Millennium. And two trees will not be there—just one. Why? Because everything is made new. That which caused the problem is now eradicated.

38. Now, we go back further. We go back to Gen 1:26-29.

- (26) And the Lord God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- (27) So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- (28) And God blessed them, and said, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, every living thing that is upon the earth.

We're going back to it. Now, listen; you're going to do it one by one: you and God in the Kingdom. And nobody but nobody can hold your hand, and you can't take them with you. So, here you are in this end time, in this faith, this great revelation we have through the prophet, and Him teaching us.

39. I'm going to talk some more about it. To accept Malachi 4, and his vindication and the Appearing and what it means is 'Bride faith'. Now, watch carefully. 'Abraham faith', as of Rom 4:13-21, is also Heb 11:8-14. Now, let's go back, and let's look at it, because I'm going to put them together. We've read this. We'll put together, and then we're going to quit, because... I'm sorry, time just goes, and that's all there is to it. One paragraph, but I'm glad I got through one paragraph, because to me this is a lovely paragraph. Never had so much joy for many, many times, months or whatever you call it, as I have joy of the Lord in this, this morning. Okay. Romans 4:13-20:

- (13) For the promise, that he should be heir of the world, *was* not made to Abraham, *or* his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Now, watch; the promise of heir to the world. Now, watch carefully: 'the promise of heir to the world'—what I said. 'The promise of heir to the world.' Right? Is that what you're looking at? Well, you better look at it, because that is what we're looking at: "heir to the world."

- (14) For if they which are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
- (15) Because the law worketh wrath: for where (there) is no law, *there is* no transgression. (That's Rom 4:16.)
- (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, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all; (Now, watch.)

- (17) (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before whom he believed, *even* God, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which be not as though they were.

So therefore, It tells you flat that Abraham had a promise that he was living up to, heir of the world, and he'd die before he got it. He could walk on it, but he couldn't possess it, because the Bible said God did not give one piece of land that Abraham put one foot on to him. Yet it was his; that's a book of Acts.

40. (18) (Now) who (when) hope (was gone—earnest expectation was gone—expected earnestly by faith he was going to get what God said.)
- (19) And being not weak in faith, (He was weak in his body. He was weak every place but his faith. He was a dying man, but he wasn't dead when it comes to faith.) he considered not his own body now dead, (So, what's the use in looking at it?) Sarah's womb (dead). (Forget it.)
- (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; (Now he staggered, but not at the promise. His feet weren't too good—couldn't lift them too good.) but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (That's where his strength was. Strong. And he knew his authority and his power by the power of the Word)
- (21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was also able to perform.
- (22) ...therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Now, notice; It says here the promise of the land he was to possess had to come through a promised son that he couldn't have, unless God did something. You say that speaks of Christ. It does; it does exactly.

41. Now; let's go over to Heb 11:8-14. And it comes together even more.

- (8) By faith Abraham, when he was called to go into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
- (9) By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, and heirs with him of the same promise:
- (10) For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.
- (11) Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.
- (12) Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, (as) *many* as the stars in the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
- (13) They all died in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

- (14) For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Now, what I'm looking at here is this: that every time we talk of Abraham, we talk of Abraham and the promised son, we talk of the seed, because we relate it to Jesus Christ. But we forget that God made promise of a Kingdom, not a son—of a Kingdom, then a son.

42. Now, what am I trying to tell you? I am trying to tell you what I've been preaching this morning all along. Eden was God's righteous Kingdom on earth, because God was there. God is headquartering right now in a Bride. He is absolutely head. We have returned to Eden conditions. We are looking for a Kingdom, but the Kingdom will not be ours until the Son appears. And the Son is going to appear; he will shortly appear. He has already appeared in the form of the Holy Spirit in a Pillar of Fire. The same One that Paul met on the road who said I am Jesus, Jehovah-Savior, the One that you persecute.

So therefore, we are already now having our feet in the Promised Land like Abraham, in Eden, in the Millennium. It doesn't do us one bit of good, except in this sense: It has to be that way. For I speak now of being immortal and living in the Millennium. But, as soon as the Son comes on the scene, which He will, after the destruction of Sodom, he will be perfectly formed as the Head. The Bride perfectly formed, that Spirit will be incarnated to us, will come right down here and take over. And, what I'm trying to show you: It's going on now.

