

Rapture #16

Strategic and Epocal Season

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Heavenly Father, we're again happy to be in this place that You set aside for us, and recognizing the fact that You're here, that "The Lord Himself descended from heaven with the shout," bringing us the Word proving in this hour that part of the Rapture, which is the first phase, the Message which has already been vindicated to us, and we know that we are in progress into that great and final Catching Away, which we are aware of and we believe we are a part of because of the awareness, and therefore, nothing will overtake us, because already we have been overtaken by grace of Yourself. And we praise You for that Lord, and we're very happy for it.

We pray You'll help us now in the study of Your Word that more and more of that part of the Message, more and more of the Shout, that we will be absolutely one with it because we know there is much more than simply hearing the Word; there is literally the Word becoming flesh. There is obedience unto it—all of these things there before us. So, we pray You'll help us this hour. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, first of all, before we go to 1 Peter, which is the basis for 2 Peter, I have to caution you that 1 Peter is more or less the stature of a perfect man in many respects, and it is dealing with the people in this hour in which we live, in the light of the Presence, the Shout, the Voice, and the Trumpet, and it does not stress the mechanics of Elijah being here—the literalness of the Shout, the Voice, and the Trumpet as we saw in 2 Peter.

2. Now, what I'm going to do, (And it won't do you much good to follow your Bible's, though you can if you want to.) I'm going to read from the expanded translation by Dr. Wuest because it gives us a little better grasp of where we're at according to what Bro. Branham taught us. Now, of course, many people will be very critical of me doing this, because they regard only the King James version.

3. Now we are going to read. [1 Peter 1: Wuest's Translation]

(1) Peter, an ambassador of Jesus Christ, to those who have settled down along side of a pagan population, sown a seed throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

(2) Chosen out ones...

Now, a seed is planted for one reason: to get a harvest. And because God doesn't have grandchildren, which David Duplessis said, which I think may be one of the greatest statements any man ever made—and Bro. Branham concurred, people are not responsible for bearing Christians. You can't produce a Christian no matter who you are because you're not born of the will of man or the will of flesh, or the will of blood, but you've got to be born of God. You have to have been in the loins of God, so to speak, which is the mind of God. He said, "Gird up the loins of your mind." You would have to have been back there. So, he said, "You're like plants, and you're going to bring forth a harvest."

4. (2) (You) chosen out ones (That's the elect.) this (choosing or) choice, having been determined by the foreordination of God the Father...

As Bro. Branham said, “*God didn’t say I’ll take this one, I’ll take that one, I’ll leave that, I’ll leave the other.*” No. He went according to the rule book, and the rule book was the Lamb’s Book of Life and Book of Life, and the names were already there. So, as you manifested in your hour, you were swept in from the area where you were placed alongside and amongst the heathen to the end that you would be a harvest, because that’s why you plant seed: to get a result. Whether the harvest is a beautiful flower or something to eat or something else, you were put there to become a mature, harvested Christian—the chosen out ones. That’s what you were.

5. (2) (Your) choice having been determined by the foreordination of God the Father, those chosen out to be recipients of the setting-apart work of the Spirit resulting in obedience...

In other words you had to be there for the Holy Ghost to work on, because He wasn’t going to work on anything that wasn’t predestinated for Him to work on. In other words, the obedience to the Spirit when the Spirit called, depends on you being the predestinated that was going to respond to that call.

- (2) And resulting in the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. Grace to you and peace, ([tranquilizing] peace,) be multiplied.

The word ‘tranquelize’ here does not mean, like we take tranquilizers, but you notice how it is that there was going to be a harvest, and they were going to be tranquilized, and everybody is trying to get tranquilized. Really the word is ‘bombed’. We do not want to get bombed; we want to become tranquil. And when you’re tranquilized, you’re not bombed; you’re not anaesthetized. To be tranquil means that you have a calm spirit in the light of problems, as well you have a calm spirit when you’re just sitting there enjoying yourself.

6. Now “Peace be multiplied.” In other words, this people that Peter is talking to, and we are that people, he wants a serene people with a multiplied peace.

You say, “If I could just get peace about this. If I could just get peace about that.”

Well, you’ve got it. You’ve got multiplied peace. What peace do you want this morning? Should we go home? You’ve had just about enough right now to make you wonder what’s going on, eh?

You say, “Where’s this great peace?”

It’s here. You’ve already got it. This great peace be multiplied to you, elect, predestinated to be that seed brought to maturity, to be here tranquil in these last hours of the Rapture, because this is what he’s talking about.

7. Now therefore, at the end time there is to be a tranquil people with multiplied peace. This is why nerves are so rampant, because the devil wants to catch you here. Do you follow what I’m saying? Because this is what’s supposed to be: relaxation under the Seventh Seal. So, the devil’s going to do his very best to get that punch in at you, so that you think you are missing the Seventh Seal, and thereby you will lose so much that you could have in the interim period, because God has not reserved everything in Heaven for us. There is a lot of it down here that we can take with us. Yes, the spiritual things that we acquire and accrue.

8. (3) Let the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be eulogized, (That’s praised, glorified, allotted.) who (this God and Father Who is) impelled (or was impelled) by His abundant mercy (has) caused us to be born again so that we have a hope which is alive, this living hope (which) having been made actual through the intermediate instrumentality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from amongst those who are dead...

Now he says here, “There’s a living hope on the very grounds,” he said, “I saw him.” Paul said, “I was the last one to see Him”—one born out of due season. He saw the Pillar of Fire, then was caught up, and about five hundred saw him at one time. And Peter is saying here, “I want you to know that what we have is based upon the proof of His resurrection.” And Bro. Branham said, *“If Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and He is here now, He will prove that He is here now in the Spirit, which is what it’s all about because He’s the Son of God according to the resurrection of the dead, He will do the same things He did when He was back there.”*

So, we have a living hope, which means we have something that is alive to us now.

9. (4) ...resulting in an inheritance, imperishable and undefiled, that does not fade away, which inheritance has been laid up and is now kept guarded in safe deposit in heaven for you,
- (5) Who are constantly being guarded by the power of God through faith (Listen.) for a salvation ready (but not yet ready) to be revealed in a last season which is epochal and strategic in its significance.

Now he said here, “You that are just as much here by God, a seed, to come to a maturity, having something waiting which we now believe we have apprehended as the very last generation, that all, and especially us now, have been kept until a last season, of all seasons (This is the last.) wherein there is to be revealed something to us, which will prove that this hour is epochal and strategic in its significance.” Now, that’s not in the King James, but that’s the Greek. I never found where Bro. Branham said I couldn’t go to the Greek. So, much for the dissenters.

10. Listen; I’ve got something to show you here: ‘epoch’. What’s an ‘epoch’? What is an ‘epoch’? ‘A particular period of time as marked by distinctive character, events, etc.’ ‘The beginning of any distinctive period in history of anything.’ ‘A point of time distinguished by a particular event or state of affairs.’ ‘Epochal’: ‘pertaining to an epoch or epochs’; ‘the nature of an epoch’. So, ‘an epochal season’ is ‘a season which has a particular period of time marked by distinctive character and events’.

