

# Rapture #22

*End-Time Seduction*

*The Word Test*

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Let's pray, shall we? Heavenly Father we're very grateful that we've been allowed to gather in this place, that's set aside for worship of You and we would not want it any other way but we would want our worship to be strictly of You in accordance with Your Word so that we might not be remiss in anything whatsoever.

We ask You, Lord, to be with us, therefore, in the study of Your Word, and those things that might be said, might they be said according to truth and a proper Spirit given, and in the proper Spirit understood, which we know would have to be the Spirit of God. And therefore, Lord, we are very happy to find ourselves literally backed into a corner so that the speaking and hearing must be of You, and then it's going to be right, and You'll get glory; your people will get great good. That's why we're here: for corrections, for Your help, and we cannot praise You enough for it all. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. I was going to go into the Rapture from the viewpoint of what I had already told Bro. Evans the subject would be, "The Rapture, a Strange Doctrine #2," but we just might change that. And I'm just going to talk as I feel led to say things one way or the other. I suppose by now, you know to be 'the other'. All right.

2. We're going to read from "The Rapture", and Bro. Branham had a vision out there in California, and when he spoke, a prophecy came forth. He said:

[191] *Oh my! I remember just my last message in California where I thought I'd never go back again, when I predicted Los Angeles would go beneath the ocean. And THUS SAITH THE LORD, it will! She's done; she's washed; she's finished. What hour? I don't know when, but it will be sunk. Right after that the earthquakes begin to jerk and abound.*

[192] *You remember, many of you men standing right there, that rock that day when that Angel came down there and that Light and Fire falling from the Heaven around the rock where we were standing, rocks flinging out of the mountain, and falling across there. And she blasted three times hard; I said, "Judgment will strike the West Coast." Two days after that Alaska almost sunk.*

Now you're very familiar with this, and this actually happened in the presence of over twenty people, when Bro. Branham warned Bro. Roberson, and different ones to hide and get out of the way, and they suddenly heard this tremendous screaming wind that literally, as a whirlwind, but a mightier force, swung into the cliff above and gouged the cliff out. Thousands of three cornered particles of rock were picked up. And this, of course, is one of the signs of Elijah, of which there was the whirlwind and the earthquake, the fire and the still small voice. Now this happened. We know the phenomena that attended that man. That's why we believe him.

3. [193] *Remember, that same God that said that, said Los Angeles is doomed. And she's finished. I don't know when; I can't tell you.*

[194] *I didn't know I said that. But this brother here I believe it was... No, one of the Moselys, I believe, had me out on the street out there. I didn't know what it was till I looked back. And I looked back in the Scripture, and Jesus said, "Capernaum, Capernaum, how often,... You that's exalted yourself (rather) up into Heaven shall be brought down into hell, for if the mighty works had been done in you that'd been done in Sodom, it would've stood today." And about a hundred and fifty years from there—Sodom had already in the earth—then Capernaum is in the water today. That is true. It is there—the Dead Sea.*

[195] *And that same Spirit of God that said all these things and did all these things, It said there, "Oh city, Capernaum, who called yourself by the name of the angels, Los Angeles. Twentieth century Capernaum, or Capernium as some pronounce it. How you've exalted yourself into Heaven. (The very root and seat of Satan. See?) You've exalted yourself."*

Now he threw that in there, the seed of Satan. Now, that's in Scripture, so you better take note that something is happening in America. We've already seen we've got a legate to Rome, which signifies that she is now a nation, which is a church. So, you don't need to look for the revival of Rome any more. The wound that was caused is now healed, and America did it. So, just don't think the time is too far off. The power will soon be concentrated when this building will be cut down, we'll be cut down with it, and if that's what God wants, that's fine; and if He doesn't want it, He'll get us out of here.

4. [195] *...You've exalted yourself.*

[196] *Preachers, it's a graveyard for them. Good men go there and die like rats. What havoc.*

[197] *"You that call yourself by the name of the angels, (That's Los Angeles, Lo's Ongele's.) if the mighty works had been done in Sodom that'd been done in you, it'd stood today. But your hour is come." You watch and see. If it isn't, I'm a false prophet.*

Now he's got all the signs backing him because that whole area has got to go down the San Andreas fault.

[198] *I remember that,... for I saw the preview of the Bride. Now this is what we're after. I stood there and saw a beautiful little lady just correctly dressed and things marching this way. (Which is correctly marching in step.) There was Somebody standing by me in the vision, that I saw, and said, "The preview of the Bride." I saw her go by. They came on this side and went around.*

[199] *And I heard it coming up; the church was coming up from the other side. He thought it was the Bride, rather. There came the Asian church. Oh, you talk about filth. Here coming the European church. Oh, my! And then I heard a rock 'n roll coming; and it was Miss America, the church. And she didn't even have on any clothes. Now that's Scriptural, in a type, naked, wretched, miserable, blind and don't even know it. She had papers, like newspapers, gray, holding in front of her, dancing by rocking 'n roll— Miss America the church. That's like that hoola skirt.*

[200] *I stood there in His presence. I thought, "O God, as a minister, if that's the best we could do, oh my!" You know how you feel. Then I thought, "God hide me; if I could just get away from here. If all that we've done, and that's what we have produce, if that's all..."*

[201] *Then when those women passed by, all doing all kinds of rocks and things, and short hair and painted faces... As they passed by like that, supposed to be virgins to Christ...*

5. Now, look; you might not be aware of what's going on, but you think this is just some little thing. It isn't. There's a picture; remember when Striesand went up for some kind of an award? I don't know if you saw the picture or not? But her buttocks were completely bare before television and the people, and America liked it, and the church didn't raise up against it. And when that harlot from Sweden, Bergman, came over here, married to a dentist, and ran off with Rossellini and lived in sin with him, the Senate at that time excoriated her; but when she came back they praised her and apologized for standing with God. Just think: Our government stood for God, then apologized for doing it.

That's America. That's your government. That's what represents you. That's what stands for you. And if you can't disassociate at this time, there's something wrong, because this nation is doomed. This nation had everything going for it, and it's still the best. So, what's the rest like? And in the face of the beneficence of God they allow every filth, but they can't even pray in school.

6. What was supposed to be a joke in Reader's Digest, evidently it was the truth. A mother comes home and sees her little nine year old girl sopping up the erotic soap operas. So she thought she better talk to her daughter—and I think you read it. It's supposed to be a joke. And she said, "Now honey, look," she said, "They just don't hop into bed the first time they meet each other."

She said, "Oh, I know mommy; they take a drink first."

