

Resurrection Proves ~ Signs and the Bible

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a) ... there isn't too many questions in here, which is very good. I want to answer all your questions and if you haven't got any, that's just wonderful. I just want to thank you for your offering...I certainly appreciate it. And may the Lord richly bless you for it. I've enjoyed my stay with you very, very much, Bro. and Sis. Doerksen, and their family. And trust that the Lord will enable us to get back again sometime. I'm just not a world traveler, even getting across America, but, very happy to be with you. We appreciate it very greatly. And this morning, I don't want anyone to misunderstand me, when I keep telling you, I'm no authority. And I have nothing to bring you in the sense of anything new and all. And you'll listen to your pastor, sometimes I bend over backwards, because of the problem that lies in the world today. And amongst us, and many of us...I don't know if it's premeditated, or just something that's sprung up. But, it's just one of those things, that scares me to death.

b) And that is; there is no leadership amongst us as men anymore, it's the local sovereignty of the local church, as the pastor is ordained to carry you through. There's no one coming around to tell anybody what to do, and how to do it. If we have anything to say that fits in with something, so it may sound like a time you think, "Well, does Bro. Vayle agree with Bro. Doerksen?" Well, if there's anything to disagreeing, I don't know if it is. If it's just my bending backwards to, to make sure...that in my estimation, how the prophet taught, you get away from any Nicolaitan spirit. To keep the Spirit of God moving amongst us, by the Word that the prophet left. That's why I sometimes speak the way I do. And then, people think, "Well, does he think different from us?" No, even if we did think different, that doesn't make me right, and you wrong. Not at all. It's a...we're all looking at the same Word. And I think at times, many of us are saying the same thing in a different way. And this causes a little misunderstanding.

So, I wouldn't know one thing to disagree with, with you as a people here. We certainly see the Lord's blessing you, and that you're on the right track. And I believe you are, with all my heart. And you stay with the Message, as like Paul said, "If the Lord hasn't shown you some things you need to know, we'll show you those too." I believe that. I believe there are things I need to know, that He's shown me.

c) Now, because there's so very few questions, ...I heard there's going to be quite a few, but you didn't bring them in. And I'm not a mind reader. Even if I were, I wouldn't do it, if I was going to get myself involved in questions. But, we'll just repeat, and give a very quick answer.

Question 1: Did Bro. Branham ever say anything about welfare?

[Answer:] Only within the church to my knowledge. He said what to be conducted in your church order.

Question 2: Would you please relate the events...

[Answer:] I'll speak to that one in a second.

Question 3: Bro. Vayle, sometimes Bro. Branham seems to say something that isn't right... like the seven hundred, instead of the seven thousand, in the Seals. He told the church he would be expecting the people to be spiritual enough to check those things. Can you explain how we would do that without adding or subtracting?

[Answer:] Well it's things like that, that you watch. Slip of the tongue, that's all. He said seven hundred instead of seven thousand in many places. And of course, always I found in his meetings, there were always those who wanted to just sort of figure, so that there were some deeper meanings in it. I don't know that there was. He never did use the word, seven hundred, to designate the Rapture, he said, "*There might be as many as eight hundred.*" But, if you were talking about one out of every million, ...it's very strange, that shortly after Bro. Branham died, it was said that there was now over seven hundred million Christians. So, is it one out of a million? I don't know. I would just do as he said, if you see some little thing, a little slip of the tongue there, ...just catch it and leave it be. Don't try to make something out of it. But, by all means don't try to explain what he's already explained. That's the most important thing. So, that's all I can add here, to your thought there.

d) It's over here in 1 Corinthians 6:18. I'm getting through this all so quickly, all we have to do is just sing a song, and let you off, and go home. [Bro. Vayle chuckles]

(18) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Well that's true. Because when you're married to a woman, and a woman married to a man, they are one flesh. And therefore, that any sin that you do in that respect, is literal sin against your body, ...I suppose some might even say, that is such that it brings on venereal diseases. Which sinning wouldn't do, cursing wouldn't do, and maybe fighting somebody wouldn't do. This is the one single sin, that the body is involved in. And we should flee it. Because the other sins are more like something out there that they participate in, and they don't have such an effect on you. But this one here is one where you're actually sinning against your own body. And your wife is your own flesh. And you're sinning against her flesh, and your flesh at the same time. And it's one thing that so many people get involved in. Because when you take stealing, a man might want to steal to get a better suit of clothes, a better car, and all. But this sin, is one of sexual pleasure, which is so easily indulged in. And it's an absolute sin against the body. God forbids it.

Your sin against your own flesh, your wife, and you notice how Bro. Branham said, "*If a man is involved in such a thing as that, or woman, you haven't sinned against God, you sinned against your marriage vow, your partner, and you're going to make it right there.*" So, that's what I see in there. And it's something that is literally prescribed today, as a physical indulgence, that is all right...it isn't all right. There's nothing in there that is a person should ever look at as right. It is wrong, all the way through. To flee it, means to flee it. And you can tell by that, it's something that wants to overtake you. Even in many homes, it's such a virulent thing. Just get rid of it.

e) Question 4: Should our women wear veils over their faces?

[Answer:] No. They don't need to. They don't need to do that. They don't need to wear little hats on their heads, or anything else. The thing is, is to not try to cover yourself up as far as the face is concerned. But, just leave it the way it is. And be transparent as possible. Now, another question came up here.

f) Question 5: Here's a question asking me to talk about the events that took place after the eulogy at Bro. Branham's funeral service on December 29, 1965.

[Answer:] Well, I won't go into that very long, except to tell you that as the service was in progress, there were people in Connecticut and various parts of the northeastern part of the United States, that noticed that the sun was going through particular antics, and phases, which is not normal. For instance, if you look at the sun through a disc which has been smoked, or colored you can see the sun literally jump, but you mustn't look at it with your naked eye. Yet, they could see it with the naked eye and we also saw it in Jeffersonville. The telephone call came through, and said, "Is there anything peculiar going on there? The same as in here." There most certainly was, because people would look up in the sky, and you could see the sun with the naked eye. And it didn't bother your eye at all.

g) It looked as though a plate had been inverted over the sun you could see just jumping, jumping, as it does. And that plate on the sun, or that covering, was turned to blood red at one time. Then it was turned like into a black, and then to a purple, and, various colors. And this went on for some time. Literally over a period of time, which went into hours. And also at the same time, there was a white cloud that had formed right across the sky from east to west. Then an airplane went through, left a trail of the white fog, making a perfect cross, in the sky. And then around four o'clock in the afternoon, when the sun had turned to blood, dark like, literal black hands appeared on the face of the sun. And it would register two minutes to four. Which could signify the fourth Seal...it was all but over. Because the Bride goes up in the Fourth Seal. The Fifth Seal is in progress. And then the Sixth Seal will break, in the three and a half years of judgement...under these two prophets.

h) Well, at the time the sun was jumping up and down, and you could behold it with the naked eye. Right around the time of roughly four o'clock, the strangest thing happened. Clouds of blood as I recall, formed and literally came from behind the sun, and came right down to earth, and clouds of gold, from behind the sun, came down, and came right down to the earth. And as the cloud of blood would float between the sun and the white buildings, which was by the hospital, where we were standing, because my wife was nursing Sis. Branham, and I went to pick her up. And the building turned a pink color. Then as the clouds of gold swept through, and this came right down from the sun. It wasn't something forming below the sun. It was right from the sun itself, as I watched it. You could see yourself, that the sun, even though it's millions of miles away, what a miraculous thing it was. Then when the gold came down, it caused the building to turn like a golden color.

i) Now, at night, every light in town, and the white road markings, and the pebbles on the road, turned a mauve color, such as blood would be under certain conditions. Because the red cloud, was gone. But this hung on for quite some time. So, we deliberately asked the man at the service station, if he'd ever seen that around here. He said, "I've been here for twenty-four years, (he said) and I've never seen this before, this is the very first time." So to me, what had happened in the skies, was God's great salute, to a prophet, that had fulfilled his role, and was now taken off the scene. I believe it was a great salute. I was so interested in this phenomenon, I wrote National Geographic and asked if they had anybody that had taken any pictures. Was there any comment on this phenomenon? And the reply was, "No, they had heard nothing, that

I might be able to write somebody else.” Which I did not do. But, to me, I don’t know that there is any record. And yet, there should have been a record, because this was absolutely a phenomenon shone here in America. Other than seeing what I just said, that to me was a salute to a great prophet of God. God witnessing in the heavens. I don’t know what else it could mean. That’s about all I can tell you, but it was certainly tremendous.

j) And at this time, I would also ask Bro. Lee Miller, if he’d had a filter on his camera to take some pictures of the sun. But he unfortunately had left his filter at home. Somehow, he didn’t bring it. Then that night, he took some pictures that were delayed shots, and a strange thing happened, the things appeared on that film that were absolutely nowhere in the yard. And then the strangest thing of all was somebody took a picture, with a polaroid camera, ...where at Bro. Branham’s grave sometime later, ...and the identical things in that picture, that was taken that night, on December the 29th, appeared months later on a film taken over Bro. Branham’s grave. What it signifies, I don’t know.

f) Also, in those pictures, they were shown many sevens. I don’t understand it. If you were to see the pictures yourself, you might get something out of it. I don’t know. But, what happened that day to me, was God’s salute to a great prophet, and showing the world in a phenomenon, what Bro. Branham was. Now, I’m not trying to put any great import on it, I’m just trying to say, that’s what it appeared to me, that’s what it was. And whatever you might see in it, ...I wouldn’t know. I wouldn’t want to direct your thinking to say this was it exactly. But it was certainly a tremendous thing. A tremendous thing. I don’t know...I just don’t understand why somebody within the realm of astronomy, did not catch it. But, it was there and hundreds saw it. The most amazing thing was, you could look with your naked eye, with no aftereffects, and see it most clearly. Now, that’s all the questions that were here. We went through this very, very rapidly. Shall we bow our heads in a word of prayer.