Now, what’s ‘strategic’? All right, what’s ‘strategy’? or ‘strategies’, also ‘strategics’, ‘generalship’. ‘The science or art of combining and employing the means of war in planning and directing large military movements and operations.’ ‘The use or a particular use of this science or art.’ ‘Skillful management in getting the better of an adversary, or obtaining an end.’ ‘The method of conducting operations especially by aid of maneuvering or stratagems.’ Synonym: ‘a distinction is made between strategy and tactics in military use.’ ‘Strategy’: ‘dealing with the planning and directing of projects.’

Who did Bro. Branham say was here to take us into the Millennium?

11. So, we are in a period which is epochal and strategic in its significance. That’s what we’re looking at. Now, let’s just go to 1 Th 4:13.

- (13) But I would not have you...ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as (those that) have no hope.

Now Paul is talking to the living, the same as Peter is. And Peter said, “There is a seed reserved to an end time”—the same as Paul said. “They have a living hope, an inheritance, and a revelation in a season, which is both epochal and strategic.” That cannot be said of any other season. Now, what is a season? We’re talking about it.

12. Now Bro. Branham said, *“Once you see this message, it’s all you see in the Bible.”* That’s exactly right. What am I suppose to see? Do you think for one minute that I’m going to say: “Oh, dear old Moses come on the scene and float us down the Nile.”

“Well,” you say, “Now you’ve got that kind of mixed up. I’d do that if I had what Enoch said.”

Well, what’s the difference? Enoch; Moses. But that’s exactly right. I’m telling you the truth.

People do not understand one thing Bro. Branham taught, perhaps above another: seasons and Word in a season, and a portion in a time of a portion. They don’t understand the measure of the Word and the measure of the Holy Ghost. We do. Now they in a measure blandly understand It, but they do not pointedly understand It—and this is pointed. Now, at the time of the Rapture, because this is basic to the Rapture—the epochal season is the Rapture season.

13. Now Paul, as Peter speaking on it, and Paul is saying: [1 Thessalonians 4]

- (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (forth) with (Jesus).
- (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the (presence) of the Lord shall not (take any precedence over) them which are asleep.
- (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout (a military command, a strategic season, military maneuverings).

The Sixth and the Seventh Seal running concurrently because don’t tell me He can descend and not be some sort of a coming.

You say, “Well, Bro. Branham said, “That was the Holy Spirit.”

Well, that’s a coming.

“Oh, Bro. Vayle, He’s been here for 2,000 years.”

Now, hold it. Take a look. You say you believe that? Then believe 2,000 years? Something’s wrong somewhere. Something’s wrong somewhere. Only two ages have a prophet, one and seven. So, I’m sorry. I don’t care how present He’s been, and He has been present. He was not present over the ages as He was in the first and is now in the last, because this is the hour of the Commander in the epochal season bringing a strategy. God has a strategy to get us out of here.

- (16) The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (And so on)

14. Now, listen; let’s go to 1 Cor 15:20.

- (20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- (21) For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. (from among the dead)
- (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- (23) But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his (presence.)

Half the Resurrection is over, and the other half is coming into view. The Old Testament saints are ascended; it is soon our turn to ascend.

15. Now It says:

- (24) Then *cometh* the end, (What's he talking about? He's talking about this descent here. This Coming that brings about a Resurrection.) when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Now, that's military. That's a take over. The season of the take over demands a military stratagem. It demands a plan that becomes effective. That's why Bro. Branham said, "*If the devil gets a hold of this, he'll mess it up.*" but he can't get a hold of God's military command and plan. Only a prophet can do it. When the strategy becomes available to us and every man sets his face as in a marching order, all the devils and power in hell won't stop a Bride from getting out of here. I challenge the devil this morning, and any man living; nobody can do it or this Word of God is a lie.

I'm not through preaching yet. Just wait a minute, I haven't hit all the verses here. He is going to put down all authority.

- (26) The last enemy (he is going to put down) is death.
- (27) (Everyone is going to be) under his feet...
- (28) (For he must subdue all things)...

16. Now the word 'subjection' means a military formation. The Commander-in-Chief with His military plan has been revealed, and we are in marching order, or somebody lied. Somebody lied! I'm tired of people making William Branham a liar. I'm tired of making God a liar. Just tired of the whole mess. Everything's a lie, lie, lie, lie; open your mouth, lie, lie, lie, lie. The devil's doing his... The gates of hell are against this revelation, brother/sister, and, let me tell you, the gates of hell are against it, and the gates of hell will not overcome. If you think the Commander-in-Chief is not here, then you better read the Third Exodus again. We took it all here in three nights, or two nights; I forget which. Page 35 to about 39, four solid pages.

17. Revelation 19.

- (11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- (12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, (He's crowned. His Bride is with him.)
- (16) He's KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS, (And he's coming to take over.)

18. Now, listen; I'm going to tell you something: When you're looking at that, don't you get all carried away like everybody else gets carried away, because the devil just likes to confuse your mind, and we're not here to have minds confused. Let's go back to 1 Corinthians 15, which I read to you awhile ago, so you're not confused. And It says:

- (23) (When His presence is here,
- (25) ...That's the time when all authority starts to be put under the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ
- (26) Of which the enemy is death.

(27) Everything has started to come into subjection.)

Notice, It says:

(29) Else (why are we) baptized for the dead, if (Jesus has not risen, and is not risen amongst us, there is no resurrection.)

And if there is no resurrection, then this is a bunch of rubbish because It says here:

(23) Christ the firstfruits; afterward they...at His (presence).

And when the season for the military stratagem begins, let me assure you, brother/sister, the military stratagem does not come by a bishop, and it does not come by a pope or a cardinal. It doesn't come by a bunch like you and me. It doesn't come by the smart, wonderful, educated, beautiful, marvelous Christians—no way. That would come from hell. It comes from God Himself. That takes a prophet. Military stratagem; military leader.

Joe, you know a bit about the armed forces, and you another brother planned for them. The two of you aren't worth a plug nickel when it comes to this. Sure, they're smart men in their own way, but they don't know about this. I don't know anything, and William Branham didn't know anything. And he said, *"If the devil got a hold of it, he'd do great damage."*

19. Well, it's just too bad for Mr. Devil. That's why he's roaring. That's why he's screaming. We'll go into that—"Christ the Mystery of God"—one of these days, but not at the moment, because this is the season. It's a juncture. See? We're into it. This is the great drama that's been going on for 2,000, 4,000, 6,000 solid years, and further. The last 2,000 years we've been building up to it, in order to return to headship. People don't even know we've returned to headship. How can you return to a thing unless you were there in the first place? Or how can headship return, unless it was already here and went away? Then what came down; what came back? Something's wrong somewhere. Spiritual food in due season.

20. Now, the last season has a significance. It is epochal. Now we read that 'epochal' means, there's going to be some events characterized. It has a character by certain events. "Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet." Now, how are you going to know he's Elijah the prophet? How's anybody going to know?

"Oh well, we great scholars will point him out."

Nonsense! They said, "John the Baptist, why that old stupid, desert hermit out there. He looks like a fuzzy bear."

They said, "You know, I can't understand it. His dad used to work in the temple down there years ago. Tell me he had a supernatural birth, so maybe that's the whole thing. His dad was too old really to have any decent kind of sperm and his mother was too old to have any kind of decent ova, so, you know how it is in women, sort of conceived in the menopause period, so the guys a nut. I guess maybe he's a menopause nut."