43. Now, let's read more. This time we're going to go to Hebrews 12. And we're going to read, starting at verse 22.

- (22) But you are come unto mount Sion, unto the city of the living God, (You are not come now to Sinai. No. No. There was shivering and quaking. There was no rest; there was fear. The presence of God brought tragedy and fear. To us It does not do that. In fact, we are surprised at ourselves being so casual in His Presence. We should not be that way.) the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- (23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, (Well, is He here, or is He not here as the Judge? Certainly, He is here as the Judge. If He is not here as Judge, who gave the authority to William Branham to say, "*Little Bride, the judgment is over.*" "*...declared the righteous, guiltless, virgin Bride... You didn't even do it.*" Justified. Who gave him the authority? Who is the Prophet? Son of man. Because He is the Son of man, He's the Judge. And, who is the Son of man? He's Prophet.
- (24) And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, (What covenant now? The covenant God gave, "Behold, I send you Elijah, the prophet." The covenant God does not forget, even as He didn't forget Israel, the ones that sinned: Dan and Ephraim. And they are not in the lineup. Nope. You've got Joseph back there and Manasseh. Now,) ...Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.
- (25) See that you refuse not him that speaketh (at this time of the Judge, of Malachi 4). For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall we not escape*, if we turn from him that (is) from heaven: (It doesn't say 'speaketh' but that is from heaven, because the thunders are on earth.)
- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. (When is that?

Great Tribulation; it will shake it all down. Bro Branham said, “Every man-made thing is going to go.”)

- (27) And this *word*, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, (Things that are made, they’ll be shaken.) that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (That’s the eternal things of God. If you’ve got the eternal Life, you’ll make it. Now, listen.)
- (28) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, (now) let us have grace...

At this time we’ve started right back to the Eden concept, the Kingdom of God on earth. Bro Branham said, “*God headquarters on earth was where He was in dealing with Adam.*” And in there was the authority that under certain conditions he would be immortal, that is, live on until death would never touch him. Six thousand years it would be, then he would be changed. Covenant broken. Adam broke it. This covenant will not be broken. Remember, the devil was right there, just like he was in heaven one time before he got kicked out, came down to earth.

44. Don’t misunderstand what I’m saying, and don’t let your minds go. Keep with what I’m teaching you, because this is the truth. We are there. We are not looking to get there; we are there. For the One that was supposed to speak has spoken.

- (28) (And It said,) we receiving a kingdom..., (see) let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

- (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

There it is right there. The same Pillar of Fire that gets us out of here is going to come back and destroy the world, and we are with the Pillar of Fire that destroys. Now, there is the present condition that I see in this one little paragraph (114), about sixteen lines, see. All right.

45. We mentioned this, and we go to it. 1 Corinthians 13—Paul speaking:

- (9) For we know in part, and prophesy in part.
- (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

In other words, when everything has run its course, the whole Word of God for the Gentile Church Age has run its course, there is nothing more to go. Seven Church Ages, seven messengers: it’s over. And the last messenger is Elijah, the same as John the Baptist was. Now the part will be done away, and everything goes. Everything goes. Why? Nothing more to go. See? So, we go what? To the higher sphere, an entirely new world for the new creature. And Bro Branham said, “*You don’t change one iota when you leave here, except your body.*” I know you think you do.

You go, “Well, Bro Vayle, my soul will be that much better.”

You’re entirely wrong; your soul won’t be. No. Justified is justified. How righteous can you get? But you have got to recognize your extremes, brother/sister. If you don’t understand extremes and recognize extremes, you’ll never understand sovereignty that says God knew every flea and how many times it’d bat his eyeballs. I hope you understand what I’m saying.

46. Now, look.

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

This is the hour of adoption...manhood, not a bar mitzvah...some kooky thirteen year-old trying to be a man. Well, it's good the kid knows he's got to grow up...he's no man. He hasn't been tried yet. It means to him, I'm going to get tried now. You better watch your step, kid. But it just means some stupid festivity now. Not what it used to mean, as far as I know. I'm a man. Manhood. Adulthood.

- (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then (is going to come 2 Cor 3:18: no more veils. Now he says,) face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known.

In other words we're going to come into the full revelation of the mystery of God concerning His purposes, which Bro Branham absolutely laid out in sermon after sermon, "The Mystery of God", "Christ Is the Mystery of God Revealed", "Masterpiece", but especially "Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and Earthly Bride".

Now, watch. [13] "Now abides faith, hope, love." Now abides faith, the substance of authority and power. And brother/sister, we saw it. And earnest expectation. What does this substance designate? We're into it. This is it: the Kingdom, the Son, our part in it—and Love, God Himself, on the scene doing it.

47. That's where you are at. I don't care how you look at this. I can just simply read this, as Bro Branham said it—pass it off with little principles. But, when he says something about Bride material, I've got to check what 'Bride material' is by the Scripture that qualifies or describes the material, because, if I'm supposed to have mahogany in that organ, I don't want a piece of pine. Now you can take a piece of pine and make it look, maybe, just exactly like that, and you can say, "Hey, that person may look like Bride, but I better go to the specs." There's a lot...You know, even every word I said means something these days. Look at the word never before in history like today 'quality control': God's dealing with quality, brother/sister, not quantity, all laid out here in the Word today. All right.