Our kind Heavenly Father, we come to You through the Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing that He is the One through Whom we come. The body raised up as a memorial, on the Throne of Mercy there. And we have confidence tonight, that Your Spirit will now help us, because, we’re asking through Jesus that You would teach us the things that we ought to know at this time. Help us to be very calm and careful, in what is about to be said. May Your grace be extended to us, and we’ll give You praise in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

1. I want to bring a message tonight on, ‘Signs, s-i-g-n-s, and the Word’ Signs, and the Word. The reason I do so, is because I myself, ...as I said, you do it your way...but I myself, take a very strong stand, that this is a vindicated Message. It has been proven. It doesn’t need re-proving. I don’t believe that today, any of us need vindication. I believe the vindication is over. And yet, we have today strangely some who are speaking in terms of a vindication amongst us, that believe they’re vindicated to tell us what the prophet said, and you believe what they believe, or else. And that I say... ‘Nonsense.’ I reserve my more charming word of ‘hogwash’, to another time. But it’s the same thing. I simply don’t buy it. And I’m not about to buy it. When it comes to the evidence which they... to set forth, which is a vindication of a ministry of power. I cannot buy it. And whatever you do, is your business.

I want to lay it tonight open from the Word of God, what I see in 'Signs and the Word'. So, that you might understand, how to be more judicious, and how to be careful, because I find many people are not too careful. They think that love allows them to listen to everything, and accept everything. To me it doesn't do it. We've had a vindicated prophet, we saw, we heard, we handled. And I'm desperately loyal to this. And I don't mean I have got a complex. At one time, I had a bit of a complex, but not anymore. That's gone. I just want to stay with the Message.

2. Now, we're going to talk about 'Signs in the Word', by going first of all to, Mark 16:15-20. Now,

- (15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; (and) he that believeth not shall be damned.
- (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; speak with new tongues;
- (18) ...take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- (19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- (20) And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following...

2. So therefore, my thought is in the last verse: 'Word and Sign, or signs and the Word. Now, there is only one way I feel I can deal with the truth of this subject, and that is by what might be construed as both the positive and the negative approach.

And so, we're going to start with the positive approach, of how the charismatic's stand, and how we were once taught. And looking at it just in that light of signs following the Word. And just demanding it, and believing for it. Which is all right. Now here, we read exactly what was said in Mark 16: and that is, they gave promise what was wherever the Gospel was preached, the messenger could expect certain signs to follow that Word. And notice what signs were promised in verses 17-18, five distinct promises of grace. Cast out devils; speak with tongues; take up serpents; drink deadly things; and lay hands upon the sick to their recovery.

3. And It says in verse 20, that it happened exactly as the Lord said it would be. And then in the Book of Acts, we find it is also proved out. In the Book of Acts we have tongues...Acts 2:4, 10:46, - 19:6. Then we see devils cast out in Acts 16:16-18 where the little girl with the spirit of divination, the devil was cast out of her. Then in Acts 28: in about the 8th verse, we see hands were laid on Publius, and Publius was healed. And then in the same chapter, that's chapter 28,

verses 3-6, we saw the serpent was picked up. We saw Paul, accidentally got his hand bit by a viper, and the viper hung, which would normally would have hung on until the man dropped down dead. The viper bit him, and fell off in the fire...which was unusual, and the man did not die. Now, we have no record of poison being drunk in the New Testament to my knowledge. I don't know of any there.

We do see in the case of Elijah, when they had the poison...the meal that was made up in the pot that was poisonous, and God healed it. But we do have a tremendous case that Sandu Sandar Singh, the Indian boy, the Hindu, who was converted to Christianity. And when the family could not get him back, because he was very wealthy, and they did their best to destroy him, in anyway but by death. They finally called him in and said, "We want you to come in and forgive you and talk it over." So, they gave him a potion of poison in such a measure that it could have killed an army. Nothing happened. He just sat through the whole thing. See? They said he was a great man, a great servant of God. So, we find that everything that the Bible mentioned here. In Jesus saying in Mark 16: It came to pass. But there are other signs, they are not mentioned in Mark 16: that are mentioned in the Bible.

4. Now you'll notice, in 1 Corinthians 4:15, Paul admits that he preached the gospel to the Corinthians. And he had begotten them to Christ by the gospel. And you'll notice and he tells them, in the 12th chapter, of 1 Corinthians, about some gifts there. And you'll notice them, in 4-11, you'll notice they're diversity of gifts but the same Spirit. Different administration, but the same Lord.

- (4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- (5) And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- (6) And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- (7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- (8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- (9) To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- (10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- (11) But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

4. Now, you'll notice that Paul adds to Mark 16: He adds such gifts as; wisdom, knowledge, faith, miracles, prophecy, and interpretation of tongues...and discerning. And in fact, you can almost find a limitless manifestation, of the Holy Spirit amongst the people, according to Hebrews 2:1-4

- (1) Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.
- (2) For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
- (3) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;
- (4) God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, (that's two) and with divers miracles, (that's three) and gifts of the Holy Ghost, (that's four) according to his own will?

Now, you can see right here, that all of these signs, whatever they are, are legitimate, scriptural signs. Many people, do not understand this. That is why there are many, many signs, that the Holy Ghost could do amongst us. Which we must never condemn, and blatantly declare of the devil, because we haven't seen them in a certain place in Scripture. It's dangerous. There's many, many things that God could show us that people would deny as being of the Holy Ghost. For instance, when Bro. Branham said to that little girl who said she had all the faith in the world, and he said, *"If you had all the faith in the world, you wouldn't be lying here, dying."* But he said, *"So therefore, you don't have all the faith in the world, though I'll try and inspire it. Will you believe that your appendicitis will be healed? (Because she had a burst appendix.) If I pray for you, it'll make the chandelier cords go this way, and cause it to go this way."*

5. And she said, "I certainly will."

He said, *"Then, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, chandelier cord, go this way, which would be clockwise, and anti-clockwise."* It did it.

Now, someone would say, "Well that's got to be the devil."

We also know that Bro. Branham could reach in his pocket and pull out a silver coin anytime he wanted to. Now, does that startle you? Does that make you think he's of the devil? Listen, don't get funny ideas. The Scripture distinctly leaves an open door here for a multiplicity of manifestation, which could be in the Holy Ghost. It's dangerous therefore, to attempt to label anything. Just watch it, and let it go. See? Now, that doesn't mean anything goes in the church. We can talk about that later. But when he says here, that signs and wonders, those are omens. See? They were produced. And yet, people frown and say, "Well, they make it as Pentecost, once said, God has no power but the devil has it all."

Why then, even bother to come and get saved? See? They just don't give the devil 'carte blanche' to God. It says right here, "Signs and wonders." What are they? Divers miracles, what are they? Well we know what gifts of the holy Ghost are, because they stand out in front of us. But there is much in the Word, that would let us know here, that there are fabulous things that would be wrought by the Holy Ghost in a believing people.

6. Now, I just want to go back to Mark 16: again. Because that's where we were talking. Mark 16: notice, 9-14

- (9) Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Of course, they don't even believe in devils, do they?

- (10) And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
- (11) And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
- (12) After that he appeared in another form (absolutely changed) unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
- (13) And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.
- (14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

7. Now, you'll notice this was in the Resurrection. Now, He gives the command, in verses 15-18, which we read to you all ready, in Mark 16: Now, in verse 19,

- (19) So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Now, keep your finger there if you like...and couple this with Matthew 28:16-20.

- (16) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
- (17) And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some (were doubtful).
- (18) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

- (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- (20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you...even unto the end of the (ages)...

Now, notice that verse 19, which I read of Mark 16: and the verses I read over here in Matthew, concerning his ascension power, Matthew [28]: 16-20, coupled together, (see?) brings Mark 16:20 into effect. And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them. Now, I've got to show you there's a command that He gave in His Resurrection, came to pass, because He had all power and authority, and He was with them and in them doing these mighty works. See? And you'll notice in the Book of Acts, it was continued right on.

8. Look at the mighty miracle ministry over here in Acts 3:12-16, when Peter saw it, that's the man was healed at the Beautiful Gate. The people came running,

- (12) (He said) (Ye men of Israel, why marvel at this? or why look so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?
- (13) The God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, (has) glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.
- (14) (You) denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
- (15) And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
- (16) And his name through faith in his name (See? The, risen Christ. In Jesus Name, through faith in Jesus' Name hath made this man strong, whom (you) see and know: yea, the faith which (comes by Jesus the true Jesus) hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

9. Then, over of course in Acts 2:32-36 you've got the same thing.

- (32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
- (34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he (said) himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

(35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

(36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

And so, you see God raising Him, the power is now in the Church. That there can, and there must be as a natural course, the signs and wonders of the Holy Ghost. That's why Bro. Branham continuously rapped on the Baptist, and Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Catholic knuckles around the country. What is the matter with you? You say you believe in a risen Christ, where are those signs that follow the Word? See? And they should. Why listen, when I was down in Macon, Georgia many years back now, preaching in a Baptist Church; a bunch of folks came in from the Force of Light Mission, and a woman sitting there, had to go through roughly seven major operations, would have taken to cure her. There's the Word of God with Scripture, she was absolutely cured that morning, and miracles by the hundreds down there. One night alone, two cases of emphysema healed, ...oh, you name it. Absolutely, even, brand new ear drums put in. See? Absolutely, we must understand that.

Now, I want us to understand this, that I've been saying, the Word of God is to be accompanied by signs and wonders. Preaching, is to be accompanied by signs. It is evident that there is a living Christ, doing the same things on earth by His Spirit, He once did in His own flesh, when He was here on earth. Only, He was using the flesh of other men to work through. He makes men apostles, and prophets, and teachers, and evangelists, and pastors...to bring that Word. Then that Word in the people brings forth, 1 Corinthians 12: and Romans 12: Never forget Romans 12: is there too. I know it's in 1 Corinthians 12: I already read It to you.