21. That's what they think of John the Baptist. Oh, they had it all figured out. So, finally anyway, he begins to make a little impression out there because he wasn't as foolish as they thought he was. Some of the things he said made sense, especially when he could cut them down left and right. Well, you know, if you can't make them listen by being nice, you cut them down left and right. That's what Jesus did: couldn't get the miracles moving, so He got the whip out and got them going.

So, they said, "Well, who are you anyway?"

He said, "I'm Isaiah 40; I'm Malachi 3."

Now, know what I'm trying to get to you is this: that man has got to identify himself. Now, remember; John didn't do one miracle. I'm going to tell you something: he had Jesus come by and identify him. Then this man here has to be identified by the same Jesus; and he was. And he said, *"The camera took that picture, and another camera took another picture of a cloud, a cloud of angels surrounding the face of man, and he said the same thing."*

22. Now I want to ask you a question: What did He come for? He came because this is the epochal season. A season that has marks and characteristics, and when Jesus in flesh had His epochal season, He said, "Listen, you hypocrites, rotten hypocrites." He said, "You killers of prophets." He said, "You can discern the face of the skies," He said, "Oh yes," He said, "you've got that down pat. But," He said, "there's signs right here that's in the book." And He said, "You can discern them, too," but, He said, "You won't do it."

An epochal season of the harvest. The fan in the hand, one taken and one left, which is separation by the Word. Yeah, they're being separated right now, too. You say what you want. I don't care what anybody says. Lee Vayle could be in process of being left right now, thinking he's a believer. That's right, and you can, too, this morning. You've got one hope of not being a hypocrite, one hope of not being a hypocrite.

You say, "But Bro. Vayle, I'm sincere."

I don't give two cents for your sincerity. So were the priests and people and people in that day. As Bro. Branham said, *"The heathen are more sincere."* Mothers offer their babies to crocodiles in sincerity to their god. I don't care how sincere and how much fruit you've got, I don't care how nice and how sweet you are, and how you never tell a lie, you are wrong if you say, "I can look out there and I know tonight the sun ,sky being red it's going to be nice tomorrow" and you can look at that," and say, "there isn't anything to it."

23. You are a hypocrite if you cannot discern the season in which you live, which is an epochal season, which is a strategic season, which is the time where God has opened wide the Seventh Seal Book and disclosed the Thunders. If you can't tell the prophet and know the hour, I don't care what you protest, you are a hypocrite according to God, because you can look out there at the sky and say, "That's right, lovely red sky, yes nice weather tomorrow. Ah, lowry sky over here. Oh, better watch it; we won't take the boat out."

Now you know what a hypocrite is. You thought it was something else. So did I. But you get preaching, you find your mind expands, without drugs. Never took one in my life to expand the mind. You know how to contract the mind? Get full of hell; get Satan's word in you. You know how to expand your mind? Let the Word dwell in you richly. There is no limit to it.

24. Now, listen; God's great drama is closing. Now anybody knows that, if God had a prophet build an ark that people say took a hundred and twenty years to build... I suppose; I don't know. I'm not going to argue chronology or anything else, because there's always the wise guy who said, "Well, it wasn't a hundred and twenty years." Who cares? One African meeting of thirty thousand converts and truck loads and crutches and wheel chairs was enough—more than enough, and that's all it took. That's enough to make people realize something is going on; a great drama is going on.

And when the man who was known for his utmost ability in the Holy Spirit could stand there and say, *"You know the words of a man will not do this,"* was telling only the Word of God in him was doing it, you know that's an epochal season; God's got to be somewhere where He wasn't before. And we've got to be somewhere where we weren't before.

But they keep saying, "Oh, it's just going on, and nothing is really changed."

And the same people that say they believe that prophet, they're still back in Pentecost. All they've done is put a new patch on an old garment. And I don't like to see Bro. Branham as patch work. He proved to me he wasn't.

25. (6) In which season you ought to be constantly rejoicing with the joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance.

Which season? The last season, which is the epochal season. And you know something: Jesus said, "When all these things come upon you, lift up your head and rejoice because your redemption draws nigh." Here's the squeeze coming down; here's the tares maturing; here's the Ecumenical Council going to come down upon us. But in the last season, it is said concerning us, under the Seventh Seal of relaxation that we ought to be rejoicing with the joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance. Now, that's really good.

You say, "I like that."

I do, too. It's available, not something that's not available. It is available.

26. Now, what about that triumphant exuberance? It's for the last season.

Let's go back to 1 Ki 20:11. Here's a wise old king, and he's talking. There's a certain man, a king Benhadad, sent this old Israelite a word. He said:

(10) ...The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me. (Big blow hard, you know, what he's going to do to this other guy.)

(11) And the king of Israel...said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on *his* harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. (He said, "Anybody can talk big" He said, "Now do it, and when you've done it," He said, "Start talking.")

Well, now just a minute. This says, "Triumphant exuberance." Now which one of you is very triumphant this morning? You know what? You don't believe what the prophet said. I don't believe what he said. That's what.

27. We don't believe that He's here. "Oh, He's here, so what."

I say, "Great, merciful, God, Elohim, why are you here?"

"I'm here with my stratagem, and I'm putting everything in military order, and we're marching against the enemy. His bluff has been countered. I'm taking the dead out of the graves. I'm changing you, and we're getting out of here."

You say, "Well, how is that?"

He said, "Because it's the end."

"What do you mean?"

"Well," He said, "I told you through the prophet, the Seventh Seal was the end of all things, and I told you over here in 1 Corinthians 15 some of the things that were going to be at the end. And I told you categorically, you said, 'You believed Elijah was here.' So, now you either believe that I'm risen from the dead and have conquered death and hell, or either you don't. Now, if you believe I've conquered death and hell by proving it—you say you really believe it, let's see if you really do. Then

you better be rejoicing, because already you are in a glorified state, as the prophet said, through your justification.” which is by the Blood of Jesus Christ, the power of a risen God.

You say, “Well, I don’t know.”

That’s the trouble: nobody knows. Trouble is, the Bride ought to know.

28. Back to Ephesians; let’s find out. Here’s where I got cut off in Ephesians you know. People don’t believe this Word, and they don’t want It, but they talk big.

- (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.

And that knowledge is a pervasive knowledge that does something to you. That’s right. Oh, everybody wants to do something themselves. Then open your minds.

Now, let’s get this right because, listen; nobody wants to listen, even Lee Vayle. I’m not hitting you, and not hitting myself. Don’t ever get that Lee Vayle stands up here like he’s so next to God that ‘hallelujah, he’s got it made’. I am next to God in this respect: I am in Jesus, and He is next to God, if you want to put it that way. And that’s not a really right way to say it either. But I’m putting it that way.

The knowledge has an effect upon the object. The subject is knowledge, and the knowledge is revealed Word by the Spirit—It’s a revelation. And that does something to the person. It’s the former rain. It’s the living wine that the Holy Spirit in the church ages said, “You will not stop that wine from flowing; you will not stop the oil,” though men sell it, as a measure of meal for a penny. Well, they do everything—we’ll get into this in a minute here.

29. In this last season, triumphant exuberance, ushering in the Millennium, the last season, Joel 2.

- (18) Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
- (19) Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
- (20) But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, (He’s going to destroy him.) because he hath done great things. (Now, watch.)
- (21) Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

Now, here is the earth restored and the animal kingdom.