America, Europe, Asia. And women talk about their lib and think that men are more understanding. They sold themselves into the hands of men, filthy men, until there's no recourse except filthy homosexuality, and that's rampant until God knows what. The church did all this, and the church is typed.

7. [201] *And then when them woman passed by, all doing all kinds of rocks and things, and short hair, and painted faces. And as they passed by like that, supposed to be virgins to Christ...she passed by like that...I turned my head, you know...Just holding that in front of me; it was disgraceful, the back of them. No clothes at all. And there they were going like that.*

[202] *And I turned my head to weeping like that. I said...I couldn't stand it there, Him standing there, me know that I'm a minister of the church and that's what I'd produced for Him. And I said, "Oh, God, I can't look at it. Let me die. Let me fade away."*

[203] *And as soon as it (that bunch) went out—every time one of them would come, they'd go out to a certain place and drop off, That's going down. And I'd, just the sound of it as it went away. And then I heard something like a "Onward Christian Soldiers". And I looked, and here come that sainted bunch of little girls just exactly the way they were, all dressed correctly, their hair hanging way down their backs, smooth, clean, marching like this to the step of the Gospel. She was the Word. And it looked like there was one out of every nation. I was looking at that Bride as it passed by, and I saw them pass by. Instead of going down, they started to go up. And I noticed one of them trying, two or three of them trying—getting out of line; I screamed, "Stay in line!" And the vision left me, and I was standing in this room screaming, "Stay in line!"*

[204] *I wonder, could it already be passed? Could the Bride already be called? Is that what we're going through today? She has to be molded and made into the image*

*of Christ, and Christ is the Word. That's the only thing. See, it's in there, in the Word. It's just... See, there cannot be one thing added. It can't be a woman, one hand like a man and the other hand with a paw of a dog; it's got to be exactly the Word of the Lord, like He is the Word. The Bride is a part of the Bridegroom. The woman is a part of her husband, because she's taken out of the husband. Eve was a part of Adam from his side. And so is the Bride, not taken from a denomination, but taken from the bosom of the Word of God for this day.*

[205] *The rapture:*

*The trumpet of the Lord shall sound;  
The dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When the chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the sky,  
When the roll is called up yonder...*

*(Let's all try to be there, friends.)*

[206] *God bless you. It's been spoken; it has to come to pass. It will come to pass! And little people, no one wants to die; no one wants to be lost. Let me tell you, whatever you do, I don't care how well you go to church and how loyal you are to church...That's fine; nothing against that; you should go to church. You do that; keep on going to church, but whatever it is, throw away your traditions and move right on up into Christ; because it's going to sound one of these days, and you're going to be caught with the mark of the beast on you and not know what it is until it's too late. That's exactly right!*

Now, the reason I read that, as a parody to some remarks, is that I believe that there is still amongst us, and in our conscience thinking, in our acceptance of what really obtains. There is a willful act, if not a rejection, of what must go on in this hour, which has been going on for two thousand years and better and is coming to the place of a harvest.

8. Now you'll notice at the time of Moses, God said, "Now Moses, I'm going to send you down there to Egypt, and I'm going to deliver the children of Israel out of the hand of the Egyptians because they have sighed and cried long enough." Now you remember; there was an angel sent forth in the time of Ezekiel, and a mark was placed upon the forehead of all those who were sighing and crying over sin. They were tired of it. They wanted to get away from it even to the extent, if they had to be destroyed, then that's it, but enough is enough.

Now, back in the time of Moses, referring back there, God said to Moses, "I cannot bring Israel out and deliver her into the Promised Land until the cup of the iniquity of the Amorites is full." Now, there were two things you see that were going on. The Amorites were bent and galloping full blast into inordinate sins, and pleasures of life, to the extent that they were coming to the place where they had to be a cut off, because there was no place else to go.

9. Now, sexual sin has always been the earmark. Look, I hate to harp on this, but what am I going to do? I can't begin to compare these things to a roller coaster or something out here. I've got to go where the Bible goes, because it came from the fact of the inordinate sin of sex in the Garden of Eden. Eve was absolutely untrue to her husband. History abounds with it. It seems to be veiled in a certain mystery, but we know that is true.

Now, with the Amorites were the Canaanites, and the Canaanites were homosexual. Now the cup of iniquity was filling up, through sexual sins. And sexual sin is the type of idolatry where people are not worshipping God. They're worshipping a false god. They are not in the truth. And you saw it in the

garden, just shortly after the Garden of Eden, that God cannot accept what was a legitimate sacrifice, had it been properly placed when Cain offered to God a first fruit offering: the first fruits of the land, or the offer of the fruit of the lamb. Now the Scripture says that “Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.” All right. God could not accept it. There was no way that He could. And this was the first step toward idolatry.

10. Now the Bible is constantly a struggle of God and the people wherein God Himself has illuminated the mind of man, especially through prophets, whereby men can worship God acceptably in spirit and in truth. But men won’t do that. And one Word away is Satan’s kingdom, which is idolatry.

Now, as we say, ‘sexual sins’—‘illicit sexual sin’... And remember, sexual intercourse illicitly is the right act in a wrong manner, without the right guidelines. Therefore, we find in the Scripture the same thing. The worship of God which is not within the guidelines is not accepted of Almighty God, and it is called idolatry, wherein the sexual sin of the universe is the one wherein it is typed. Now the grossness of sexual sin demonstrates the grossness of a wrong worship toward God. I don’t care what anybody says; that’s all there is to it. Now there’s no theologian that doesn’t admit that.

11. So, I’m not standing here today saying simply, “Well, I believe what Bro. Branham says,” which I do believe what Bro. Branham says. But, remember; Bro. Branham did not believe opposite to everything the teachers taught. His ministry was to correct those things which had not been brought to Light, or which were in doubt, and he was able to do it because he was a prophet who could literally speak face-to-face with God, in the accepted manner, which was through a Pillar of Fire. Now, that’s absolutely Bible, and there’s no one can contradict it successfully.

Now people can say, “Well, I don’t believe that happens today.”

That’s besides the point. Is that the way God did it? Then, if the answers is yes, if God chooses to do it, He’s got to do it again, and who’s to say, “God can’t do what He wants.” I’m getting sick and tired of people telling me God can’t do what He wants. Why do you have to be born again, when John the Baptist got the Holy Ghost before he was even born? God can do what He wants, and He’s done it. And people don’t want to listen to it.

Now the gross sins, and the gross sin that’s in the church in the world today, lets us know that we have come to the end of the trail, because Sodomy not only abounds, but incest abounds.