10. Let's go back to Romans, shall we? Here's where Pentecost made a big mistake, they forgot Romans 12: was in the Bible. Now, there's a body,

- (4) ...have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- (5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- (6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, (we) prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- (7) Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
- (8) Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Right down the line, it is absolutely to be a super natural life amongst the people by people just blending in, and doing the right thing, taking care of needs, helping each other. Going on

with Jesus and the super natural coming in. In another level, whereby the gifts were manifested. Tongues, interpretation, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits, healings, miracles, great teaching ministries. People exhorting, oh, my heavens, ...where are we at today? These things aren't dead. They're not gone, don't ever tell me the Word of God's gone. Yes sir. They should be right here, as Bro. Branham said, *"As long as there's a true Bride on earth, there'll be a true gift of tongues in her."* I believe that with all my heart. Yes sir. Now, these ministries are all complimentary to the Word ministry. They're all complimentary to the Word ministry. The trouble is, what happened, and people not understanding, that these ministries are complimentary to the five-fold ministries, have put them in competition. So therefore, the blessing of God went off it. The people right today still don't understand that. They still don't understand it. That these, follow the Word, and are complimentary to the Word ministry. See?

11. Now, there is no lack of constant demonstration of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ amongst the people. Those who believe it. "He is the same yesterday, today and forever." [Heb 13:8] And He is proving that He is, by signs that follow the Word. We must never forget it, nor never let it go. What we are to do is to put the church in order, and to seek fervently, to love and serve one another. Thereby manifest the Spirit of Christ, so the church will abound in all spiritual gifts and manifestations. And it can be even greater than we think. But, when Bro Branham said, "The gifts, as it were," ...he didn't say they were. As it were, could be put on the shelf, because of that sweet spirit, the love amongst us, it'll move everywhere.

And that's exactly what is wrong in the church. The gifts have become competitive, instead of ministering among the saints. And until you and I want to absolutely help each other, and in honor prefer each other, and count nothing as our own. Now, it doesn't mean sell your house and have a commune. I'm not saying that. Don't ever get that idea. But I'm saying this though, ...we have got to come to the place of self-abnegation, for we're one body, members of each other. Then, you watch and see the Spirit of God move by that Spirit of love. But not until then. See? That's what's wrong. I'll prove it to you. Every single illustration Bro. Branham ever used. Bro. Brown gets up, he says, "Sis. Jones, leave your home, you're right by the railway tracks. Then he said, "The train's going to go off the tracks, and knock your house down." You could be killed." So, Sis. Jones, ...or whoever it is, Bro. Brown, I think Sis. Jones used Sis. Jones...The moral of the story is she leaves the place and she's helped.

12. And then he said, "Another person gets up, and he says, what's wrong with this man he can't get healing?" And he tells why he can't get healing. And you'll notice in every single illustration, that gift is operating to help people, not to make you and me look good. That's why the gifts cannot be on the floor. Because the minute they're there, somebody starts to look good. Then the Word, then the Word follows the sign...instead of the sign follow the Word. See? It's complimentary to it. Now, I trust, you're getting what I'm saying. I preached a whole tape on it, if you want the tape, you can get it here. If your pastor wants you to hear it. I don't care if somebody destroys the tape. I preached a whole sermon on it. Bringing up point after point. How the prophet brought it out. You see? Here we've got to recognize. See?

Now, it can be even greater than you think. The Spirit of God can move amongst us in a marvelous way. Look how, when Bro. Branham broke on the scene. God was demonstrating

what lay in the Holy Ghost. See? And what...in order to bring us to the Word. Now then, if we're coming right back to that Word, the way we ought to be, and have the right spirit about it, then certainly, manifestation does not leave the church. No sir. It doesn't leave it. Now, but I don't want to stop there. See? That's the trouble, people stop there. They think that is all the Word says about signs. And they think that's all Bro. Branham preached. But that's not so. There are signs that are found in the same Word, that are disregarded.

13. Now let's just take a point, by going to the super sign. We're going to go back to Isaiah 7: and we're going to get into some real good things here, ...I hope. 10-14. Now,

(10) Moreover, the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

(11) Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

(12) But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

That was good. In other words, people say, "Are you supposed to use a fleece?" God didn't tell Gideon, but God let Gideon get away with it. See? Now, therefore,

(13) And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

(14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and (bring forth) a son, and (thou) shall call his name Immanuel.

Now, here is the greatest sign that ever was given. It was a super sign. And notice what the Word said about that sign. He said, "...a virgin (he said) here is the sign, the Lord Himself is going to give." And notice, It became the Word. And for that sign to appear, It had to be the very Word of God fulfilled, because It says,

(14) ... a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and (thou) shall call his name Immanuel.

And that's the sign. What sign? The sign of the Word of God, fulfilled. And It's a sign.

14. Now, let's take a look at that sign. Now, we're not going to spend a lot of time, because we don't need to. We're going to go back to the Book of Luke 1: which was the place that Bro. Branham took us, so, we just go right along there.

Now, I'm not going to read verses 26-28, because you already know about It. That's where the angel comes to Mary, and tells her she's going to conceive in her womb, and that One is, conceived of her, is going to be of the Holy Ghost. Now, notice what It says here. [Luke 1:]

- (31) ... thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, (then It says) ...
- (32) ...(The Spirit of the Highest shall come upon thee.) ...
- (35) ... and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And He tells us there, how it is that the Holy Ghost who is not a sex apparatus, who does not fertilize anybody. No, but He is the Spirit that moved upon the face of the deep, and the creative Word that was in Him, ...took that sperm and that egg, and created in the womb, and by the chemical processes of her body, brought forth a child without male intervention. Absolutely. And then, it was that One that was to be born and looked for.

15. We have the attestation, as we go along, and into [Luke] the 2nd chapter, and we go to verse 8-12.

- (8) And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- (9) ... the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- (10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- (12) (Notice) And this shall be a sign unto you; (You) shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Now, the sign wasn't the swaddling clothes, in a manger. The sign was the baby. It tells how He was dressed. Once more, we see the Word of God. The Word of God fulfilled. This is the sign...the fulfilled Word of God, is a sign.

- (13) And suddenly ... (a great) host (was there, and they were screaming),
- (14) Glory to God in the highest, and (they came there, and they saw It.)

16. Now, let's go back, let's go a little further. We go to verse 34, the same chapter.

- (34) And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary..., Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

Why? Because, He was the Word of God, fulfilled. That sign, the super sign, is the Word of God fulfilled. The great sign. See?

17. Now, let's go back and see a little more. ...Anna also had a part in this. Just disregard that. Let's go to Matthew now, 17: 33-35, and take a look at a little more.

(33) And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say,
a place of a skull,

(34) They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had
tasted thereof, he would not drink.

And that's absolutely in the Scripture. That's the Word of God, fulfilled.

(35) And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that
it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted
my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

(36) And sitting down they watched him there;

There again, is the Word of God fulfilled. The mighty sign, He's the Super Sign, and everything about Him, said in the Word fulfilled, is the Super Sign of Almighty God. The Word of God fulfilled. See? Now, just remember that.

18. Now, let's go to Luke 24:19-27

(19) And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him,
Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in
deed and word before God and all the people:

(20) And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be
condemned to death, and have crucified him.

(21) But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed
Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things
were done.

(22) Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished,
which were early at the sepulchre;

(23) And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they
had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

(24) And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and
found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

- (25) Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- (26) Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
- (27) And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

And as Bro. Branham said, “*When Jesus said, “Which one of you (convinces) me of sin?”* [Jn 8:46] He was literally saying to people, “Which one of you can find one place in the Scripture, I have not fulfilled?” See? The great sign, was the Word of God being fulfilled. That’s the great sign. Every other sign pales into insignificance beside it. See?

19. So, here is the great Super Sign. God’s promise of redemption, now according to the Word, is fulfilled. God’s Word fulfilled. God’s great sign here, is a fulfillment of the Word. I repeat...God’s great Super Sign, is a physical evidence fulfillment of His Word. God’s Word manifested in flesh, and to flesh. See? God’s Word manifested. I want us to see that. People are passing it by. They forget that God fulfilling the Word Itself, is the greatest sign there is. They simply forget that the greatest sign is the Word of God fulfilled. See?

Now, not gifts given, but, Himself the Word, manifested. Not the gifts. No sir, they follow the Word. And they’re fine, but, when you begin to compare them with the Word of God fulfilled, which is the great sign, they pale into insignificance. See? Because all of them will one day will vanish away. Now, but we must not stop there. We must learn, not to just look at the sign by itself. But, we are to go further. We are to see where, or for what reason, according to the Word, the sign is there. Now, you’ve got to do with every sign. You don’t do it with just one sign. The signs that follow the Word. Or the sign, which is the Word fulfilled. And we are to take every sign to the Word, because it’s only in the Word fulfilled, that we can know the hour in which we live, and what part of the Word of God, is in effect. See?

20. Now, I’m not telling you one strange thing. I’m just telling you my own way, how the prophet put it. See? Now, Israel failed to do so, when the super sign was given at the birth, and the life, and the death, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. And many are failing to do so, even now. Look, at the great signs of Malachi 4:5-6, so, let’s go back and look at It. Now, He says here in chapter 4:

- (4) Remember (you) the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.
- (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- (6) And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the

heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth
with a curse.

Now, of course, we know the first part was already done. So therefore,

- (6) And he shall turn the heart of the...children (back) to their fathers,
lest I come and smite the earth...

Now here, is a Word of God that must be absolutely fulfilled. And when It is fulfilled, It is a sign. And because it's Word fulfilled, It becomes a super sign, far above any other signs, merely which follow the Word of God. Because those follow the Word. But this is the Word of God, which is a manifestation. See? But, now listen, when It is manifested, it becomes a sign. What is the sign in this hour? It is the sign of the Son of man on earth, not in heaven. But it is the Son of man on earth.

21. Let's go back to Luke 17:26-30. Now, I've already taught you this,

- (26) And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of
the Son of man.