48. We're going to close and read just this one little thing that I dealt with today.

[114] *And so when a man lives by faith, and walks by faith...I mean substance faith, (the substance of power and authority) he's isolated from the entire world. There's no doubt about it. He's a new creature in Christ.* Now he's already talking about a man that's born again. And he's dealing with you and me in this present hour, contingent to his ministry. So, I can't stop there. I've got to dig. *"There, now you're getting to Bride material."*

Where did anybody... Where did the six Church Ages above us have Bride material, as this hour has Bride material, for rapturing faith? They never had it. They had faith and earnest expectation, but they didn't get to Love—didn't get to God, see.

Now, listen, *"You're getting into rapturing condition."* What dead person needs to get into rapturing condition? Hah! He can hardly wait to get down here and pick his body up. Who's he talking about? You and me. So, he's not talking about fruit and gifts and these things and that thing. He's talking about something else. So, let's find out. We found out, right?

[114] *That means for each one of us, not pastor now...to deacons and trustees, for laity...everyone. Every individual in a world with God alone.*

Hey! I'm like, oh, dear, old Adam. Man, this is great: me and God. Well, listen; he's talking about a new bunch of people. He's talking about a rapturing faith.

You have got to get changed before you can get out of here. And immortality was spoken of in the Garden of Eden, so it's got to get back there. Well, come on. Alpha is Omega. I don't... Listen, you follow what I'm saying? Alpha is Omega. This is not too hard. I'm trying to get it the way you can get it.

49. *"You're baptized into this Kingdom."* Start with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's where you started. You just be this new creature, the whole bit. You can't get it without it.

"And there's nobody in there but you and God." Now you know, brother/sister, that that is not a true statement when it comes to the body, because that body is comprised of many members. This is something different. I'm not talking about getting the body now. You know that. He can't be doing that.

You say, "Well, Bro Vayle, what it is, there's a confrontation between..."

Listen, I know all of that. But, why is this other in here? See, I can't let... My mind cannot rest with that. There's no way it'll rest. Too many thoughts come pouring in.

"Nobody in there, see, but you and God. He gives the orders; you carry them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt anywhere. You walk right on." Who had that but William Branham? Yet, you and I can have it in our own little plane. I've told people different times certain things. I never backed away. I can soft-pedal it and pretend I didn't really say it like, (You know what I mean,) say,... well, you know, it could be. It hasn't failed yet. How is anything going to fail, if it comes from God? See? That's where Bro Branham said, if you have something, in a little room here, don't be afraid to put it in the pulpit. If it comes from God, man, what are you worried about? It came from God, didn't it? All right, then it works.

"Well, I don't know. You see, I know that God is perfect and that...but I'm not."

What's that got to do with you anyway? God always had imperfect vessels, but He gave them what they had in the realm of faith. He gave us everything to take care of these things. Come on. See? All right

50. [114] *He gives the order. You should carry them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere. You walk right on. If God says this, there's nobody in the world can talk it out of you.* Like he said, I'm going to raise Abraham Lincoln; I'm going to raise him. *You go on right the same.*

'Going to get shot down the road.' He said, *"I'll get shot down. Run me out of Finland, if that boy's not standing on his feet in two minutes. Run me out."* His shoes knocked off, one sock missing, bones broken, eyes turned back—dead, crushed, but no vision about the second boy that was almost fatally injured.

They said, "Well, you raised the first boy. Raise the second. You raised the first."

But he said, "I'm sorry, I can't do it."

"Well, why not?"

God didn't say. So, he prayed, and he prayed, and he prayed. A vision appeared of a little wilted rose, and it perked right up.

He said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, the boy's delivered."

And he was. He couldn't say a word. Now, listen. That's not too hard. Sure is mysterious, but it's not too hard. It's not too hard if you hear yourself say something, and you didn't say it. You're surprised as everybody else. That's happened. How many times? God knows; I don't know how it's going to happen. So, very mysterious. What isn't? See, people fail to understand the sovereignty of Almighty God. He does what He wants, and He'll do it. And He'll do it through you and me, too. See? Don't back away.

51. I backed away from ministry years ago. I quit. That's why I take such a tough stand. Now you people got to forgive me if I stand up here just tough and hard as nails. Don't fool with me. See, I fooled with myself and God many years ago. I paid too big a price; I'm paying for it now. Don't fool with me. I'll die here as a skunk and a liar. I will die as that skunk and liar. If you want somebody else, get him, but don't fool with me, and I won't fool with you. That's an agreement. And I got ears like elephants, they hear; eyes like an owl, even to work at night; and a brain like a computer. I'm exaggerating, and you know why? Because you have come to the place. I'm sorry. Now you understand. It's not as hard as you think, but it's difficult in the transition, because "We're strangers."