- (22) Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do (so) spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
- (23) Be glad then, ye children of Zion, (That’s the Bride. Bro. Branham said, *When you see Zion, that’s Bride.*) and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first.

Now it's not first month at all. It's literally a duplicate of the first. The original Word that was brought to the original New Testament Church is now in fulfillment—is restored. So, what you see is restoration and the original plan of God coming to fruition.

30. (24) The floors shall be full of wheat, (That's us.) and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. (That's how we're blessed.)
- (25) And I will restore to you the years that the...cankerworm ate...(and so on.)
- (26) You'll eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God,... (And you'll never be ashamed.)
- (27) And you'll know I am in the midst of Israel, *that* I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Now It tells you right in this hour that God Himself is going to be in the midst because He is the One with the stratagem. This is the epochal season of deliverance. This is the windup. It's all over, and Satan tried to get a hold of the plan, but he couldn't do it. And God came down here and put the plan in effect and let us in on it.

And everybody says, "Oh, they're crazy. Oh, they're this; they're that."

And they're crucifying afresh the Son of God, and we're going to get out of here. They've denied the Blood.

31. Satan can roar all he wants, but he's been discovered for what he is—just a bluff.

People say, "You're not going to get out of here."

That's a lie from the devil. I am going to get out of here. As far as I know, I'm going to get out of here standing up.

You say, "Well, you could die."

And that's right, but I don't think I'm going to die. Now I could die; I don't have a promise to die. It would be nice if I did, but I don't. You don't fight with God and argue with God. You don't say, "God, I'm going to go... I don't care if there's a promise, I'm going to die anyway."

You can't deny the Word of God and be a believer. There's no way. You're a lousy hypocrite.

32. Now, the last season winds up all seasons in order to start a new season, the same as in the time of Jesus, the law was until John, grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. The law will never be restored. Now people think it will be. Oh, they think there's going to be a big Millennium, and in the Millennium there's going to be a temple, and people are going to offer blood and animals. What for? What for? I can't buy it. The law is gone. It's been wiped out. The bruised reed He broke back there; the smoking flax He quenched. It's gone; it's finished. I don't care what Israel does; it's finished. There's no way it's going to come back

What's He going to do? He's going to bring the earth back—and the people that are the children back to an earth that he predicated was for them under a certain condition. And you know what? They live up to those conditions because Satan is bound. There'll be no destruction. That's right. Satan is bound by a chain of circumstances. Now, the law couldn't save anyone. It won't save anyone now; it couldn't do it then.

33. Now, let's go just a minute to Hebrews. I want to read a little thing there. [Hebrews 1]

(2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us...

What last days? The last days of the law. Now, what's God going to do in our last days? He is not going to change His Word. He is not going to change His system. He's just going to bring it to pass. He Himself is going to do it. Look, the Blood doesn't change for us. The Holy Spirit doesn't change for us. The Word of God does not change for us. God just comes down and works out His stratagem which was sealed under the Seven Seals and the Seven Thunders, but now has been revealed. And the beautiful thing is this: Understand, if you are in the Shout, you are in the Voice, you are in the Trumpet, because the prophet said, "*God does not take and add a dog cell to a human cell, and then a cat cell.*" And if you're born again in the last church age, which you are, you'll fulfill this in this last season, this epochal season, for those who are kept by the power of God, guarded, reserved.

34. Bro. Branham said, "*If I had a chance to choose the age I'd live in, I'd choose this.*" I would have chosen the sixth church age. I finally smartened up. Forget the sixth church age; they can have it.

You say, "Well, do you think you're doing better here?"

It's the only place I could do anything at all. If I was doing better or worse, what's the difference? I'm here. You show me what church age was to have the triumphant exuberance. It's over. We're laying our armor down. He's taking over. You don't have to worry anymore whether it's going to come to pass or not.

"Well," you say, "I can go out and get drunk then." Well, you're going to do it anyway, so go ahead.

You're either in, or you're out. You're not sitting on the fence anymore. People think they're sitting on a fence.

"Well, I'll follow this."

Listen, this Shout, brother/sister, took this one, left that one, took this one, left that. Do you understand what I'm saying? It's over. Bro. Branham said, "*I don't pray for America anymore.*" I don't say don't pray for individuals. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. That's the only nation left. The rest—they're gone.

35. [1 Peter 1 - Wuest]

(5) ...The epochal season,

(6) ...triumphant exuberance, although for a little while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings,

(7) In order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that approval being much more precious than the approval of gold (that) perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire-testing, may be discovered after scrutiny, to result in praise and glory and honor at the time of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Now he said, "Listen; this, which God is doing, is out of your hands entirely, but, there is something in your hands. You could be tested." Your own little, personal faith that you got from God can be tested. To see at the time of this revelation, this hour, if you're here, that your own little, personal faith is being

tested, you stand up when the squeeze comes down. When the pressure comes. That little faith that you got, that was in the Lion Age and in the Calf Age and in the Man Age, is in the Eagle Age. That little faith... and you will be tested and the devil will throw a curve at you because he'll try to work on your nerves.

And you'll say, "Now, hold it Mr. Devil. Your plan has been exposed, and you have been exposed. We have caught you in your lie because you said, 'That we had to do something about this,' and I don't have to do a thing."

Now I say, "If you want to go out and get drunk, I'll give you the money because you might as well know who you are right now instead of waiting down the road." You're going to get caught with your feet flat anyway. So am I, if I'm pulling a bluff, you're pulling a bluff, you know. It's going to be manifested.

36. This is manifesting time. Let's face it. I'm talking about the personal trying of faith, which faith we have tested day by day. And I've had preachers come right along, "Oh, bless God, Bro. Vayle, we're so glad for His Presence." And then, soon as the pressure was down, when the fight was engaged and unfortunately name calling came about, which does and will: "Oh, that can't be God."

So, God stands back and says, "Mr. Devil, I hate to insult you; pardon me if I do, because you really are a very wonderful fellow. But did you know that you, well I hate to mention it, because maybe you never caught it, but did you know that... Well, naughty, naughty, that thing with Eve in the garden. We just don't talk about those things. Do we Mr. Satan? Sorry I mentioned it."

How nice can you get? Brother/sister, don't count me in on that. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand up and fight. It doesn't mean they did dirty tactics and engaged in vituperations and all those things, but listen; a lie is a lie is a lie.

37. Now, at the time of the revelation of Jesus Christ, which is now, all the testing you went through to get to this place of relaxation, of exuberance, of the epochal season, the stratagem of God, the supreme General—Commander in Chief Himself here to take over and has taken over...wherein now you know that He that has begun the good work is going to perform it, that the separation has gone on, is going on, and maybe is entirely finished. We don't know, but you're already signed, sealed for delivery. You can rejoice with joy unspeakable, and you can know that, even very shortly, what you've been through you'll never be through again. You'll never be through again. It's all but over.

. Now, listen; at the time of the revelation of Jesus, that was future, because it didn't take place then, but it's taking place now because that man there with the Pillar of Fire opened the Book of Revelation, opened the Seals, and opened the Thunders. Or did he? That's the question. Now if he didn't do it, well, he certainly had a wonderful way of making us think he did.

38. Now, listen.

(8) ...whom not having seen, (Well, do you see him? No. The prophet saw Him.) you love because of His preciousness, in whom now not seeing yet believing...