Now, the days of Noah take place right here on earth, and so do the days of the Son of man. Now, you know that's a sign. What is the sign? It's the sign of the Second Coming. Now, the days of Noah must repeat, and the days of the Son of man, must repeat. Now, the Son of man was a prophet. Therefore, as it was in the days of Noah, there has got to be a prophet just before the deluge of fire. As there was a deluge of water, and a prophet as the last sign, that last showdown, before destruction, so God must once more do the same thing with the prophet. Now he says,

- (27) They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in
marriage, ...and so on.

- (28) (Then It says) also as it was in the days of Lot; ... (Now what
happened in the days of Lot?)

Melchisedec came down. They saw the manifestation of God. God proving Himself. Showing you, that it was the hour in which He appeared upon the earth. It was in that very time. Then It says in verse 30,

- (30) Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

22. Now listen. Who is to come before the second coming? Elijah is to come before the second coming. Before the Rapture, so therefore, there has to be the mighty sign of Elijah, in this earth. Which is the Word of God, fulfilled. And this is that great sign to look for. See? But, what happened? You just don't believe It. Now, one has to look at the sign just like in Moses' day. And then let that sign take them to the Word. Now, Moses came as a great phenomenon. Do you know God said, "I'm going to let Israel stay down there in Egypt for four hundred years,

then I'm going to take them out." And God, did take them out. But He took them out by a man. A one man, army. But, the point is this, did those people then go to the Word? No, they did not go to the Word. See?

They didn't check the Word, to let the Word place the sign. They simply used it as a phenomenon. See? Moses himself, was a bit disturbed, and had a bad time over it. Now, Moses was the Word of that hour. Because he was the deliverer, that God was sending down. And the sign pointed to the Word. It was then a great contest with Pharaoh, which was pointing to redemption. But you see, they never placed it with the Word. Never once. And yet, they should've. Because they had the Word. Coming down in a ...?... form. Now, Israel would not do it then. And they wouldn't do it in Jesus' day.

23. Now, let's go back to Jesus' day. I'm taking you awfully fast, but, I think you can follow me. John 14:11. Now, It says here:

(11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else
believe me for the very works' sake.

Now, he said right here, as Peter said, "You know, something was happening amongst you." You know that this man was vindicated of God. And they were saying, "Well, we hope this one is the Messiah." So, listen, they never took it to the Word to find out. Look at the time when Nicodemus tried to stand up against the Sanhedrin. And he said, "Desire just a man before us, before they brought him to court?" And they say, "What do you know about it? Search the Scripture and see, no prophet arises out of Galilee...those fatheads." No one traced to find out where Jesus was born...which wasn't in Galilee. But down there in Bethlehem of Judea, where the prophets come from. They wouldn't check that given sign. They wouldn't check the Word of God, to place the Word of God in the hour, in which it fell. They wouldn't do it. No sir. They wouldn't do it.

24. Oh but, look over here in John 5:39 now. What Jesus said. Let me find It for you here. Now,

(39) Search the scriptures; for in them (you) think ye have eternal life: and
they are they which testify of me.

But, they never took the sign back to the Word. See? You take every sign back to the Word. I don't care what sign it is. Take it back to the Word. See? Now, however they loved these signs. They were happy to get all the signs that they could pass off. And now, look, John 10: 32-33

(32) Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from
my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

(33) (And they said), For a good work we (don't) stone (you); ...

Why? "You could raise the dead day and night, and feed the sick, in fact we'd love to put an army against it. Oh, that Caesar. And if you just feed the army by breaking loaves and fishes, and you raise the dead as they die, we'll just knock the socks off of Peter, we'd love it." Oh sure, but, do you think they would take that back to the Word? They would not take it back to the Word. They wouldn't do it. They wouldn't do it. If they had taken it back to the Word, they'd have found out exactly the hour in which we live, is the hour that Jesus Christ came. But they wouldn't do it. See? He told us to search the Scripture. Whenever you see signs and wonders, and these things, you search the Scripture. But, they would not look where the sign pointed. They wouldn't do it. Jesus begged them. But they wouldn't do it.

25. They would not look to see if it even meant anything. They turned it down. They would not go to the Word. They would not identify the signs. Signs must be Word identified. I don't care who's doing it. You, me, or the other fellow. Signs must be Word identified. They've got to be. What does the Word say about them? And as Bro Branham said, "*The Voice of the sign.*" The sign has a Voice. Check to see if it's a biblical Voice. Check it out, and if it's a biblical Voice, then place It. And see what It's trying to tell you. But they wouldn't do it. See? Now, you know we had a repeat of that in Bro. Branham. You know that absolutely.

As I told you here's a man, sitting in Canada. And he said, "*I challenge you, bring me twenty-four of your worst cases. I guarantee healing.*" And they sat there like a bunch of... I don't know what. Do you realize what that would've done...twenty-four guaranteed healings? It would have set the world on fire. But, they said, "The preacher will then go through the prayer line, then we'll see if something happens." You talk about a Mount Carmel showdown. You talk about a Mount Sinai showdown. You talk about a showdown. Jesus Christ himself, never offered a challenge like that. Yes sir, here was Elohim, speaking through a man. I challenge you.

Sure they backed away from that, and wouldn't listen to it. Then when he said, "*You couldn't hide if you tried.*" They wouldn't trace that back to the Word. They just said, "My, isn't that a great ministry, Hallelujah." You see? They wouldn't trace the Voice back. (See?) They wouldn't see if it was Word identified. What does the Word say about those signs? What is that Voice saying? What is that sign talking to us?

26. Now, we're going to cut a little deeper here. You see? It could be the negative. Yeah. I guess I'm a little bit negative. Now, what about those signs following the Word, in Mark 16: Let's watch those signs. People act as though those signs in Mark 16: is all there is to it. I'm going to tell you there's something else to It. See? Now, watch how God declares His Word, and see It come to pass, as the further sign. Watch Mark 16: come to pass as the Word of God fulfilled, as a further sign. Not just following the Word, but the Word Itself now fulfilled.

So, we take that sign, to Malachi 4:5-6, which is Luke 17:30, right back to the Word. And here it is. Now, keep listening. We're going to hit right now Matthew 24:24

(24) For there shall arise false Christs, (even lying) prophets, and shall
(show) great signs and wonders; (absolute, legitimate Holy Ghost sign)
insomuch that, (they'll deceive the very elect, if it were possible.)

Now, what are you going to do with Mark 16? Mark 16 is no longer signs following the Word. But the Word of God, is self-fulfilled. Because people will rise up with a false spirit, and do the identical things that follow the Word, in a genuine believer. I'm not telling you a lie... I'm telling the truth. You'll see every one of them. Every one of them duplicated. Yes sir. But the Word tells us. See? Now, he says,

(25) Behold, I have told you before.

Where did He tell them before?

27. Over here is the Book of Matthew the 7th chapter, watch what He says in verse 15.

(15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, ...
inwardly they are ravening wolves.

In other words, they have an absolute Christian manifestation on the outside, but the devil inside. The heart of the devil. But the character, the manifestation, everything about him, looked just like a real Christian. And people say the great thing at the end-time is character, or being drawn closer to God. Or some kind of special life. Let me tell you. The prophet denied it. He had to, because the Word of God does. Sheep on the outside, devil on the inside. Now, ravening wolves,

(16) (You) know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns,
or figs of thistles?

He goes now to trees. See?

(17) ... every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree (brings)
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) ... by their fruits (you're going to) know...

Now, that is not the fruit of the Spirit of the Book of Galatians. That's the Word, because it was a false, or corrupt tree, that brought a man to death, which was the perverted Word of God... the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. And Bro. Branham admitted it. 'Anointed Ones at the End-time', [65-07-25] absolutely cleared up everything he said where in time past love was the evidence, and this was the fruit of the Spirit of Galatians. It is not the fruit of the Spirit of Galatians. It is the Word of God that has been perverted, because that's what a false prophet does. He's got every one of those signs. And look at the end-time, they're going to come up.

- (21) Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- (22) (And) many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? (that's one of the gifts) cast out devils? (that's Mark 16:) done many wonderful works? (Hebrews 2:)
- (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never (ever) knew you: (I never even knew you...you never were in the election) depart from me... (you serpent seed.)

What are you going to do now? What are you going to do now with Mark 16? Mark 16: following the Word, which is simply a sign following the Word. And if it's not the Word of God fulfilled Itself, it will lead you right into a trap.

28. Let's look at that trap. Read It this morning. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-9, here It is:

- (3) Let no man deceive you by any means: (That's a double negative there) for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- (4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- (5) Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- (6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- (7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now (hindereth) will (hinder), until he be taken out of the way.
- (8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- (9) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan (and what's the working of Satan?) with all power and signs and lying wonders,

Now, part of that can be genuine, and part a lie. Bro. Branham said, "*The great lying wonders. It's going to be the money system.*"

- (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;
because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be
saved.

It doesn't mention Calvary here now. That stands. That's perfect. But Calvary as I showed you this morning, becomes inoperative, when you turn down the Word of God. When you turn down the truth. See?

- (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they
should believe a lie:

And what is stronger delusion? Than people not knowing the Word at the end-time, where It says, "These signs follow the Word of God." [Mk 16:17] Then turn right around and say, "The same signs are done by lying prophets, to deceive the very people." [Mt 24:24]

29. Now, one is the sign following the Word. The other, is the sign of the Word, God fulfilled in the days of Malachi 4:5-6. See? Now, here we see God's Word speaks of a great end-time sign. The very Word itself, now manifested as a sign. For after Malachi 4:5-6, the false anointed ones, comes with signs and wonders. After Malachi 4:5-6, after Moses, there is always Jannes and Jambres. After the prophet, there's always false teachers. See?

Now, listen to me. The very signs, that are to accompany the gospel, that follow the Word, are now set forth by the Word Itself. That they will fool all, but the Elect. Because the people refused to take all signs back to the Word Itself, and place those signs with the Word. They won't do it. And you preach a message like this in any Charismatic church, I'd not only be booted out, they'd tar and feather me. Why I couldn't even preach this kind of message.