12. Now, my brother/sister, the question is this. Now, and let us understand: there are two primary sex organs. We understand that, and there are those others which are also erotic which point to the primary. Now, when you have exhausted both, where do you go? Now, don’t deceive yourselves; sodomy, homosexuality, every filth has come to the place when there’s no place else to go. The Bible said, “Men with men working that which is unseemly, woman with woman.” Now, where do you go? You say, “Animals.” That’s been done for years. I’m trying to show you something: you’re at the end of the trail. You’re at the end of the trail. That’s all. People don’t believe the Bible. Let’s take a look here. Matthew 13 is a chapter on parables.

- (2) And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, (A great multitude followed him.)
- (3) And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; (And the first thing he said, “A sower went forth to sow.” He said, “Behold, look, come and see.”)
- (4) And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

- (5) Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: (Some fell amongst stony places. They had no root, nor deepness.)
- (6) And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. (Sun scorched them; they withered away.)
- (7) And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: (Thorns sprang up, choked others.)
- (8) But other(s) fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. (But he planted some grain in good soil, and they came forth.)

13. Now, let's go to Mt 13:24. That sounds nice, but watch this one.

- (24) Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field(s):
- (25) While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Now, just a minute. Don't get an idea that this is hybridized wheat. One's wheat; one's weeds. Two different sowings entirely; two different beginnings entirely. Now it's got to be in the Book of Genesis, if it's in Matthew. It's here because that's when the sowing was. What came into the human race? Cain. The Bible said, "He was of that wicked one." So, that tells you who the enemy was. That tells you who the good seed were: they were in Adam. Now that doesn't mean just because they got into sin, they're going to be lost. They're going to come back, because God has a sacrifice. Let's watch.

- (26) But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- (27) So the servants of the householder came and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in (the) field? (He said, sure. Then where did this bunch of weeds come from?)
- (28) (Why he said, "An enemy did it.") The servants said, ("Well, the answer, of course, then, is to go and pull them up.")
- (29) He said, No. (As well as) you gather up the tares, you root up the wheat also.

You ever been out there pulling, especially the fibrous roots? A fellow hired me, when I was a kid. He said, "Now son, you go out there in the wheat field and pull all those weeds up."

Now he knew at that time some of the wheat would be sacrificed. But he said, "Be careful." I went out there and some of the wheat was sacrificed. It shouldn't have been. God doesn't sacrifice wheat. He won't lose one. These tares have got to go.

14. Now, watch.

- (30) Let (them) both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: (and) gather the wheat into my barn.

Now he tells you categorically, they're going to grow together right until the harvest, and one is going to bring forth a multiplicity of an original planting, which will be of God Himself, children of God who will come forth, joint heirs with Jesus Christ in the physical image of the Lord Jesus Christ that is now glorified through resurrection.

What is going to be with the tares? They're going to come forth in bodies which are fit for destruction in the Lake of Fire. They are going to be in the literal image of Cain, (Now, listen.) who stood before God and defied Him. Now, that tells me, at the end time there's going to be a people aware of the presence of God the same as Cain and Abel. And one group is going to bow to God, the other is going to spit in God's face the same as Cain did. Evil seed are defiant.

We're going to have a harvest, and I'm trying to get this across to you that things are going to get worse, and worse, and worse, and worse in the matter of sin.

15. Now, let's begin to look at some of the things in the Bible that stir me, because it is so difficult to get across to people that these things really happened. As I've said, "If I preached twenty more years, I'm afraid that there'd be some of you sitting here that I cannot get into your consciousness that Eve was not raped; she was seduced." 'Seduction' means she 'joyfully anticipated entering into an act which is forbidden'. You follow me?

Now, listen; the Scripture distinctly says in Genesis that Eve said, "I was seduced." She said, "The beast did it." Now, that did not excuse her, but there is one thing about it: it did ameliorate the circumstances.

Now, only a virgin can be seduced. If you're anything past a virgin, you're lying. I'm referring spiritual now as well as physically. So, if you're past being a virgin without legitimate marriage, you have been seduced. I don't know who seduced who, or if it's a mutual affair. I know the world doesn't want to believe that. All the great books, and all the great preachers say, "Well, it's all right if you shack up together, as long as it's meaningful."

Certainly it's meaningful! You need to have a wonderful time physically, sexually. You're a couple of idiots, if you think you can convince everybody else anything other than that.

I suppose you're reading your Bibles while you're doing it. I suppose you're writing out checks to the Salvation Army and wondering about orphans, and what you can do to help widows. Come on, we're not crazy. I hate to talk this way in one way, but it's the only way I can talk. What am I going to do at the end time, when every man is right in his own eyes, and, as for sin, people draw sin like a rope on a cart?

16. Now, listen; the Bible says at the end time, in spite of all this which is going on, the hardness, the heaping to themselves, the rewards of sin... It says here: [Ephesians 4]

(14) That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

Now listen, how does a man seduce? By pretending love; for any psychologist will tell you that a man gives love in order to get sex, and a woman will give sex in order to get love. Now we're talking spiritually as well as physically here. Now, men lie in wait to deceive. What kind of a person would come into a church and lie in wait to deceive? He stands back acting exactly like a Christian. He says the right things as far as he is able. He enters into the right things. He doesn't argue, no doubt, at least for a while. He's in there letting on that he's one of the people, and he's lying in wait to deceive.

And people look around, and they say, "Now look, that nice fellow couldn't do that. That man's too nice. Why, he's a good man, I know how he treats people."

How do you think seduction takes place?

Say, "I'm going to seduce that girl."

What are you going to do to seduce her?

"A four-by-four right between the eyes."

You've got to be kidding. That's rape. No sir, the Bible does not speak of rape, although people can rape people's minds. I'll grant you all those things. But seduction is where people use every cunning craftiness, as it said here, "They lie in wait to deceive." But It says, "Holding the truth in love." These people come in, and they will not hold the truth.

17. Now I'm not talking to everybody this morning, if anybody sitting here is doing that. I'm laying the things out that you might understand that I'm leaving my subject, which I would have spoken of, because I feel this is what I've got to talk on this morning, and I'm doing it. See. Why? I don't know, maybe I've been alerted in my soul concerning certain things, and that I've been bitten a few times. I know what it is to get bit.

Listen, I've known a woman to be seduced twice in a row and have illegitimate children, and I don't want to use the word 'illegitimate' because, if the child is not conceived of a married man and a married woman still living with their partners, that child is not illegitimate. But bringing a baby into the world that should not have been brought in under those conditions—get pregnant time after time—what is wrong with those woman? Well, I'll tell you what's wrong with the church. They haven't caught on to seduction. They just haven't caught on that there are certain things that you'll ask for in a person as to whether he's seducing you, or he means business, and he wants to love you, be a good husband, and take care of you, and in hard times stay steady.