We just... Look, brother/sister; Adam from the earth, earthy, was put into a kingdom. He blew it. We've got problems. We're not going to blow it, though, because He won't let us. Bro Branham said this Bride will not go down the drain. She will not be seduced and fail. I am going to make it, hallelujah! I'm going to see you with me, hallelujah! And you might not even want to go with me, but I've got news for you. You're going; you're going with me, or you ain't going either. You got problems, kid. You do what you want. I'll do what I want. See, I'm not as mean as I sound. I just lay it on the table. What else can I do? What I'm supposed to do? See. I believe this. I believe everything I told you about this is true. It all looks beautiful here, see. Well, that's enough.

52. [114] *Perfect faith, perfect perfection...perfect perfection that cannot fail.*
Never had it until now. *That faith never fails*—won't do it. *He was a mystic to them with perfect faith. And so it is now with those who have perfect faith.*

William Branham had it. Right up there. But he said, 'I'm going to tell you something. Everything I had as a prophet in a tube,' where God forced every issue, 'was to let you know, through me, vindicated that He backs His Word and goes out of His way to prove It.' Yeah, brother/sister, I said the other day... I said it so true: Don't ever try to make the Word a prisoner to you. You become a prisoner to the Word. We all need It.

Let's rise.

Before we go, I want to tell you how much I appreciate you all coming. It's a highlight of my life here for people to come in from afar to give honor and glory to the Lord God of Hosts, to His Word, to have confidence that I'm able to help you in the respect of delivering this Word. That means everything to me. Nothing else really matters in the light of that. And so, we love each other around the Word. And I say to you this: I don't care what your lives are. That's up to you and God. But I have faith in this: If you sit here under this teaching that Bro Branham gave us, you are the conduits for the Word. The Word is the conduit for the Holy Spirit. And, if you have that Word, which you understand now how you have that Word and become the Word, you are Bride. You will be transformed. God will work in your life everything that needs to be worked out. No one needs to ride herd over you.

Bro Branham never called anyone to task. He laid down only one law. He said, "It just might..." He said he felt pretty stern when he says 'he always.' He backed away a lot from hurting anybody at all. He never withheld communion. He was an open communicant like we are. And he said, "*Well, gross immorality would be the one place I'd draw the line.*"

So, you see how we stand with the prophet. We believe that this Word will do it, or nothing will do it anyway. And, if you've got a seed in you, something has got to happen to you. You've got to mellow, and yet you've got to be strong and firm and literally harsh against the things of the enemy at the same time, see: "harmless as doves, wise as serpents." I trust that Word was doing that for me and for you, because I don't see any other hope. If I'm wrong, I've led you astray. I don't believe I have.

Let's be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, parting time again—at least this little moment. Perhaps more parting tomorrow; definitive for a few weeks, whatever...hopefully coming together, many of us, at Thanksgiving time. And may it be the greatest time ever, if we can come together, where, Lord, the humility and love and grace of Jesus Christ saturating, emanating from human vessels, may come into manifestation: sweet, sweet Spirit of Christ: sweet spirits, whoever they are, whatever they might be amongst us, all a part of the great Kingdom, in harmony as never before. Help us to that end, O God. Whatever it takes to mellow us...sweetness, Lord.

It took a lot to mellow and sweeten Abraham and Sarah. It sure did. Your Presence did it to Sarah. Your Presence can do it to a Bride: make her fall right in line, bring forth that Son in flesh. O God, we're looking for it. We thank you, Lord, for this hour of Truth. May It govern our lives, Lord. May we, like Bro Branham, Paul, and your true servants become a prisoner to It, with that Word controlling, obedient servants, transfigured, getting ready to cross over, cross up, in glorified bodies. Lord, we know that's what it's all about today, and we thank you for it.

Now settle, I pray, Lord, every doubt and every fear in everybody's heart at this moment. And, Lord, if there be one person here—any person, any persons—who need to reconcile their lives with Yours by coming to You, Lord God in heaven, for the rebirth to be born again, reconcile their lives in cleaning up, Lord, (We all do, and you see your servant up here as the most miserable of all.) I pray not one shall fail of the grace of God today to take it as we are coming to Mt. Zion, to pass over that beautiful land as beautiful characters and sons and daughters of Jesus Christ with the knowledge of God in a holy, sanctified life as never before.

Guide and protect each one, Lord, until we meet again. Keep us safe and in health. Make us useful to you somehow, someday, if just to one person for one minute, somehow, Lord. We could pray even beyond that. Let every day bring a blessing to somebody. And we'll give you all the praise and all the glory, because we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our loving Savior. Amen.

“Take the Name of Jesus with You.”