Do you believe in that picture? Now, I don't pray to it. I don't believe it would be good; but that being an authentic picture, you've got to be awful careful about it because it's not just a picture. It's more than a picture. See, that pre-dates every single thing that the world's ever known. So, I should be careful myself. I don't mean to be rude concerning it, but look; that's not just something as though it's an event. The epochal season is the event, and that's the reason there's an epochal season. That's the difference. It wasn't Elijah, or William Branham or Elijah in the Pillar of Fire. Elohim came down!

- (8) ...In whom now not seeing yet believing. (He said, “You never saw Him.” And in my understanding at this point, we still don’t see Him. The prophet saw Him.) yet believing you ought to be rejoicing with an inexpressible and glorified joy...
- (9) Upon the occasion of your receiving the promised consummation of your faith which is the salvation of your souls.

I thought your souls were already saved. Evidently he’s not talking about that. He’s not talking about that token—your baptism of the Holy Ghost. He’s talking about that Token, the Holy Ghost Himself come down and sealed us all in. Now this is the basis for the Rapture. Rejoicing in this great experience, this event, this hour, this season, the spiritual food in the due season, everything that is in this hour to get us over on the other side.

39. Now, let’s look what Paul has to say in 2 Tim 4:6-8.

- (6) For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- (7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:
- (8) Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (His epiphaneia, His shining. And, remember; He comes as a light, and Bro. Branham said, “*He went back to a light.*” And that’s what’s here.)

In the day of this Light, look at the expectancy. Look at 1 Jn 2:28.

- (28) And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, you may (be confident) and not be ashamed before him at his (presence).

How can you not be ashamed knowing He’s here? Because you’re not suppose to be. Something has happened. Something has happened so you can stand. Something has happened so you can be exuberant. Ever see these people, they go crazy when the pitcher or somebody, you know, he has a close out on the team there, he’s won the game by a close out, or somebody knocks the ball over the park wall, and they put them on their shoulders, scream, and jump up and down. I think we ought to get in the spirit of the same thing today with Jesus like I’ve been trying to teach you. Something wrong, brother/sister.

40. I’m going to tell you something, the world is doing what we should be doing, but they’re doing it with their mini-skirts and their chopped off hair and their filth—their prostitute churches with their pimp preachers, their ungodly slander of the Word of Almighty God. They’ve got a filth out there like the prostitute, nothing but a bunch... “*But it’s nothing but a filth,*” is what he said. He couldn’t say, “A bunch of filth.” He just branded the whole thing—filth! Even his language was superb.

But they said, “Oh, that guy couldn’t talk English.”

Well, thank God he couldn’t. He talked a Heavenly language. And then he told us what junk was down here in the light of the Heavenly language—and oh, they got insulted.

41. 1 John 3:2.

- (2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, (it hath not yet come into manifestation) what we will be: but we know that, when he (manifests himself), we're (going to) be like him; we'll see him as he is.

Well, if that's not cause for a great rejoicing, what is? Bro. Branham told us, he said, "*It's cause for great rejoicing.*" The very words of the Bible that's brought out here in the expanded translation. Absolutely. [1 Peter 1 - Wuest]

- (10) Concerning which salvation prophets conducted an exhaustive inquiry and search.

Now, this salvation we're speaking of which is the consummation in the epochal season we're going over... Well, listen; when you're changed in your body, what are you going to get saved from? I told you one glorified person can go through a mountain of lead 50 miles wide and defuse every hydrogen bomb, drive everybody crazy.

42. (10) Concerning which salvation, prophets conducted an exhaustive inquiry and search concerning this (hour, this epochal season.)

Listen, they couldn't know it, or Satan would know it. Didn't even know what they were saying. Right! They didn't know what they were saying. Peter tells us that. Paul tells us that. Here John was a prophet in the Book of Revelation, and he stood there waiting at the end, and God said:

"Close the book. Shut the door."

"Just going to take a good look and find out."

He said, "Nobody's finding out, until I tell him." How do you like that? You think that God can't do what He wants? Come on! I don't want to bring this down to a cartoon, but I want to get this thing across.

- (10) ...Those who prophesied concerning the particular grace destined for you.

A particular grace destined for us at the end time that no other group ever had. What is grace? An unmerited favor. Laodiceans of Revelation 3, wretched, miserable, naked, blind. They really make you know what this bunch of hypocrites are, at the end time, like.

43. Let's go to the Scripture. [Revelation 3]

- (17) Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and don't know that you're wretched, miserable, blind, naked, (scurvy, scummy, squalid, and haven't got any more sense than to blow about it.)

Yes. It's like the filthy men that are writing books on their philanderings and these filthy, woman that are writing the same rotten books, for everything is glorified because it's wretchedly, filthy, and putrid, and abominable, and people haven't got enough brains to shut the book. Mr. Kennedy, wanting two women in bed with him at one time; his life, one constant jumping in bed with women or them jumping in bed with him. President of the United States? That's all we've got. Minister in this message seducing women. Out in Tucson they're so anxious to get married, young kids, I said, "You people make me sick. I suppose if the Rapture took place you'd be trying to grab a virgin on the way up." That's cutting them down where they want it. I'm not against sex and marriage, but filth is filth; rot is rot.

There's a special grace given to this people. And I'm going to tell you, it's a special grace to know that you know that your sins are under the Blood, and you're as righteous as God. You're the spotless, sinless Bride in this kind of junk that's out here. There's a special grace extended that God can look down when His Own Word says, "I just lump the whole thing together and blast it—because I'm going to send Elijah."

"What are you prophet?"

"I'm a prophet of grace, hallelujah. Oh yes," he said, "the great doctrine of sovereignty." And they say, "No way." And they didn't spit on the prophet; they spit on Him. Yes! I read it to you.

44. [1 Peter 1 - Wuest]

- (1) Peter, an ambassador for Christ to those who have been settled down along side the pagan population, (sowing a) seed through Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia...
- (2) chosen-out ones, this choice having been determined by the fore-ordination of God the Father, those chosen out to be recipients... (The recipient didn't do the choosing; the recipient was the chosen one.)

"Oh," says somebody, "Bro. Vayle, you like to give gifts. Give me a gift."

I said, "No, I'm going to give my gift to whom I want."

Well, that's what the Bible teaches. "I will have compassion on whom I will compassionate, have mercy on whom I will have mercy." And those," He said, "I don't have it; I don't have it for them."

You say, "I don't like that kind of a God."

Then reject Him. "Oh, that Bro. Branham, what a wretch."

And the Word comes back, "He that refuses you has refused me." And the world refusing this Bride has cut the final artery that would have given her some life because the Blood is in the Bride, because the Bride is the Blood of God, because that's where the life is. Sure.

45. (10) ...(this) particular grace...

- (11) ...searching as to what season or character of season the Spirit of Christ who was in them was making plain when He was testifying beforehand concerning the sufferings of Christ and the (glory) which (had) come after these sufferings,
- (12) To whom it was revealed that not for themselves were they ministering these things which thou had been reported you through those who have announced the glad tidings to you by the Holy Spirit sent down on a commission from Heaven, which things angels have a passionate desire to stoop way down and look into.

Now, listen; that makes people say, "Well, just a minute. You've got that out of character Bro. Vayle because what they were trying to look into was that the prophets were looking into the First Coming."