18. How does the church know it's being seduced? One Word off. But the church doesn't look at the Word. The church looks at those nice little things. "Well, he brought me this lovely box of chocolates, and oh, he does—smells so nice with that lovely fragrance, that beautiful cologne he uses."

And the moment man can say the same thing about the woman: "She caught me with her eyelids. She fluttered her eyes so beautifully. She had bedroom eyes."

Yes. Nothing wrong with the sex act. It's where you do it, and how you do it, and under the conditions.

19. Listen; let's go back to Mt 7:15. It says here:

- (15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (Now It tells you on the outside they're perfect Christians. On the inside, they've got something else in mind.)
- (16) You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- (17) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- (18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.



- (19) Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- (20) Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.
- (21) Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, (Now, keep on reading.) shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, I never knew you. (You're just doing iniquity.)

Now Paul brought that under a church order; like today men are doing things contrary to the Word of God, though the manifestation is there. That's why Pentecost is excoriated. That's why they can talk in tongues, day and night, and be absolutely false to Almighty God and the Word of God. They can have healings. They can have huge crowds and look like they're doing a wonderful work. But, if you are off the Word of God, it just doesn't count. That's your test. The Word is the test. It says so right here.

Now telling you, It says these people here will come in and absolutely will look just like the very best. Okay?

20. Let's go over here to 2 Peter 2 at the time of the Rapture, at the time of the hour in which we now live, at this very minute of the hour we claim there was a prophet who fulfilled the office of Elijah—that Peter spoke of right here; the prophecy concerning the hour in which we live, the Rapture which we've been preaching for months. He said, "The interpretation of it requires a prophet, just as the giving of it did." Now he said, "I had a vision." He said, "Not good enough. Fine but not good enough." He said, "You've got to wait for the right man to come, and he'll be a prophet." And the Bible says, "That is Elijah." Not because I say so, the Bible says so. "Well, how's He going to do it?" Don't ask me how He's going to do it. I'm not God; I just believe God.

You say, "You believe in a Resurrection. How's He going to do it?"

Nobody knows. He's going to do it. You've just got to leave it with God.

21. Now It says here:

- (1) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you,... (These false teachers that follow the wrong prophets.)
- (2) Many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Now, let's find out what some of the people are like at the end time. Now, watch here, verse 9.

- (9) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:
- (10) But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

- (11) Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. (Now, listen.)
- (12) But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

Now, what is he talking about? He's telling you this happens after the time that the prophet is here vindicated by God, and that this is exactly what's going on in this hour—how the Rapture takes place; what the true baptism with the Holy Ghost is; what marriage and divorce is all about; what the Second Coming is all about; Israel in the homeland. All of these things are in this hour and this prophet comes and puts it in order. And why is it? Here's what's happening:

- (12) ...They speak evil of the things they don't understand; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
- (13) And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, (Now, listen:) *as they* count it pleasure to riot in the day time.

Now, just a minute. Let's get this right. You can't make Scripture fight Scripture. You'd think these people are right here with a bunch of machetes and a bunch of crowbars guzzling beer, living licentiously. Sure literally they are, but it's a spiritual thing he's talking about here, because he mentions at the end time it's a matter of the seduction.

21. Now watch:

- (13) ...Spots and blemishes *they are*, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you.

What church? And I don't care what church, unless they're devil worshippers, the preacher gets up and tells the congregation, "Hey, let's have an orgy tonight. Hey folks, you're getting out early, we'll start church at 6:30, get you out of here at 7:30, we're going to have a beer party, and we can all go out and get drunk. I've got news for you people that are a little bit flashy: we've got a singles' club and a key club, let's whoop her up. Listen you young people that want dope, I'll tell you how to get it. Rob a bank."

What preacher talked like that? That's not what's being said here.

Put the whole thing together; it's a matter of very nice people, church people, denominational that can't take the Word. They can't do it. They can't take what a prophet said. They can't take what is manifestly evident in the economy of Almighty God. They've got their own thinking in their own ways, and just like Cain, presenting the very Word of God—Yes—a sacrifice, in the wrong place, in the wrong manner, defending themselves against what God has already brought to pass. These are the ones that are talked about. They refused to walk in the newly revealed light of the Word.

- 22. (14) Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
- (15) Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the* son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

You say, "Where is that?"

I'm going to tell you, it's right amongst us. People come around here, and they say, "Well, the way you people talk, you've got to be the most wonderful people in all the world?"

What are you talking about? You've got people out there that will lead you straight to hell by conduct, which is exemplary. The Mary Baker Eddies, the Philamore brothers, the rest of them with their unity, their Christian Science who say, "The blood of Jesus Christ has no more efficacy than the blood of a rooster." And yet they talk about love. They talk about compassion, talk about sacrifice, and they'll do it—men give their lives. A man torched himself. That took place not too long ago. Who were doing it? A bunch of Hindus. What kind of sacrificial hearts did mothers have when they threw their babies to the alligators and gave them to be destroyed? Sure. Sacrificing nice people.

I've got not a thing against lovely people. I'm all for it. Everybody should be lovely. Everybody should be kind. Everybody should be good. But everybody should understand this one thing: there is a Word test that's absolutely supreme in this hour, and that Word test is exactly what we're looking at.

23. Now It says here that these people love the wages of unrighteousness. We're in Laodicea today. For the first time preachers are making money unheard of. This makes some people very resentful. It doesn't bother me one little bit, because it's got to be manifested. Churches now have big business agents; they've got so much money. Not just business agents, they've got personnel, and then they go out as their agents,...what do you call them? Like Wall Street, or 5th Avenue rather, with its advertising agencies to play it up big. They write books to sell in the millions and make millions of dollars.

There is only one reason they're doing it: because they love the money, and they're going to use it for a wrong end. They're going to say, "We're going to prove our point," when the point has already been proven. We're looking at a picture today. It's a picture of corruption, and it's a type of corruption that is very, very subtle, because some of it goes to the extreme where the people live hideous lives. Look, they never did count, never will. It's the person that comes in that's subtle, that wants to destroy.

24. Now It says here:

(17) (They're) wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

(18) For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

You say, "Now look; that's a very terrible thing that absolutely spells depravity concerning those things that men and woman do and should not do in the flesh."

Come on, I'd like to see you get a Methodist turn right around and get baptized instead of sprinkled. I want to see an Anglican church member get baptized instead of sprinkled. I want to see a Roman Catholic go back to what he used to believe, which was immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They allure through the lust of the flesh. People just can't stand to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. People just can't stand to do foot-washing. Woman can't stand to let their hair grow. Why? Men can't stand to dress the way men should dress and act the way they should act.

Now, long hair doesn't make one more spiritual. It's a commandment of God. God said to do it. It's the Word of God.