I stood up in Fort Worth, Texas one time, among a bunch of Charismatics...Latter Day Rain. And I said, "The trouble with Pentecost is," and I said, "I am one of them, so I know what I'm talking about. They mistake the awareness of the Holy Ghost, for a true anointing." I said, "The telephone rings on the wall, it going dingle-ringle-ring, and you don't go screaming, jump up and holler, and talk in tongues." You pick the phone up and say, "Hello." And you get information. I said, "Go when the Spirit of God anoints you. And you become aware of God."

30. You don't scream and jump and holler, you say, "What is it Lord, I'm listening to You?" Oh my, they're ready to kill me. I was boot out of the place. So, move on. I'm not about to change. I learned even more since then, back in 1956. Then I got to travel with the prophet. And heard him preach 'Anointed Ones at the End-Time', 65-0725] saw the whole thing open up. See? But already, the Holy Spirit working in my heart, made me to know something was wrong there. No matter how you have gifts following, you don't put your faith in it. Until you can place it right with that Word, and stay right with that Word. See? Yes sir.

Now, here's those ...?... with signs following, becomes the very Word of God fulfilled Itself. And we must place them with the Word. Talk about deception. That's exactly what we read over in 2 Thessalonians. See?

31. And It's the same thing that Peter prophesied. Let's go to 2nd chapter of Acts, after that. Now,

(15) For these are not (drunk), as ye suppose, seeing it is (only nine o'clock in the morning).

(16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Here is the Word of God fulfilled, a sign to the people.

(17) And (it'll) come to pass in the last days...I will pour my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

(18) And on my (men) servants and on my (women servants I'll) pour my Spirit; (in those days) and (they'll) prophesy:

(19) And (I'll) shew wonders in heaven...

Right before the great Tribulation takes place, It categorically says here, that anybody and everybody can have the Spirit of God upon them. And like a Balaam, they'll prophecy genuine prophecy, and they'll be false prophets.

32. Now, that's the Word of God fulfilled my brother/my sister. That's the sign of the end-time. The Word of God is self-fulfilled. And people think they can play with gifts in the church today? They think they don't put their gifts under order? Let me tell you, my brother/my sister, you believe what you want. I know your pastor behind me, believes like I do. You'll put those gifts where they belong. And you'll not be fooled or deceived. You'll take every sign back to the Word of God. Check it right out, see where you stand. Because that's the fruit at the end-time. Yes sir.

People with signs and wonders, ...that's not it at all. God performs every great sign and wonder. There's nothing against those miracles of the 16th chapter of the Book of Mark, just place them with the Word, and see exactly where you are. Put them under church order. Get that right Spirit among you, trace it all down, stay with that Word. God will bless you and take you out of here in a Rapture, one of these days. Yes sir. The Elect will not be deceived. No, they won't be deceived. People think they will...but they won't.

32. Now, Peter prophesied, he said, "Your sons, ...your sons and my sons, your daughters, my daughters. Both doing the same thing, then comes the great Tribulation." It's going on right now. Oh my, I was so sorry for a man deceived, ...wonderful brother down in Birmingham, Alabama. He's a precious brother, but he went to a man's meeting, where the man was an alcoholic. Did despicable things, but he said, "There's got to be of God, because these signs and wonders are here, and I couldn't help but say, "What about Balaam?" Yes sir, Balaam truly prophesied. Everything he said, is still coming to pass, but he was as phony as a three-dollar bill.

He died fighting the children of Almighty God. And he was said to take the wages of divination, he could place with the hand of God in one hand, and the devil in the other. I'm afraid that's what's going on right today, and they don't even know it. Because when you're using gifts of the Holy Ghost, and you're outside the Word of God, brother/sister, then we are not then in God's ballgame. We're in the devils' ballgame. Pardon the vernacular, but that's it.

33. Now, here is this great charismatic sign coming right out of the Word itself. God's own Word fulfilling Itself at the end-time. The Word of Malachi 4:5-6, or James 5:7, and Ezekiel 12:7. Let's go back to James 5: Now,

- (7) Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold,
the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath
long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Now remember, the latter rain comes first. And it's in the midst of the latter rain. Which latter rain by the prophet is a genuine signs and wonders, then comes in the midst of it, the early rain or the former rain. Which is the re-teaching of the Word of God. Because that's what it means over in Joel. The 'mora' [Strong's 4172] is the teacher or the teaching, because they're the same. Then it comes it's that this, is going to bring the dead out of the ground. It is not the latter rain that does it, it's the former rain that does it, because the latter rain is a sign of a vindication to listen to the prophet. See? Then when that former rain comes, then the Word becomes fulfilled of Mark 16: that the false anointed ones have It. But people never read their Bibles. Never face up to it. And they say, "Well I'm vindicated too, I've got something also."

34. Okay, let's go back to Ezekiel the 12th chapter, that refers again to ...the Book of Revelation again. But, we won't go into that one.

Ezekiel 12: last part of verse 6

- (6) ...for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.

What he said here. See?

- (7) And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day,
as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with
mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon my
shoulder...

In other words, in the twilight, in the evening hour, when it is neither dark nor light, the prophet becomes a sign. The prophet is a sign. The Son of man, because that's what God called Ezekiel. And at the end-time it repeats. The prophet with his great ministry, becomes a sign. See? And this has all been deserted. See? It's been ...?... But the signs stay on, as though all doers were prophets or shepherds of the truth. But they can't be because, Matthew 24:24 says opposite.

Now remember, Matthew 24:24 does not fight Mark 16: a lot of people act as though it does. But it doesn't. It does not. Mark 16: is still here. Absolutely. But you have to watch it. Because now, not only is it following the Word, ...and those people don't have the Word. It has become the charismatic proof that they are of God, but they are not of God. Why? Because they've left the Word. And there's where the deception is. See? It's not hard to understand this if you would look at it. It's very close there. Now, don't cross the Word up. We are to take both to the Word. And we are to divide them correctly, or we will perish like Cain and Abel.

35. Now, let's just go back to Scripture over here in Jeremiah 23:25-29. Now watch,

(25) I have heard what the prophets (saith), that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

Now, you've got that going on all the time. How many places have I gone in this Message, where especially women are to blame. They'll have their dream, then they'll talk about somebody, and literally blackmail them, and people will listen. It's happened in Ohio, with our pastor, it happened up in Canada. And then, one lady got mad in British Columbia, because I lowered the boom. And I said, "What nonsense, to hear some blabber-mouth woman with a dream." Now, old Lee Vayle is cutting like a dirty old dog that he is. Now, I don't go and apologize, one little bit. If there any women here in that category, you better flee for your life! Because you're getting down the broad way of destruction. And you'll be taking souls with you. You keep your dreams to yourself. Because unless there's a prophet to interpret it, that dream must be Word by Word. Yeah. I'm going to blame women, I've got men in this too. And they're doing it. "I've dreamed." Who cares that much about your dream?

We've had a vindicated prophet. We've had the very Word of God fulfilled in this hour as a sign. We've placed it with the Word. Then who needs the dream? Let those dreams be exactly written out, and let them come to pass exactly as they are. Let them be up there in the pulpit, if you think you've got something. Let any prophecy come forth in a room. Let it be judged, and bring it up here, and see where it goes. See? Now, I may sound hard, but we're fighting for our lives. Why? Because this is that age of deception. See?

36. Now, they prophesy lies. They call their prophets deceit for prophesying deceit out of their own hearts. Which think to cause my people to forget My name. What will we talk about the name this morning? The Word of God revealed. (Yeah)

Now, a woman prophesizes, she's right, but she does it on the floor, and because it's a genuine prophecy, the pastor says, "There you are, it's supposed to take place here, and if it doesn't come to pass, it's already judged." Hogwash! Show me that in the Word of God said so, and the prophet said so. Now, I'm tramping on toes here, because I'm giving you actual living cases, as to what's going on in the world, and this Message. Now, you say, "He doesn't mind." It'd be too late anyway, He'd have to correct all my errors. Cover up for me, being a treacherous fellow. I'm not treacherous, I'm telling you the truth, ...I am telling you the truth! And I get letters where men are squeezed by a gift, they prove that if they think that if a man is proven right by a woman on the floor saying something. She can't even talk on the floor.

Sure, it's right. Call this the Word of God, brother/sister, you better pray for your lives. We're not here trying to prove anything, anymore. We're here preaching that which has been proven. I'm not here to vindicate myself. I'm putting myself right here with what the Word of God says. If any of these want to come, check it by the Word. See if I've got something, or not. See if I'm over there in Mark 16: now with a fulfilled area here, I'm going to deceive the people. Check her out. I want to bring it right to the Light. Let the Bible teach it. Bring it to the Light, let's see if Calvary is in effect. Let's see if we're under the Blood, to see where we're going. But they're doing it. And they proved that which causes the people to forget My name.

37. When I was over in Europe, you couldn't even say what the prophet said, until you checked with some other man to see if he said it. I had a man interpret for me, and he wouldn't say what I was saying. Because somebody else has said different. I said, "Look, I'm responsible." Didn't bother him, he said, "Skip it." Huh? Want to go home now? If you want to know the truth, I'm here to tell it. I don't care if it's blasted across the heavens. Such nonsense, the people are preaching. That's what this Message is all about. These so-called leaders. That's why I've fallen backwards. Don't ever call me a leader. I'll take a four-by-four and I'll show you what a leader is all right. Lead off with my four-by-four. I'm no leader. I preach...that's all I do. You check everything I say with the Word of God, as brought by a prophet. See if I'm off, if I'm off you come and tell me. Now, it's

(27) ... (caused) my people to forget my name (that's the revealed Word)
by their dreams ... they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers
have forgotten my name from Baal.

And Baal was one of the names of God. Wrong revelation of Him. See?

(28) The prophet (has to) dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath
my word, let him speak my word faithfully...

Tell your dream. Go ahead. There's going to be someone to stick with the Word. Don't bother, don't worry. There'll be someone stick with the Word. Let them tell their dreams. That's my trouble, I always get anointed, and butt my nose in. Let them go ahead. Let them do what they want. Don't you be with them. If it has My Word,

(28) ... let him (take my word, and) speak my word faithfully. What
is the chaff to the wheat? ...