That's not true. They understood that First Coming, and they were trying to place it as to what was coming out of it way down at the end, and they couldn't. It was hid from them, until now. They couldn't put it together, and the devil couldn't put it together. Nobody could.

'This particular season.' Notice how the prophetic words of the cross caused men to probe where such blood redemption might be consummated. And it stops here with us. Back there it was probed; here it's manifested. That's right. We're the people that are going to get it.

46. Now he said:

(11) The particular grace...as to what season or character of season...

What was the character of the season? Epochal and strategic. A season where God was going to come down and do it. The Alpha and Omega principle. All through each age has ear marks, as in the Seventh Church Age. Seven Church Ages have ear marks but especially from Luther, when the church began coming back. And it's always been confused as what that Rapture is going to be. How are we going to get out of here? How are we going to be taken? The last season of redemption.

47. Now, listen. It says:

(12) (The good) tidings were announced...by the Holy Spirit...sent down on a commission from heaven.

Now, do you understand what he's saying here? He's saying what the prophet said, what Paul said: "The Holy Spirit baptism runs out." The commission runs out. Something has got to happen when the last person's in. Now, that's the epochal season. We're into it. Nobody knows when the last one's born again, but since He's here, it is this hour the last one has got to be born again, and the final separation is all over. "I'll take this." What's he doing? By the Word: "This one believes the Word, that believes the Word, this one doesn't believe the Word, the next one doesn't believe the Word." But He said, "Come on out, come on.." Depart! The fan is in His hand, and the separation is by the Word.

And you know what happened when the wind of the Word blows across them, like that whirlwind that ripped the stones out? It was a picture of ripping out the lively stones, each one of us in the image of Christ: a miniature headstone. What did it do? The fan in the hand. The wheat was heavy and beautiful, and it fell right down there in the beautiful garner. The rest were blown away.

What's the blowing away signify? The Great Tribulation, coming into condemnation. Come on, let's go ahead and find what that's all about.

48. Let's go to Psalm 1. Bro. Branham told us Psalm 1 was our Psalm. It's the Psalm of the Rapture, the Psalm of the end time.

- (1) Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- (2) But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (That's over there in Mal 3:16.)
- (3) He'll be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- (4) The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

- (5) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

They've got nothing to stand with. The wheat goes 'plunk'—stands right there. You can't drive the wheat away. They stand right there: "Let the judgment come, hallelujah." The righteous blood of Jesus Christ: she's perfect; she's exultant; she's exuberant.

- (5) ...nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. (They're separated.)
- (6) For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Exactly. We're in that hour right now. We are the planting of the Lord.

49. Now, notice. Notice how It says here: "Angels love to stoop down and look into it." And from the very first mention of redemption, they're stooping and looking, "Let me at it; let me at it. I've got to see it; I've got to see it; I've got to see it." But the end time, they're turned loose and they come down. Yes, seven angels came down. Angelic forms, Holy Spirit embodiments, come right down, swept into that room, day after day, and they look into it. Oh, Hallelujah. Listen, Heaven is on fire! Bless God, every soul ought to be on fire. I tell you, I hope to God I get on fire. There's no middle road. We're either a constant flame before God or snuffed out in the Lake of Fire.

50. [2 Thessalonians 1]

- (4) So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:
- (5) *Which* is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, (Peter says the same thing about judgment.) that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:
- (6) Seeing *it* is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
- (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, (Relax. When?) when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty (messengers),
- (8) In flaming fire...

Yes, they become a part of it. How? By bearing us the good news. Didn't they do when Jesus was born? Angels. They couldn't partake, but they stood there and said, "Hallelujah, this is that one." Those same mighty angels, same kind, came down. Seven solid days; Seven Seals. It was too late—God had come down to take over, and that's why Satan's roaring. His days are numbered; his bluff has been called; his plan has been exposed; and here stands the Mighty One. And they say, "What's He doing? Well, who needs Him. So what."

Now if I'm right, I've got a right to scream and jump up and down and act strange. And if I'm wrong, let me burn. I'll have one satisfaction: at least I stood with the prophet and said He was here, and tried to give Him some pre-eminence in a poor way.

They couldn't come down before, but they can now. They're literally involved in it. Not that they get a part of it, but they came with Him to bring it to pass.

51. Listen, [1 Peter 1 - Wuest]

- (13) Wherefore, having put out of the way once for all everything that would impede the free action of your mind...

And what impedes your mind? Your stupid, rotten creeds and dogmas that you were brought up on. As Trinitarians and Oneness and God knows what. Church of Christ, Mennonites, they invented God you know the Mennonites—little black hats. I wish a little black hat meant God; I'd wear two of them. Then they've got the nerve to look at Pentecostals for talking in tongues. Let me tell you, tongues is more God than a black hat. Then try to say a woman's covering is her hat. How would you men like to have a bald headed woman to sleep with? I'm not being vulgar. It's the truth. The wife of your bosom. You didn't marry her just to cook your meals; you love her. If the wife gets bald headed buy her a wig, because she's supposed to have hair, and if she wants to wear a hat, fine, that doesn't have a thing to do with the Scripture. People try to invent God.

52. (13) ...Once and for all (Total separation from unbelief. Once and for all what He said is right. And don't be afraid of it. It isn't going to hurt you. God's not out here to destroy you. He's here to make you alive.)

- (13) Wherefore, having put out of the way once for all everything that would impede the free action of your mind, (Your mind is to become free. Yeah. For the first time to think right. To get back before the devil trampled Eve's mind down. Yeah.) ...be calm and collected in spirit.

I guess I just flunked that test by people's standards. But don't let them kid you. The reason I can preach this hard is because I do have that free action of the mind.

- (13) ...and set your hope perfectly, wholly, unchangeably, without doubt and despondency, upon the grace...

Well, that did it. "You mean that this is mine, like the free lunch. And there's no such thing as a free lunch because somebody has got to pay for it." That's right. This is the free lunch that Jesus paid for—by His Blood. This is what God did. This grace. What grace? The grace that angels wanted to look into and couldn't. The grace that the prophets wondered about. "How can God take a people like us and cure us, then raise us?"

53. Old John R. Rice was right in his thought, but he was sure wrong in how he said it. He said, "If the Rapture took place and a born again child of God was in the arms of a harlot,"—yes—"he'd be caught up in a Rapture."

John R. Rice was exactly right in his thinking in this regard: it's all of grace, but a glorified man is not engaged in sex. No, there's no sex in the regeneration. But let me tell you John R. said the truth. He put it down to where man is and said, "Listen you men and you women; let's get this: nobody but nobody going to make it outside of God making it for you."

There is a special grace at the end time. Now, look at the grace that He sent us a prophet (Malachi 4). Look at the grace that He came down and met him down on the river. Look at the grace that He showed us and proved His Presence and proved that He's alive and proved that He's our God. Now we weren't asking for it. And, if we had been aware that something could happen, would we have asked for it? dared to ask for it? And the answer is, "Well, not really." We might have said, "Now, Lord, look..."

54. I remember when I asked God for a certain thing when at first I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. I knew that there was something available. And I remember coming to the Lord, and I said, "Now Lord, look; it's okay by me if You don't, but I sure would like it if You would."