"No," say, "I'm going to worship my way and have a hat for a covering."

It recognizes the headship of Almighty God. Even a man has to cut his hair to show forth his recognition of God as his head.

25. Now It says right here:

- (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption.

Now, listen. How can you be the servants of corruption, unless something is corrupt that's dictating to you? Look, you just don't have a corruption by itself. There's got to be something there that predicates it. You can't have a baby lamb without the two sheep. There's got to be progenitors. How do you get corrupt things? You get it by the life or the thing that is corrupt itself. It's the Word of God that's been corrupted.

26. Let's go back to 2 Corinthians 11. We'll begin to see for ourselves what he's talking about here. Paul says here:

- (2) I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: I have espoused you to one husband, (That means the true church is the Bride.) and present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (What's a chaste virgin? Let's find out.)
- (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Then It tells you, they're going to come, and three things are going to be wrong.

- (4) (They are going to preach the wrong Jesus, the wrong spirit, the wrong Word, the wrong gospel.)

If you're wrong on three counts, how many more times do you want to get wrong on?

27. Now, let's go back and take a look at this church. Back in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 17.

- (1) And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Now, this is the church. What does God call her? She's a harlot. In other words she's entirely wrong in what she's doing with her life. Her body should be a temple of the Holy Ghost, the church should be a temple of Almighty God, but it's not doing it. Now:

- (1) ...(She) sitteth upon many waters (That's many people. She's a great governing body.)
- (2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Many nations have always sent their legates to Rome. Now America's doing it. We're a democracy. What does that mean? It means America is fast heading for a dictatorship. It's going to have to be, where that dictatorship comes for one man. It will, because it will be controlled. America will go to communism. There's nothing going to stop it. It's going head long. How far it gets is not my business. That's in the economy of God.

28. (2) ...(She's) drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Now you'll notice in there, to be drunk is to stagger around, and It says, the wine of her fornication (wine is a stimulant), and so, therefore, It tells you here that this woman absolutely has been made drunk with her own importance as concerning what she says as concerning the Kingdom of God. She stands there and she says, "Look, I am the authority," which everybody knows the pope says, "He's infallible."

Now you say, "Look, that's Catholic."

That's every Protestant denomination, or why have we got so many of them? Whether one man says it or four hundred says it, what's the difference? I'll tell you one thing, if four hundred say it, there's just this one difference, and that is, four hundred is four hundred times worse than one. So, where does it leave the Protestants? I'm not a Protestant any more than I'm Catholic. I'm a Christian.

29. (3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, (Shows that she takes a regal position saying, "Look, I am it.") decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- (5) Upon her forehead was (the) name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON...

You say, "Who is that?" That's the woman, the church that fell at the time of Paul. He said, "I'm worried that you're no longer a chaste virgin." What's she been doing? She's been fooling with some man, when she's pledged to a husband. So therefore, now the church has got headship, which is Nicolaitanism. That's why every one of us is little sovereign groups, and nobody but nobody can come in and tell us anything. Nobody. We simply say what the prophet taught and do our best. If somebody wants to come by and help and say, "I have some understanding that may be possibly of help to you." That's fine, we'll listen, but if it doesn't, good-bye. That's the end of him.

30. (5) Upon her forehead was (the) name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- (6) I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Now, listen; the woman was drunken with the blood of saints and the blood of martyrs of Jesus. Now, listen; the Jews did this as well as the pagans to the early Christian. Jesus said, "They're going to come to the place where they think they're doing me a favor by killing you."

And already it occurred in the life of the apostle Paul. He says, "As concerning zeal, to show that I was really in with the in crowd. I was going against the Christians, bringing them into court and happy when I saw them die."

Now you say, "What kind of a man would do that?"

A very, very smart man—a loving man amongst his own people. Oh, he could go the limit for his own crowd. There was nothing too much. But the minute the Spirit of God moved in somebody's life, and he caught hold of it, he was out to destroy it. And this man was not doing it through subtlety. He was doing it because he had the upper hand and could do it. He hauled them into court because he had the authority.

31. Now, listen. If this government keeps on doing what it's doing, which is playing loose with the church, and it already has been since, oh, way down the time of Bobby Kennedy. Now if you're not aware of this fact let's understand it; that Bobby Kennedy, as the Attorney General of the whole United States, he began hauling the teachers and university professors into court to find out who was a communist. And when he found out who were communist, the next step was to be the preachers.

So, Mr. Auxton rose up, and he said, "Now Bobby, let's you and I have a little sit down, and let's get this flat. The first time you call one of us preachers in, that's the day the church says, 'Don't vote for that guy.' And Bobby, you and your brother are out, and every Democrat's out with you." And Bobby said, "O heaven forbid that I should have such a salacious thought."

And that was it. I'm not lying to you. I'm telling you the truth. Bobby backed off.

You say, "Oh, Bro. Vayle, he backed off, because, you see, I think the school teachers rose up."

"No way," They couldn't even protect themselves.

"Well, I believe the carpenters union."

The carpenters haven't got much of a union. There is no union like the church, because it goes right to men's minds appealing to their conscience, and their consciousness, and dictates the path toward Heaven hopefully, and thereby controls the promises that they say, "Are surely the promises of God." And they lie, and the truth isn't in them. There's only one promise of God, and that's this book vindicated.

32. Now she was drunk with the blood of martyrs of Jesus. Tell me what church all through the ages has killed.

"The Roman Catholic," you say.

Oh sure, the Roman Catholic. What about the Protestants? It wasn't the Roman Catholic Church that took Servitus and put him to a stake and burned him to death. It was Mr. Calvin and his group. So much for eternal security without Jesus Christ.

Who gives the power to the Roman Catholic Church? Protestants. Don't go looking at the Catholics down your noses. You better look at the whole picture because the harlot had daughters. Who put an article out, oh say 15-16 years ago, Time Magazine. And they traced every single Protestant church from the Roman Catholic. There's not one that isn't. And if we organize, they'll trace us back—Where?—to Pentecost which came out of Catholicism. Not one. Why? Because in her were the seeds, the tares, the whole thing is going down, down.

(8) The beast that thou saw was, and is not...

So on, right down the line.

33. Now, listen; what does It say about her? It says about this great church Babylon. [Revelation 18]

(2) (It) cried mightily with a strong voice, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

I didn't even know that verse was there except in my subconsciousness when I said, "If they ever turn down the prophet and they turn down the Word of God, there's only one place they can go, and that's spiritism." That's right. Spiritism is very subtle. Who is it that prays to the saints? Roman Catholics. Who's praying now to saints? Protestants. Then who's into this spiritism? Protestant Roman Catholics.