38. That's end-time today, with the Rapture coming on. If your wheat... get away from the chaff. As Bro. Branham said, "*Stay away from that stuff.*" But they don't want to do it. Now remember, Mark 16: is still in effect. Yes sir. Romans 12: is still in effect, 1 Corinthians 12: is in effect. But put them with the Word. See? Because they are no longer following with the Word. They have taken a sinister position, it now becomes the Word of God, fulfilled, deceiving. And there It stands, and people still can't understand It. Well, can you understand It? I hope so. I know your pastor does...I know that for a fact. Because all the time he's telling you how the people just won't go to a vindicated Word. He said, "This is fine." I believe that he does. Here's where you start. If you can't see vindication, you can't see anything. Forget it.

It's not what you and I think. It's not what you and I fear. But what does the Word say? Because there's a greater experience coming. Which is the Word of God fulfilling to you and me, when the Scripture said, "...We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." [1 Cor 15:51] I want that! That's the Word of God fulfilled again. You watch that sign. It'll be too late when that sign comes, my brother/my sister. Yes sir. I don't want to lose anything. It's not my Word, like a fire saith the Lord, like a hammer that breaketh a rock in pieces. Didn't Bro. Branham preach on that? They come to hear me out. Sure, it isn't harvest time? Isn't it fire time? Isn't the fan in His hands, now, purging His floor? Certainly, into the gathering of the wheat...certainly.

39. I want to tell you, the shuck is already separated from us, brother/sister. He wouldn't have us on a bet. I haven't been kicked out of any church yet...but I sure have been told not to come around. Well, ...Hallelujah. Doesn't bother me at all. Just one more place less, that I have to visit. I'm not mad about it, I'm just philosophical, I don't care. Fine by me. I'm only going to preach one Word, and that's to the best of my knowledge. I'll do my best to stick with the prophet. If I miss the Rapture itself, and have to go to hell, at least I'll say one thing. "I did my best to stay with a vindicated Word." I want that much consolation. Let's take a look here in Ezekiel 34: now. That's about your prophet. Let's take a little look here at the shepherd, not too much.

- (12) (The) shepherd (taketh) out his flock in the day, that he is among
his sheep that are scattered; so, will I seek out my sheep, and will
deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the
cloudy and dark day.

God sent Himself, He's going to come down, because there's not a prophet, there's not a preacher, there's nobody in this dark dismal day could help us, until Christ, the Pillar of Fire, came down, spoke face to face with the prophet. Reveal the Word of God, to bring us back from being scattered, and the last Message brings us in. Oh, I hope you can see it brother/sister. A vindicated Message, the Seventh Church Age Messenger, placing us correctly...placing us right in the hour in which we live, Melchisedec Himself, come down to show us the High Priest of our calling. Getting us ready. Brother/sister, you just can't beat that for grace and goodness. I don't know what people are talking about.

40. I'm just going to slip over here quickly, to the 3rd chapter of 1 Corinthians. And I'm not really beefing tonight, sounds like it...and I do beef a lot, but, this isn't really the beef. I'm enjoying preaching this the straight Word of God, though I bring up these other things. Listen,

- (1) And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as
unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
- (2) I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were
not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

In other words, the Corinthian church, is taken up in gifts and schisms, absolutely cannot receive the full mature Word of Almighty God, and pass into that Millennium.

(3) (You) are ...carnal: for ... there is ... strife among you, ... (division),
are (you) not carnal, and walk as men?

(4) (One says), I am of Paul;...I am of Apollos; are (you) not carnal?
(I'm of this, I'm of that. See?)

41. Oh, I hate when somebody says, "I follow Lee Vayle." There's a fellow that says that. And I say, "Don't say that." There's nobody going to follow me. Nobody. It's not meant that way. There's no teacher, there's no man on the road whatsoever. You have one authority in your church, which is your pastor, that God gave you to see you through. And if he has the Holy Ghost, he will certainly see you through, and stay with this Word. But they are doing their best, people they run around to be somebody. I am nobody. And I'm not trying to be smart up here, and get your favor by being humble. Look, I am not humble. I'm simply stating a fact. I'm nobody. I marvel that the people have put up with me as much as they do. I have no qualifications as a leader. I do my best to simply preach this Word and stick with It. You judge It, you sit there and judge It. And if it's of God...you listen. If it's not...you let it go over your head.

But never say, "I believe this group, and I believe that group. I believe this man, I believe that man." We have a vindicated prophet. We have been begotten unto God by the prophet, he said so. That's what Paul said to the Corinthians. He said, "You've got many teachers, but one Father, that has begotten you in the gospel." So, there was one prophet came with the Word of God, which we say we believe. Now, let's look at him and nobody else. Trust the Holy Ghost to take you through. Let your pastor do the work he is supposed to do...he's the important one. I just get so alarmed at men that run around, and they try to lord it over the pastor. Without your pastor here, and other pastors, I wouldn't have a place to go to...or a people to talk to. If there's anybody to look up to, it's the man you've got as your head. See?

42. Now, I'm just trying to place this the way the Word of God says It. And I have done it, and that's it. Now, he says, [1 Corinthians 3:]

(5) Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye
believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

(6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

(7) So then neither is he that (plants) anything, neither he that (waters);
but God that giveth the increase.

(8) Now he that (plants) and he that (waters) are one: and every man
shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

(9) For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry...

(10) According to (God's grace)... .

(11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, (Christ) is the foundation. (It's revelation see?)

Now, here we are at the end-time. Here we are brother/sister, and what's going on? People think they have a certain, certain type of vindication that says, "Look at me, I've been with the prophet, I've heard from God, I've seen this, I heard this," I don't care that much what you've heard, and you should feel the same way about me. Why? Because there's been a vindicated prophet. And now, you watch every sign and place it with the Word. And you welcome the 16th chapter of Mark into your church. You welcome everything God has to give you. But you're under divine order now, and you stay in the Word where God put you. And you're not looking here and looking there, by that Word, and you're watching carefully, that everything is judged by the Word. So, you're exactly right, so, you're not trapped.

43. Oh, brother/sister, let me tell you, if the church only let her mind go tonight, and have faith in God. What a group there would be amongst us. What a great thing there'd be. And I'm still looking for it. I'm not discouraged. Every now and then, God drops some encouragement down into my heart, I feel real good again, knowing we're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, we're marching upward to Zion, those ever widening spirals of God's grace and majesty and beauty. Yes sir, and as Bro. Branham said, "*Don't whine, why should you bother with the false, when the heavens are full of the real?*" Yes sir. Oh, my brother/my sister, don't be discouraged, don't do it. Don't look as though God's taken away ministries. Don't you believe that. It's all here, just put it with the Word. Stand in that Word, and see what will happen.

I believe with all my heart, there's going to be a people in this end-time my brother/sister, that will stay with this Word. You watch what God does, they won't be running here, and running here, because this fellow had a dream and that fellow heard a voice. Man said he heard a voice thunder. I don't care if he heard fifty thunders...doesn't bother me. See? You're not going to impress me. I don't want to impress you either. If I've been impressing you as a person, let's forget it. Never invite me back. Take your money back, and boot me out of here. See? Understand what I'm telling you? Brother/sister, it's all wrong, that's carnality, having a spirit other than what I'm trying to bring down, to show you tonight. See? A vindicated Message, a vindicated prophet. Then, as soon as that was done, what happened?

44. When Mark 16: begin to be a Word fulfilled, your sons or your daughters, anyone with signs and wonders, and they begin saying, "Look at me, I've got power, or, I'm of God too." He'll say, "I never even knew you." Why? Because they left Malachi 4:5-6. See? All these things that the prophet left. Somebody trying to be a Moses, or Elijah, or something, but it won't work. No, it won't. No. I hope we can grasp the truth...what I'm saying. Signs have abounded since 1906 when the latter rain fell. But, now it is the former rain, of Zechariah 10:1.

(1) Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; ...

Why are you going to ask for rain if you've got it? You don't ask for rain, when you got it. What is He saying? He said, ask for the former rain in the time of the latter rain, and the latter rain's been falling since 1906. And the tremendous manifestation of it, the real tremendous one...1946, to vindicate the man in the latter rain, who has the former rain.

- (1) ... (and) the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Oh, you bet. What is that? Water, upon the grass. Water upon the people. The Word of God coming through a vindicated ministry. Yes sir. That's what he says here. And that's what we've got right now. It is the time of the former rain. And during the latter rain, this former rain is the only way to trace all your signs back to the Word, and see where it fits. It's the only way, no other way. No other way. See? That's why church order is a must. But don't think that the gifts are on the shelf and don't think because it's not working now...it won't work. Stay with It. Move in with God. Don't be afraid. See? And if something's to pass you by, it'll pass by, and God will bring something else in for you. But it'll all be with the Word. Don't worry about it, just keep moving. Keep believing God.

45. I believe with Bro. Rosenke when he said, "The people said, now look Bro. Rosenke, nothing's happening. He said, remember what the prophet said, the spirit of prophecy may strike you tonight, and never hit you again. But someone else will get it. He said what if the night you should've been there in that kneeling before God, and you could've been used of God, ...you weren't there." See? Oh yes brother/sister, I have faith in this Word, that the prophet gave. I believe that there's plenty here for us. There's so much of it, the heavens are so full of the real thing, but remember, put it under church order, and strive in love to serve. If you haven't got the spirit of love to serve your brother, and put him first, it just won't come. We've got to have the right spirit. Everything else has been competition.

It's right today. Who are the great men? I'll tell you who the great men are. Those who get right down in the mud and lift their brother up. The fellow that can crawl under a snake with a ten-gallon hat on, he's the real guy. Not the big mucky-muck that goes by, sailing by and "Watch me, look at me, look at the great guy, I am." Well...Hallelujah.