And I meant it. And He said, "You can." And it was. That's exactly why I can prophesy at certain times and know things are going to happen. It's real. I believe it's something that is from God. I have no doubt of that, but it's not a part of my ministry. My ministry is this; so, I stay with it. But if I were to have, (and I do have at times that peculiar thing that never fails)... When it comes it never fails, so it's got to be of God, of course. It's something that I said, "Now Lord, if it's possible, could it be." But you see, it's in the Word, I could have it.

But which of us would have come and said, "Now, Lord, we got this all figured out." You couldn't. because that was the strategic plan of the epochal season. And it was as a thief in the night, and nobody knew, not even the prophet. He didn't know until he heard himself say it. And then... He said, "*He said it.*"

And his wife said, "You said it."

I said, "Meda, you were down there at the river. Did you see that circle of light?"

She said, "No, Lee, I didn't see it because I was always taught to obey Bill, and when he said, "*Close your eyes now and bow your heads,*" I did it. But I heard the voice." And she said, "You know what He said?"

I said, "Yes, I know what He said."

She said, "You know when Bill came out of the water," I said, "Bill, you know what? That was your voice I heard." And he said... "He just grinned and walked on."

And I said, "That's exactly right Meda because the Bible says He descends, but He doesn't use His voice. It's somebody else's." That is the Greek in 1 Thessalonians.

55. Brother Branham heard himself say, "*As John the Baptist foreran the first coming of Christ, so your message foreruns the second.*" When you hear yourself talk and God made you, it is indeed marvelous. That lets you know that your mind is plumb gone. It's just like Bro. Branham said, "*Lee, all my thoughts are of God.*" And I thought, "Oh my, my, my, my, my, my, my. All you've got to do is to believe what He said, and all your thoughts are of God, too."

(13) ...The grace...brought...upon the occasion of the revelation of Jesus Christ; (That's what was opened to us.)

(14) As obedient children not assuming an outward expression which does not come from your inner being.

Now, here we go. Now he said, "In this hour, don't pretend you're a part of it, if you're not." See, here is why I draw a line between character and hypocrisy. And here's where I'm always getting into hot water because they say, "Lee doesn't believe in character."

I do believe in character. How ridiculous can people get? Certainly I believe in character. What do we admire most? Is to see godly people. So, listen. Now, watch this.

"At the time of this epochal season, the time of the stratagem of God, the revelation of Jesus Christ, obedient children" Now, do you hear the word 'obedient'?

56. Now, look at Lk 1:17.

(17) And he (John) shall go before (the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and power of Elijah, (shall) turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (even) the disobedient to the wisdom of the just

What is obedience? Believing the Word, as obedient children. Now, what of the disobedient? They don't believe the Word.

- (14) ...not assuming an outward expression which does not come from your inner being and is not representative of it, (Now, listen.) an expression patterned after the expression which you formerly had in the ignorance of your passionate desires,
- (15) But (of) the pattern of One who called you, the Holy One, you yourself also become holy persons in every kind of behavior,
- (16) Because it has been written...on record, be holy individuals, because, as for myself, I am holy.

Now, what does It tell you? It says people are going to come right in this hour and say, "I believe the prophet." And they're going to have a character. Oh, yeah. They'll have character, they'll have fruit, they'll have gifts, they'll have obedience, they'll have this, they'll have that, but it's not from the inner being. It's a fake thing. It is not what I told you over here in the Book of Ephesians.

57. Now, let's go back and look at It again so you understand what we're talking about. Don't miss it. Ephesians 1:17.

- (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- (18) The eyes of your heart being enlightened...

You understand what we're talking about. This is different. It hasn't happened before. Do you follow me? Listen; please settle down. Settle down everybody, and wake up and listen. **Pentecost is dead**, chaff, dead! Then what's coming out of it? Not God. Not a character from God. This alone is real. If I read my Bible right, this alone is real. Then I don't care what any man shows. He can die for his brother's, get boiled in oil. He can raise the dead on mass. He can be the most beautiful, saintly creature ever seen, until he can all but walk in the presence of God, and he hasn't got it because it's not coming from this. Do you understand what I'm saying?

58. Listen people, get this now because this is where the criticism always comes—and misunderstandings. "Lee doesn't believe in character."

No, I don't believe in that kind of character. Why, I don't believe in it... Have it for yourself you Pentecostals that are dead. You talk about a prophet. All you do is ride on his coat tails. Anybody with a program looks good to you. You're the Winston Churchills of religion. "Give us the tools, and we'll do the job. We'll lick Germany and the Russians, everybody. Give us the money."

Peter said, "Your money perish with you." The Word is; "To perdition with you and your money." That's a polite word for 'hell', 'the Lake of Fire'.

59. Now I'm not reading you something here, putting something here to my knowledge. I'm telling you exactly what I understand this Word to be here at this time of the revelation. There will be a holiness; there will be a character; there'll be fruit; there'll be obedience; there'll be manifestation if God's on the scene and moving, although we don't believe in and see too much of that—but we can.

If you want to, go for it, you can go for it. Believe me, Bro. Branham said, "*Lee, I haven't lost one of my gifts.*" Where's that picture? It was out here somewhere on the wall of the church. Bro. Arganbright took it [the photo]. "*All those flames,*" he said, "*that's all nine gifts. I haven't lost one.*"

He said, *"I could use any one right now, but I've got to be told by God."* And if you go in the room and God doesn't tell you, what do you do? Manufacture?

60. (14) ...not assuming an outward expression which does not come from your inner being...

If you have the exuberance over that, my brother/sister, which we are recipients of, we are the donee's, then that character, whatever is in here, will answer to it. It will answer to that Word, or it'll keep quiet. And we'll not be basing anything on our former ignorance. When we didn't know this. We won't be back there in the lifeless things because the mule can produce even more than a horse ever did. But he doesn't know his mammy, and pappy.

61. Adam knew this. God said to Adam, "You're going to leave Father and Mother for this woman here." And he said, "Yes, Father and Mother."

Who's your father and mother?

You say, "Well, these are carriers."

Look, brothers; I've told you, I don't identify anymore.

People say, "I want to identify with Jesus."

Not me. He's a son; I'm a son. His sonship doesn't take care of my sonship. It brought my sonship back; that's what it took care of. I can identify there, but He's a son, I'm a son, and the Bible said, "He's not ashamed to call us brethren."

Why? Because we are of God. We're of one source, one species. What you're doing is identifying yourself for the first time, Mr. Horse. Not a donkey out there from somewhere. Well, the prophet said it; I didn't. I'm just copying the prophet.

62. (14) "Ignorance of your passion and desires..." Woman with character going preaching. Bro. Branham said, *"I don't doubt, (he said,) God told Amy McPherson to preach, because, (he said,) He knew she was going to preach anyway."* She had a passion and desire. Woman preachers—you can't shut them up. I had one woman tell me, when I said, "Sister, women are not called to preach."

"Oh, Bro. Vayle, I'd just as soon doubt my salvation than doubt my call."

And I could have said, "Yes, honey, you don't have a call and no salvation either." But I was very nice, which you didn't believe I could be. I said, "Honey, I understand what you mean, but the Bible still says, 'Women cannot preach because it means taking authority.' No way, and don't tell me you don't teach because, if you don't use this Bible, that's the only way you couldn't teach, but the minute you use one verse, you're teaching."