And who is the most adept of all to go to a Pentecostal meeting, and speak in tongues, and interpret, and have visions, and everything else? A spiritist, and pull the whole bunch away. Full Gospel business men; they're Pentecostal.

34. "When I lived in Florida," I used to see a man's name, I forget it now, Harworth or something. It's not Hayworth. I can't remember exactly, but I remember exactly where his place was in Miami. He's a spiritist. He went to a Pentecostal meeting, and he saw what was going on, and he said, "Well, we do this very thing, hallelujah." And he said, "The Pentecostal brethren," he said, "Sirs," he said, "this is wonderful. I'm part of you now." He said, "You see I always had the right spirit, but was doing the wrong things with it. I'm so happy to be with you." And they said, "Hallelujah." I hope all of them didn't. The same Pentecostal people said, "Bro. Branham had a familiar spirit." That's blaspheming the Holy Ghost, if I know anything about the Word of Almighty God. Where are the Pentecostals?

Now listen, we're getting to the end. We're getting there to the very end, when all things are being completely finished.

35. Now:

- (3) All nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

You say, "Just a minute. Every nation is not with the Roman Catholic church, because communism is her avowed enemy."

Ah yes, but they have a legate. I wish you could have been with me that morning I was in a motel, because I don't have a TV of my own, and I don't care that much for news. I had some time so I looked at the news, and I think it was "The Today Show." And on there was a very handsome Roman Catholic priest, a bishop. Hair was graying, sitting there talking, and I'm not sure it was Hartman, I'm not positive.

He said, "Sir," he said, "I understand that Pope John Paul, it said, been said of him, he's going to Poland, and if he goes in there, it'll be because, or if the communist walk into Poland, the Pope will go in there, and he'll face them."

And he said, "Who ever gave you that stupid idea?"

"Well," he said, "it's going on."

He said, "Look, the Pope doesn't have to confront the communists. We already have a liaison, and he named who the fellow was." And he said, "We have an agreement right now that, if the Pope will lay off the communists, and not go too far, the armies will not walk in."

Who's an empire? Who's the church? The day will come when she will say what's going to be done, will be done.

36. Now, listen:

- (3) ...The kings of the earth committed fornication with her, the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

- (5) For her sins (plagues) have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
- (6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works; (That's four times.) in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.
- (7) How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

Now, all churches at this point are not gathered into the harlot, but they're getting there fast. The Pentecostal church said, "They stood aloof all these years."

Oh, many years ago now, Dr. Bell wrote in Christianity today, and he said, "That the Pentecostal church had joined the world Catholic churches. We're part of a great organization."

They did everything they could to refute it. They demanded every apology under high Heaven, and Dr. Bell never wavered one step. He stood his ground, because he knew." Now you say, "Just a minute, how?"

Have you ever heard of a double cross?

38. What's seduction all about? Ah, getting the people all ready, all their trust, and all their honor placed in this person, or person's hand, and the person goes behind their back and the first thing—here it is. It's the old con game. It's the old slick-a-roo that's being pulled every single time. It's called seduction. "Men lie in wait to deceive."

You say, "How long do they lie in wait?"

Now here's the beautiful thing. Do you know that the Roman Catholic Church has been lying in wait for centuries? You say, "Roman Catholic Church?" Yes. Who do you think's her head? Satan. The Protestant church has laid in wait. Listen, Luther who came out fighting, and I mean he was one of the greatest fighters that ever lived. I don't know anybody I admire more than Luther. Where are the Lutherans today? Go and figure it.

39. The Roman Catholic Church started original Pentecostal church in Rome, godly and God-fearing, under Justin and \_\_\_\_nius. And when Paganism under the Emperor turned on the Jews, they were cast out. And when the tide turned and they came back, paganism had taken over the church, and that's the church that Constantine endorsed and put up images. So, they got a lot of images there to represent Jupiter, Venus and Adonis, but they call them by the names of the saints and pray. Protestantism is no different. Why? Because it all starts with the creeds and dogmas before it goes that far.

40. Now she said, "I've lived gloriously. I sit as a queen. I'm no widow."

What is she saying? She said, "We are the Bride of Christ. We are the chosen of God. We are it." Now, what are you going to do, when somebody else stands up to be counted? You are going to destroy it. When Luther stood up and was counted, he was destroyed. When Wesley stood up against the Lutherans, the Lutherans tried to kill him. And who was it that did their dead level best to destroy the poor Pentecostal's for talking in tongues and praising God, and trying to live right? The Methodists.

Now, when our turn comes, you tell me who's going to take a crack at us? Pentecostals. Who's going to come in with the seducing doctrines? Who's going to come in and destroy with the clubs, if clubs are warranted according to them? Ah, they would, because they would be doing God a favor. Who wrote the



books of lies against William Branham? Who wrote the most filthy books under God's high heaven? A Pentecostal, Mr. Robert Thom of South Africa.

Why? Because William Branham believed in one God; baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He stood with the Word of Almighty God. They weren't fit to lick his boots. I'll put it just where it belongs: they weren't fit, because I know their lies. I'll back up every word I say to you from this pulpit here. I fear not any slander, suit, or anything else, because I'm not slandering. I'm telling you the truth. When seduction doesn't fail, remember one thing: it's left open, that's murder. You say, "Why?"

Because the world is insane. They've come to the place where it's all over.

41. I'm going to go to Hebrews 6, and I'm going to let you go.

- (1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.

Let's go to the place where it's finished, completed. If you add to it, it's messed up. If you take away, you spoil it. Let's come to the place where it's over. Now, remember; the two seeds, the two churches have to go back to originality. One will go back to the Garden of Eden; one will go to the Lake of Fire.

- (1) ...Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, (It's all over.) and of faith toward God. (If you haven't got it now, you never will have it.)
- (2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- (3) And this will we do, if God permit. (But God didn't permit it at that time. The question is, "When is God going to permit?" Let's find out when God permits.)
- (4) For it is impossible for those who were once (for all) enlightened.

In other words, there is going to come an enlightenment which will never be repeated. Now, that's what It says, right? You want to know where that is? Matthew 24. Let's go and take a look at It. It talks about the end time, the coming Kingdom, the false anointed, the very seducers we're talking about. In verse 27: [Mt 24:27]

- (27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the (presence) of the Son of man be.

It tells you the truth is going to return: the once for all enlightenment. The people will get it. At that time they'll taste the heavenly Gift. They'll be partakers of the Holy Ghost; not baptism, just partaking of it. They'll just take a part of it. Oh, they won't take His complete Presence. They won't, oh no, they'll say, "He always was here." Not in the way He's here now. Don't tell me that. I know better than that.