46. Now, let me begin to close, in saying this. I've been repeating this thing for approximately one year, as I told you the other night. I use three tests, you don't have to use them, but I'm giving you what I use. First of all, try the spirit by the Word, never visa-versa. I go to many places, somebody will come by and say, "Oh, that's a dead church." Well, I'm going to tell you something. According to a dead church...we have one in Ohio...yes, we do. Because they don't have a very rousing song service, they don't seem to have a very emotional service when it comes to praying. But I've never known a church in America, that when anyone needs help, they all turn out and help him.

And I would rather have a bunch of people like the ants, instead of the cricket. It's not even my church. Happens, the Lord used me to raise up a church in that area. Just by being there as a witness. But I'm going to tell you. When a brother come up from Florida one time, his father-in-law, who thought he knew Christians, was bowled over, literally bowled over, when he saw

the people in a blizzard, having come fifty and sixty and seventy miles...were waiting all night, to unload that man's stuff, and see he had a warm house, and was settled.

I myself, took over two weeks off the field with my wife, we worked eighteen hours a day, because it would've been a cow shed. We ripped all the plaster off that we could, put in the insulation, fixed the whole thing up with Bro. Norman Lee, and saw the family wasn't going to suffer. When the landlord saw the people come to help me in the old apartment we had, and the house where we rent, he saw them pouring in, men of caliber, his mouth dropped open and he said, "If I ever build a house, I sure want to join that church first." I said, "But you've got to be with us awhile, before we know what you're like."

47. Now, they may not sing like angels, but, they act like angels. I hope you're getting the message. You never, never, never, judge the Word by the spirit. You judge the spirit by the Word. Because I'll tell you, you'd have a Balaam come by and he'll prophesy, and it'll come right to pass, and you'll say, "Hallelujah, that's it." And it's not it. You got sucked right in.

I remember the night Bro. Branham preached, said Balaam is a true prophet, that really undid my boots. Man, from the top down I was unzipped. I went to him and I said, "Bro. Branham, you couldn't mean that Balaam was a true prophet, because Moses was." He said, "*That's right, Moses was a true prophet, but Balaam was.*" He said, "*Balaam was a true prophet,*" Did you not mean he was truly a prophet? "*That's what it was, he was truly a prophet, but he wasn't a true prophet.*" I said, "Thank heavens." Man, I would've been so mixed up, I wouldn't know what happened. That's like when he said, "*You could receive the Holy Ghost baptism a hundred times a day, and still be off.*" What Holy Ghost baptism? Talking in tongues, not the genuine. I asked him about that too.

Oh my, listen, try the spirit by the Word. Check out and see. Is God there? Give them the Word test. Secondly, try the spirit of the man comes to you. What does the man want? Why is the man pastoring? Why is he doing anything? Check it out. What's his motive? If you see his motive is godly motive to serve, to try to help you, then, that's the one you're looking for. That's what you've got right there. Thirdly. Bro. Branham said, "*Once you see this Message, that's all you'll see in the Word.*" And I maintain that is the one thing that I want to do, above all else. If I'm going to preach anything Bro. Branham said, I want to be able to do it from the Word. Because that's what he preached It from.

48. When the angels of God, the embodiment of the Holy Ghost, swept into the room, seven times in one week, ...he said, "*Well, praise the Lord.*" He went right to his concordance, he went right to his Bible, and checked the whole thing through. He didn't say, "Hallelujah, I had an angel come, and Hallelujah, the angel said this. So, I believe God, Hallelujah, because, there's angels." Listen, I believe in angels, and I believe they're not all of God. I believe in preachers, they're not all of God. I believe in prophets, they're not all of God. You bet. I'm a believer. And I've got two kinds of faith. I've got a faith in God, and I've got a faith in the devil. But the faith I put in the devil, is not the faith that I put in God. But I believe in the devil, don't worry. I believe he's real. And I believe he's got a certain thing that God exposed here.

And I say this, “If we say we’re saying what the prophet said, we better not just quote, quote, quote. We better go to the Bible.” Because I’ll tell you one thing, if the prophet said it, and we can’t find it, we’d better watch it. Because he got it out of the Bible. See? I’m not saying he said anything contrary to the Bible. I’m saying, he got It out of the Bible, he traced It right through. But, you and I might be misunderstanding what he said. So, if I go to that Word, and I know I’m saying the same thing he said, because I’m going to preach the same Bible he’s preaching. But he opened It up to me. Now, you might now see that, that’s fine. But I go by those three things. That way, I feel I’ll be on very safe ground. Now, that way, we will see every sign that accompanies the gospel, and place it exactly with the Word by the Spirit, that has been given us for the very purpose. See? This way, we can try and see, because they’re there.

49. Now, we have seen our great sign of this closing age. We have seen our great sign. We sure have. Now, we are to stay with that Word. For It is the Word of God fulfilled. Our great sign, was Malachi 4:5-6.

(5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

(6) And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, ...

And that same one, is to restore all that God said by the words of the holy prophets. And we saw the ministry, and we saw it all here. Now, that’s the Word of God fulfilled. And we’re staying with It. See? And that’s going to take us to Rapturing faith. The sign has been correctly proven, and identified as the living Word of the hour. Nothing more is needed. The Word given, lives. And It’s living in us. And remember, it’ll not return void. Stay with the Word, the prophet, and the prophet who brought the Word. That’s the thing. See? How many people today, will say we’re talking too much about a prophet, and try to get our eyes off of Him. Brother/sister, let me tell you flat. If I can quote Paul and Moses, I can quote William Branham.

50. Now, in the Seventh Seal, Bro. Branham said that he alone had ‘Thus Saith the Lord’. Nobody else. And it’s right, nobody else has it. Nobody else had his ministry, and those that tried to copy, were under the false anointed. See? Remember, that God gave gifts to the church, but, he gave gifts to the rebellious also. And those gifts are prophetic gifts, and miracle gifts we see in the Scripture. And remember, the rebellious are those that are called in witchcraft, as Samuel said, “Because they will not believe the Word.” They won’t do it. Now, in ‘Possessing All Things’ [62-05-06] here’s what Bro. Branham said. *“Keep your conversation low, if it’s not predestinated to carry the load, it’ll blow up in your face.”* He said that when the gun that he shot off could not carry the load, it could’ve killed him. He said the same thing to you and me. And there are people, who act and talk as though they’re somebody.

I know of a man that told a friend of mine in Canada, he said, “The people, the world, must hear from me.” So, I immediately shut both ears with my ear plugs and walked off. Got my head under water, and that did it. Not interested. I’m sorry. I’m not interested. Now you I’m a heathen, you think what you want, that’s okay. If you think someone else’s going to come and I should listen to, that’s fine. There are people I should listen to. But when a man says people got

to hear from him, I'll walk right off. Because I don't got to hear from nobody. I hear from God. I've already heard by the way of the prophet. Yes sir. Now, I'm forgetting that we're cutting it right down fine. As I say, "You go any way you want, because you're your own bosses." And have a pastor and all. But I'm telling you, where I stand tonight, if brother/sister, I have seen a vindicated prophet.

51. I have heard from him, I have seen his spirit, I have caught it on occasion, when God has dealt with the man. I am not going to listen to anybody else. Why? Because, we have a vindicated Message and the Holy Ghost is now teaching It. There are no great ones among us. He is the Great One, the Holy Ghost. And God has set the Word in His Church. I don't look for another person to come. No sir. I believe we have had that end-time prophet, and I believe the Word is being fulfilled in It. I just can't see an eighth messenger, I cannot see anybody. And remember, he said, *"Those of us who will think we are somebody, who try to boast, and act as though we've got something."* he said, *"Keep your conversation low. Because if you're not predestinated to it, he said, you watch...you'll blow up."* Now, that's a pretty solemn warning. It's a solemn warning for you, and for me brother/sister. To be very humble, to be just dear followers of Christ.

As Paul said, "Follow me, as I follow the Lord." We have had a prophet, there is no place where he isn't amongst us. There's no place for schisms, there's no place for men to rise up and say, "Listen to me." Every time somebody comes along real hard, once more the Bride splits, once more it's a schism. And it just breaks my heart. And if I am doing that very thing, may God take me away in death before I do it one more time. I'm sincere, I want to die tonight. I don't want to go stand before God with anymore multiplied sin on me. If I am causing division, by any stand that I take where people look to me instead of somebody else, or in other words, we're pitting person against person, instead of each of us drawing into that Word, and keeping our eyes on Him who is that Word. Right with the Word of God, in the framework. And brother/sister, that tells us only one favor you we can do tonight, and that's pray God to kill me before I do anymore damage. And I mean it. I'm not being melodramatic up here. And I'm not being psychological, getting your attention and saying. "Well Bro. Vayle's a sweet humble one."

Now, I'll listen to him. Hogwash. I am not sweet, I am not humble. Let's get that flat. I am right down to earth, with the Word of God, the best I can. Get your eyes off of everybody, and everything but that Word fulfilled. Watch it! Stay with It. Stick with your pastor. Yes sir.

52. Now, oh what a great sign we have at the end-time. The Word Itself revealed, which is placing us exactly. It is. And that revealed Word, is the name of the Son of God, in which we believe. What more, do you we want? What more do we want? Why are people still looking for this and the other thing? Why can we not we be content with the Word for the hour? Obey It, walk in the light, and then see the hand of God move amongst us, and work. See? I want to encourage you brother/sister. I know my message is encouraging more or less of an eye opener, to sort to just, you know, whack into shape, so you don't get kind of twirled around by anybody. But I really mean it in other ways too, and that is to encourage you. Don't give up faith in the things of God. This is the hour when we can have whatever God wants to give us, in the realm of the truly genuine, by placing ourselves in the right position spiritually, and by faith, waiting on Him.