Those doleful, lovely, sweet eyes. And then her husband gave me the coup-de-grace, whatever it is. Is that what the word is? And he let me know that he always had a bad time, like I have a bad time. I'm not going to tell you what—you know what it is. And he said, "You know brother, I want to say, I always was edgy, and this and that, but" he said, "one day when the blood and oil came on my hands..." A token from hell. Come on, get it!

You say, "Bro. Vayle you're blaspheming."

I'm not blaspheming. The prophet said where it came from—sure did.

So then, he became sweet and nice and kind.

Don't look at those things. Look at what's here. There's no blood and oil in the Bible, brother/sister. There's none of those things in the Word of God.

63. (14) ...Ignorance (in their) passionate desires,

(15) But after the pattern of One who called you the holy One, you yourself also become holy persons in every kind of behavior.

You're coming up to that stature now that Bro. Branham said, "*Listen, here's what God said you could have. Faith, virtue, temperance, knowledge, patience, keep moving.*"

"Oh, I love those gifts; I love this here; I love that there."

Hold it, hold it! You yourself are moving with Him in the quietude of your own soul, spiralling up here. Not that you're going to be some great person standing there, so they admire you but you have that character that came from that light, my brother/sister.

And he said, "*It's birthed in to you.*" When you're born again, it begins to come. It's there. Don't ever doubt it's there, because it is there.

64. I told you I'd quit preaching years ago. I couldn't stand up to the test. I knew God healed, but I couldn't believe Him. I quit preaching. I couldn't seem to believe for anything. The day came when I knew I had to come back, and that's the man who did it. So, Bro. Branham, just take all the blame. You're the one. I saw you in 1947. I cried for two hours. I knew it was all over. I dusted off my Bible, put it back to get some more dust; bought a black suit. Every preachers got to have a black suit. Got to look like a crow you know—a few stripes. So, I hung it up in the closet, but I did not wear it. A couple of years went by, I was wearing it. Yeah. I went back this time, the sick were healed. I'd just as soon die than not trust Him. I trusted Him, not like I should, I know, but He honored what little I had. That's where we're talking about, brother/sister. Not you being some big shot, looking to be admired.

65. Like Peter said, "Women," he said, "you're dressing yourself to attract the world. Now, he said, "It's nice to be attractive, but not to attract the world." And that's the church, and the church is full of church members. It wants to look good, but it's not because of the Light that shone in this hour, and the stature of a perfect man.

"*A living, moving idol,*" as William Branham said. He said, "*That's the basis of the whole thing going in the Rapture.*"

I'm not going to be able to finish.

Let's rise.

But you can see what 1 Peter is all about. He's laying the thing, "How are you going to get out of here?" Now we're telling what's going to get out of here.

Let's pray.

Heavenly Father, we love You this afternoon. We appreciate Your kindness, Your goodness, Your mercy, all these things, O God, have devolved upon us of Your love and grace. And, Lord, as we think of these things that You bring to our attention, we know that... O, how marvelous, marvelous, it was to have a prophet come and lay them out before us, and now we see them ourselves, and we know, Lord,

that the beautiful plumb line is here; that great, wonderful, judgment is here in Christ our Saviour, and it's all of grace. It's marvelous.

And we don't pretend to truly understand anything, Lord. We just know that something is moving around. We're getting a little lick every now and then, as it were, of the revelation of the Pillar of Fire moving amongst us. Somehow, Lord, a little bit is dropping off here and there, and we're so happy for it. We're just so glad, Lord, that these things are crystallizing, or, whatever it is in our lives, in our minds, in our hearts, about these wonderful things of God.

Father, we long to be more like what You told us to be. We long to be that stature, to come right up to all these things, Lord. And, as the prophet said, "*The strongest point in any chain is its weakest link.*" And that's exactly true because we know, Lord, that it means that's the place where Satan will keep hitting us. But one day, Lord, it isn't going to work for him. It isn't going to work because we're going to get out of here. We know that we're going to be in that stature. We're going to be in that image. There's nothing Satan can do about it even. There's nothing he can do about it. He's been exposed.

And we thank You, Lord, that we're marching now. We're the ones in full battle array. The commander in chief... You are our Commander in Chief. Hallelujah! The prophet has been gathered to his own. The last prophet, the great Gentile prophet, the last father has been taken away, and all things do not continue since he's gone. No way, shape and form. But, Lord, we're getting closer and closer, and it's more wonderful. And I know, Lord, that there isn't going to be one Bride that isn't going to stand any full test, what devolves upon her. There's not going to be one Bride that's not going to make it. There's every one going to be standing here because it has been predestinated, and we're glad that You're going to do it—this grace in this season, this epochal season of the great stratagem of God. It's wonderful to know that we're here, we're into it, and we're moving to the very end.

Bless everyone, Lord. Let the exuberance of victory and overcoming that Peter spoke of, that Paul spoke of, let it, Father God... Well, I know You let it, Lord, but if we're not too good at letting You do it, I pray that as of this minute that's all gone—it's all gone. Because as we said last night, "We want to get out of the way," and that's good. Now we want to do the same thing today so that You have full course in our lives and You'd be glorified. And we can't praise You enough, Lord.

I know we're human. I know we've still got minds that are a little bit foggy and dull, but I know, Lord, that no matter what happens, we come right back and say, "It's true." And we know that it's just cutting deeper and deeper until the image is going to be there and that wonderful image, that great stone that's in our lives right now, this precious stone that we've made our headstone... I know we don't do too good by Him, but we made it, and He's beginning to break away everything from our feet, and from around about us, and in us, until that real image is going to come forth. And we thank You for it

Lord, we don't believe one person is going to miss it. We thank You for every person here. Now we pray for journeying mercies, for those that are going away from us, and what ever happens, Lord, if we never meet again, I pray, Lord, if not on this earth that we certainly meet on the other side in glory... Well, Lord, rather, we're going to meet right here on earth in a glorified form and love each other until it's all out of our souls and we're ready to just have nothing left but wonderment for the great God incarnated before us. What a day that's going to be! And we don't even know what we're talking about at this point. Just no way can we know. But, Lord, it's coming and coming, and I believe that we're going to know—absolutely caught away with this tremendous, tremendous, exuberance.

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

Do you love Him? All right. Oh, How I Love Jesus, all right, sing it. [Congregation sings.]

Let's sing, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" "thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine now hear me while I pray, take all my doubts away. Oh, let me from this day be holy thine." Remember, it was the bleeding Lamb opened the Seals, and I tell you frankly, I'm still impressed with the bleeding Lamb. There's no preacher will ever take away from me the Blood and the exaltation thereof. I cannot conceive of anything but the bleeding Lamb, my brother/sister. When God incarnates Himself, those wounds are going to be there. Yes sir! I love the Blood today because, "Oh, precious is the flow that washed me white as snow. No other fount I know; nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

We stand here in this marvelous grace of God, sinners walking into the very Tree of Life and eating. Listen: that's never been. Angels wanted to look into it, and they finally brought it to us, and they still can't have it. Oh, listen brother. Isn't that wonderful to know? Yeah, marvelous. Angels brought this glorious thing down here, all they could do was present it to the Bride. Right? They can't cut the cake. Oh no. We're already eating. We're already at a sort of Wedding Supper, a miniature sort of thing. All right.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee." [Congregation sings.] All right.

"Take the Name of Jesus with You." The Lord love you.