42. [Hebrews 6]

- (5) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,
- (6) (Having fallen away, never will they be renewed to repentance; Never will the mind be changed again.)

Remember, it started with the mind way back there. The heathen began coming to the Gospel; they had a complete change of mind: there is a God; His Son did die upon Calvary. We know the truth, we understand our position where we stand. Paul taught us, and Paul said, "I'm afraid" he said, "you're drifting." The first church age, they lost their first love. At the end they were simply luke warm. But they were so debauched and degraded, so numb to the things of God, they didn't know in the sight of God they were wretched, miserable, blind, naked. In fact, they gloried in what they had. Oh, they had a real shout and dance. Don't worry.

- (6) ... (Having fallen away; they never come back to a changed mind.)  
Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put *him* to an open shame.

43. Now, listen:

- (7) For the earth which drinketh in the rain that come oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meat for them by whom it's dressed receiveth blessing from God.

"A sower went forth to sow, and he sowed good seed." And what happened? A few days later they said, "Aha, there's something pretty murky around here. There's something pretty funny going on. Anybody can see there's a bunch of weeds there." And they came and said, "I thought you got certified, number one, grade A wheat."

"Oh," he said, "I did."

They said, "Hold it. There's a bunch of weeds up there. How do you account for it?"

He said, "An enemy did it."

Who's the enemy of God? There's only one enemy—truly; that's Satan.

All right. At the end time there's going to be a resowing of the Word. And when the Word is sown, the enemy is going to come right behind and sow again. Now, where is that sowing really going to be effective? It's going to be effected amongst those who come in and sit with us.

44. You say what you want, but I know better. I don't have one, and you don't have one enemy out there in the boondocks, or in the organization, or any place else, we are merely looked upon as a bunch of cultists. That's all. Spiritually inept.

And they say, "Ha. The Millerites went through that, and the Jehovah Witnesses went through that, and the Ervingites went through that, and there wasn't anyone who didn't go through that. That bunch is as crazy as the last two thousand years has produced. Everybody at one time or other thinks they are it, and some get a little goofier, and they think we're going to be taken out of here. They aren't going to make it, because it runs true to form." I've got news for you: Somebody's got to make it.

You say, "Do you believe that you...?"

I believe I'm going to make it.

"I thought you said you could die."

Yes, I could die.

But if there's young people here, (And there are plenty here.) and you're really the true sowing of God, you are going to be standing here on your two feet when you see the dead walk this land, and you'll be changed, and you will be gone. That is "Thus Saith This Word."

You say, "Why?"

Because we're at that time.

"Oh," you say, "Bro. Vayle, they've always looked back and seen such a time."

Oh no, they haven't. Israel is back in the homeland. There's your clock. They never had the clock before.

45. Do you know when they tried to get Israel back in the homeland? When they tried to establish her, which they had the opportunity when the Arabs were very few, because the Arabs were not as multitudinous as they are now. Everybody gets skewed up with this stupid bunch in the press. They try to make you think the Arabs by the hundreds of thousands, always were there. They were not there until Israel moved in. That's right.

Go back to your history find out the truth. Find out the truth about Africa. Every illegitimate American wants to tell you that the blacks own Africa. I'm going to tell you, the bushman had South Africa. The Germans and the Boors were in there as the Zulus started to come down. I'm not trying to start a race riot. I'm just trying to put the record straight.

How come every American doesn't have one book that tells you the truth, anymore than one Canadian? You know why? Because the sinners run everything. We're not the liars; they are. How come you don't know about the Khazars? Does anybody know about the Khazars? Well, you're university students, how come you don't know? How come you know about Africa? How come you didn't know that the Arabs weren't sitting there by the hundreds of thousands? Do you know the Arabs secretly love to have the Jews there, because they know God blesses the Jews? Do you want to know the truth? Begin finding out a few things. But the world is full of lies. See? The world's full of lies. The truth isn't in them.

46. Now, get back here. The earth drinking in. There's a great harvest coming up. But, listen; there's briars and there's thorns. And It says, "They are going to be rejected." It says, "At the end time they're going to be burned." So therefore, we know that what we see today coming up in the land, the terrible conditions, balanced by Israel in the homeland, proves we are right at the door. There isn't one Bible student doesn't understand that God deals with Israel as a nation. Not one of them. But isn't it strange the same people who understand so well will not take the whole account into consideration?

47. And I want to say the same thing to you people this morning sitting here. You do not know this Message, and there is no hope of you getting out of here, individually one by one as a bride of Jesus Christ until the whole prospect of the balance comes into view where you really understand what is going on, and why it is going on, and you are a part of it.

You should be to the place where you do not need teaching half as much as you can teach others—where you understand the phenomenon of God according to Scripture and by Scriptural vindication, not by creeds and dogmas, or something else.

Because look; whatever this prophet brought us, he brought us this Book. He did not bring us the Koran. He did not bring us the sayings of Chairman Mao, or Confucius. He didn't bring us the great works of the South African prime ministers, their apartheid doctrine, or anything else. That prophet did not bring us Americana. He brought us this Word, which God vindicated. And when he preached and told

us these things, he brought the whole Book and the whole story into balance. And I want you people to be able to look ahead with the peripheral vision. You're not doing this all the time.

48. You know, I wish every Christian had what a certain dog had. And I'm not hurting anybody's feelings, I'm talking about me, too. We used to get our Collie pups out of a farm that Mr. Eggbert ran over there in Hanna, and the father was a five time champion out of Great Britain that cost one thousand dollars, and I've never seen anything like him. He walked around and he looked, and I could see his vision was peripheral; that is, to where most of them aren't. And he had a beautiful relaxed look on his face just as though he were smiling. Nothing bothered him, because he was well aware of all conditions and was able to handle them.

I only saw one person in my life that could beat that dog. That's awful preaching isn't it? Sorry about that, but I'm an awful preacher. That person was William Branham. The next person likely was old daddy Bosworth. He didn't have what the prophet had, but he had something which was tremendous, which was, he was afraid of nothing, because he believed in the joy of living in Christ and for Christ, and he had it.

And I never was so amazed at a man when he stood there, and he told me, and he still rubbed his hands with glee as he would go down to the platform. It was time to leave town now with him, his wife and his two daughters, and he said, "Bro. Vayle, we didn't have a nickel. "But," he said, "it was so exciting," he said, "just to know that before we got to that wicket, we would have the money," he said, "to get on the train, and it never failed."

I said, "I, yi, yi, yi, yi, yi."

49. Now, in 2 Thessalonians; Paul said here. "You that are troubled, rest with us, (relax) when those mighty angels that came down." There it is.