I believe it. Mark 16: is not dead. Matthew 24: has not abrogated it. The prophet coming, has put the church in order, so that now, in sincerity, and in love, and in faith...and faith worketh by love...to see God move amongst us. See? Don't be afraid brother/sister. Oh, so many get so afraid they back off. And then so many get so lazy, they're tickled to death to back off. Come on, let's break down tonight. Shall we? Let's let our hair down. Let's examine our hearts, and say, "Look, why have I just stopped believing certain things are in the Word?" Why have I gotten 'cagey'? Why am I the way I am? Let's give ourselves a real break tonight. I've been saying quite some time within myself, if I was back pastoring, I would deliberately go ahead and lay myself open to see what God might do.

53. They said to Bro. Branham, "Bro. Branham, you put us on the spot." He said, "*Ain't I on the spot?*" Sure, we put ourselves on the spot, but isn't it better to go on the spot here, than to be per chance, over there? I'd sooner find out now, I'd sooner see what God has for me. I want to encourage you tonight. Don't be afraid. Believe God. See? Sure, there's none of us perfect. And there's not one of us, is perfect, but I'm going to tell you, God is perfect. The Holy Spirit is perfect. His Word revealed, is perfect. And as we commit ourselves to Him...it's been proven, how perfect It is. And whatever God wants us to have, we can have amongst us. I don't say we're all going to prophesy, we're all going to talk in tongues, we're all going to interpret, we're all going to have the gift of healing. No. But you know that Bro. Branham went so far to say to every local assembly, "*You could have all nine gifts in it.*" Sure.

Do you know that Romans 12: is standing here, open to us, where It mixes in the teacher, and the exhorter, and he that showeth mercy with cheerfulness. How would you like to be one of those persons? A nice mercy ministry, and cheerful with it, not just "I'll do this, yeah, yeah..." Nobody. No, "Hey brother, I understand perfectly, I'm human like you are." I've fallen many times, yes, yes. "Argh, argh"...the day of barking dogs. Come on, come on. It's time to change the Spirit, brother/sister. If we've seen the God of all grace, come down amongst us, and show His grace to us, and show a circle of Blood does, then where's our grace? Surely, we can enter into It. I want to encourage you to be alive to the things of God. Don't back off. We're not in some slumber here. Do you follow me?

54. Bro. Branham said, "*Things are happening so fast. God's moving.*" Don't just say to yourself, "Well, it's nice what Bro. Vayle is saying, but..." There's no but's to it! It's getting greater and greater, towards the perfect day. Grace is increasing, mercy's increasing, love is increasing. Everything to the Bride. Of course, it's with the wedding gown out there. Certainly, but you mean to tell me we could be coming to that day and age where some of us are going to walk right to the Tree of Life, and not miss one step, and walk right into immortality. And you tell me, It's not getting better, and better, and gooder, and gooder, and greater, and greater? Sure, it is. Sure, it is brother/sister. Absolutely, we're not negative.

Oh, I know some would say, "Oh, Bro. Vayle, your sermon was negative." My sermon was not negative...it was calling a nail a nail, and a hammer a hammer. I'm just laying it out. I never took away anything from anybody. Just laid it out, as the prophet said, "lay it out." Now, let's go on. Look to the Lord. And see the Lord heal the sick amongst us. See the Lord minister to us. See the Lord deal with our problems. See us in a greater frame of an attitude, of humility. See? Where we can really turn the cheek, as the prophet said, "*Lord, let me be like You, where I*

can turn the cheek. If they want to pluck the whiskers on this side, just turn that side.” See? Brother/sister, let me tell you, I believe that. I believe with all my heart. The prophet said, *“There’s going to be a super, super, race.”* Because he said, *“That Bride, would have the Word, and she’d know what to do with it,”* or she’s wouldn’t even move. See?

55. What is here for us at this hour? Not something diminishing. Bro. Branham said, *“If God had expected something out of Luther, and more out of Wesley, and more out of Pentecost, (he said) what’s going to come out of this age?”* Not looking and saying, “I’m scared, I’m scared, God’s expecting something.” Oh no, brother/sister, that’s not it. I’m alive to the fact that what God is doing. See that’s the understanding now what we’re talking about. Signs in the Word, sure, there’s signs that follow the Word. But there’s signs it’s the Word Itself fulfilled, showing the very hour and the day in which we live. And that’s already happened among us. Malachi 4:5-6, has been fulfilled. The restoration of God’s Word. The first step to the Rapture, the Shout. See? Putting the Church in order. The great mysteries of God shown. Christ Himself, coming down to us, and proving He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Brother/sister listen, it’s time, maybe we just ought to just stir ourselves. It’s time that maybe that secret closet ought to be filled about an hour a day. Yes sir. Getting before God, with the hope of rejoicing that has been shown to us. See? When Jesus was here, Simeon and Anna were here. Bro. Branham was here, yes, I believe we’ve got the same caliber, in the Holy Ghost amongst us, today, to understand the hour in which we live, and see the grace of God manifested. I myself brother/sister, do not see a slacking off. I don’t see a slacking off. No sir. To me there cannot be. Slacking off of the world...yes. Getting rid of this and that...yes. But a coming up into Christ, I see must be more virile, and more dynamic than it is. God, as far as I’m concerned, has spoken to my heart. and I’m greatly cheered on the road.

And I believe down the road, I’ll be greatly cheered even more. That mine eyes should behold the revelation, even more and more, until that power of revelation...the Holy Ghost, building up in me, is going to manifest what God wants. I believe that, brother/sister. Yes sir, in this hour, God’s Word has been vindicated, God has been vindicated. Oh, that means the heaven’s open to us. Lord bless you, shall we rise at this time.

Our dear Lord Jesus, Lord of glory, You. Lord, Who rose from the dead. You who triumphed over sin, the flesh, and the devil. You who were tempted in everything as we are, and even greater. And You suffered under the shedding of Blood, striving against sin, which we haven’t done. You who are a great mediator. Such faith we have in You, and You who by the Spirit came down, and once more demonstrated, ...yes, You. We thank You tonight, that You have proven our confidence in You, is worthwhile. And not only worthwhile, but, showing us how great should be that confidence. How great it should be, because You weren’t here, Lord, proving Yourself. You were showing Yourself to a Bride. Revealing to us that we might know, and here we are Lord at this end-time, what the prophet said.

Lord, I believe it. I stood as I’m preaching it. I’ll never forget the words of that old preacher that you sent across my pathway, when he said, “You get what you preach for.” And I’m preaching for that tonight, Lord, with all my heart. Lord God, tonight I admit, I don’t see everything in my own sight, that I want to see. And it may take, Lord, the Resurrection, to see

everything, and I know it will...the way I want to see it, according to Your Word. Right now, tonight, Lord, I know there's a place for everyone in this building, in Your Word to see themselves as Bride. To see themselves as sons. To see themselves fully identified. And to rise to the occasion. Yes Lord, I believe it, here as we celebrate our own Bicentennial [1776-1976], we are in the end of the two thousand years since You have gone away preparing a place for us.

We're sure there is a place prepared for somebody. And by Your grace tonight Lord, we have staked our claim in one of the mansions in glory. Because we have identified ourselves with You. We have seen You as You are. And, Lord, we're believing now, for whatever there lies in the adoption, the placing of sons of God. This side of the Resurrection, we're also staking our claim tonight, Lord, believing that we are a part with It. And we shall be absolutely be proven and shown by grace, you doing It, Lord, not we doing It. But, we just count ourselves a part of It. We do, Lord, not that we would say we have attained on our own. But, Lord, because You have invited us.

And now, Heavenly Father, tonight as we look within ourselves by the Word of the Lord. We believe we're more than conquerors. We believe we are well able, for all the things which are on earth. And by Your grace, Lord, we count we're able to meet every temptation. To defeat every foe, as is necessary. To make everything right that needs to be made right. To begin to bring our lives, Lord, in line, not as though we did it ourselves. But, by seeing that which works within us. By seeing It, Lord, and then we know, that we're right. Because, Father, this is that day of such care. This is that day, Lord, we want to be absolutely right, to be one with the Word. And to not say or do anything, until we know we're just absolutely operating in It. And Heavenly Father, we believe that.

And we believe that's a growth, a maturing that's coming amongst us. And we thank You for it, Lord God. We're rejoicing in It, Lord Jesus. That it's going to be even as You said. And, Lord, we ourselves don't even know, exactly what it's all about. But, we know one thing, that You always amplify, and make greater, you never take away. And Your prophet showed us that. And, Father, we thank You for It. So, we stand here tonight, Lord, in Your grace. We believe, Lord, if You bring us together again, then, we might once more talk about the good things that You have given us in Your Word. That all of us together, have grown in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Maturing up into Him who is the Head, Lord. We coming right up even as we know that we're supposed to mature in love.

And every member giving forth, as it has been anointed to give forth. Each one members of another, coming up into Christ, the Spirit of God moving amongst us. Even as life moves amongst our very members, with each one of us. Heavenly Father, I know that is what You want. And then, Lord, coming up to the very place of the wifely obedience. That recognizing the head, and following in the grace that has been set before us. Lord, I see it all, right to the Marriage Supper. I see it, Lord, tonight, and there it is. And, Lord, by Your grace, I would love to identify myself with It, as these dear ones do tonight. Not as though, Lord, we gave our own invitation, and came walking in, without a garment. But, Lord, having heard Your Voice, and as sheep following, right to that day.

So, Father, we thank You for It. Bless the pastor here, Lord, and his family. Bless the people, O God, may they really be one. May the Spirit of God move amongst them. Make all little things disappear, which ought to disappear. And the great beautiful things of God flourish which we are hungering and longing for. Lord, we loved them in the truth. And Father, we know that if we love them, how much more You must love them. And if we see grace in them, how much more do You see grace? Because, Lord, You, are a great lover of men's souls. And so, we thank You for them. And thank You, Lord Jesus, now, the time we've had together. Just pray You'll bless us all. Keep us in health and Lord according to Your gracious and good will. And may we all, Lord, as we not stand here together in the flesh as we know to this hour, may we in changed flesh, all stand together as the Church Age Bride, going up in the series, as they go up One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven. We pray this, Lord, not one missing. Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be all power and honor and glory, through Jesus Christ. Amen. The Lord bless you.