You say, "I don't believe it."

You don't have to believe anything.

"And I don't believe one angel per day came and set in that room bringing William Branham messages."

You don't have to believe it. I believe it. I believe it. Others can believe what they want.

(7) ...revealed from heaven with his mighty (messengers),

(8) In flaming fire taking vengeance...(That which precedes from justice.)

The just God saying, "It's about time it's all over," making Himself known to the Elect, the seed of Abraham.

I'm going to ask you a question.

You say, "Now, just a minute, Bro. Vayle, that God in that Pillar of Fire, that great One that appeared in the form of a man that came down, that was to Abraham."

Just a minute, don't you think he appeared to Isaac, too? Who's He coming for? Seed. So, He's coming for us. He's going to put that line of demarcation. He's going to take away a Bride into glory.

50. Paul says: [2 Thessalonians 2]

(1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the (presence) of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering... (He said:)

(2) ... (Don't) be shaken in mind.

Are you confused this morning? Oh, little points don't add up, but look, you're past that now. If you're not past that, you're still sitting on the fence. I'm going to tell you something: you suddenly can't jump on one side, or you're going to jump too late.

(2) ...Don't be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of (the Lord) is at hand.

(3) Let no man deceive you...

It will never come until Israel is back in the homeland. It will never come until there's a contract made with Israel. Why did Golda Mier go to the pope? Just a forerunner of the president that will go, and Golda left unfulfilled, as usual. I'm going to ask you one question, why do we need the pope? We don't. Well, I'll tell you why the others need him: because they turned down God.

What's America's God? Well, they've got a couple of them. It's a goddess, a naked woman, but she's got to be made in gold, because America's gone for the gold. Price of any success.

51. (3) Let no man deceive you,...there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed,...

But Paul said, "Look, I want you to rejoice, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning." How do you feel this morning concerning what you're into. If you're jittered, there's something down the road, I'll just tell you now: look; why don't you go down and investigate it? I'll excuse you, but I'm going to tell you one thing: you'll have a hard job to make me believe that you ever believed anything that you said you believed around here. I'm not trying to scare you; just letting you know. That's all.

You see, we're not preaching convictions of men anymore. We're not preaching what we think anymore—it's what we have been taught, and it better come from a pretty good authority, because I've been around a lot of smart men in my day, and I've seen the world beaters. But the day I saw William Branham, that was different—never stopped looking for God. That's right, because that's the way it's supposed to be when this end-time prophet comes. And when he comes it's the great windup, and he can't come until Israel is back there in her homeland.

52. Listen, let's get it. Israel is a nation. You know why people are rooting for her not to be a nation, because there's a spirit in there that says, "Say, if she's not a nation, and we can, you know, dismantle her so she's not a nation, then we set it back." I've got news for you, the Seventh Seal has broken, the Sixth Seal is in operation, the Presence has been proven and vindicated. Everything is in divine order.

You say, "What?"

According to this Book. Not according to your almanac. Not according, thank God, to The Washington Post and The New York Times, above all for the Papal Bulls or bulletins and the Protestants periodicals, or the scientist jargon, but according to this. And there is a promise to get out of here, and we're getting out of here. Before the Bride gets out of here, brother/sister, she's going to be crying a whole lot more than she's crying now. She'll be sighing to get out of here.

53. It's been a long time. Let's understand this: relativity is a term that Einstein used beautifully. He said, "A boy and a girl holding hands." he said, "Two hours might not seem very long, but two seconds on a hot stove is an eternity."

Wait until the Squeeze comes down. "Can you make it?" Sure you're going to make it. You say, "How?" I don't know. I don't have the answers. I don't have a panacea. All I know is this, that God

never failed yet, and the unfailing of God has never been because God keeps the stars up there, and God keeps the moon up there. The unfailing of God is always in His people and no place else. That's right. Because everything else out here is kept for us, to bring us back.

I hope I help you. I don't know. I don't know what preaching does anymore. All I know is this: it's wind up time, and both sides are winding. And everything deepening, and don't get fooled for one minute that grossness is what you particularly look for. It is cunningness because the prophet said, "*This age brings a repeat of all diabolical cunning.*" And, if the cunning ends in a realm of grossness that is not the only end, the cunning will also be in the greatest finesse and the greatest double cross that ever happened. That's right.

Let's rise.

Heavenly Father we're again grateful to have been in Your Presence this hour, this day, knowing these things that are coming upon us, knowing, Lord, that there are those two groups that call themselves by the name of church and Bride, and we know that in themselves not one can prove anything above another. That there is something to judge by and we know that is that Word, and that Word itself would have to come to life, or it wouldn't be worth anything. We know that, and You know that. And at this hour we have had it fully put to the test for which we are grateful.

Help us, Lord, in Heaven, in this hour to be of such caliber, such uniqueness of Spirit that we'll just walk down that middle of the King's highway—that there is nothing too subtle, there is nothing too gross, there is literally nothing that has our eyes and our attention but the Word that has been revealed, knowing that all these things shall rise up. It can't be helped. It's all there in it's types and figures, and in it's anti-types of complete fulfillment. We know it all has evolved upon us, and we believe that the full totality of the goodness and righteousness of God shall be revealed at the same time the sum totality of all iniquity shall also be revealed so that, in the beauty of holiness, from the whisper to the great shout for the glory of God, from the whisper of seduction to the flaunting of desperate infidelity and crass immoral affairs, we're not betrayed by looking at anything, for we know that which comes from You.

Help us, Lord, now. We believe we've prayed the right prayer today. We believe that You've heard us. We know You have. We know our help comes from You, and we're absolutely certain—sure—that somehow, some way, all bound up in Your Own glorious Presence, we've already made the way of escape, and we're going to get out of here glorifying You, and glorified in Your image.

Help us, therefore, heavenly Father to put aside every way in hindrance, running this race in such a way that we're going to get out of the way. Teach us and help us to get out of the way, to put ourselves aside, so that whatever You would have to be done with, would be done, in whatever way You would want it to be done. I ask that for everybody here in divine Presence and those that could not come, and yearning hearts around the world. There's many out there we know that they're looking for something, they're looking for something, they're looking for something. They know they haven't plumbed whatever it needs to be plumbed. Help them we pray, Lord, at this time.

If there's any way, and any thing we can do, may we never lose our vision, O God—to think, here we are all nicely bundled up, ready for delivery. Lord, we don't believe that, heavenly Father, though it may sound like it to many people. Whatever You'd like to have done, we want to do it, Lord. We really would because we know that's the only way, the only right way. It's the only way we're ever going to be satisfied. So, we're aware of that.

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

The Lord bless you. Let's just sing that little song, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."