

Satan's Eden # 4

'Deception, Deception, Deception'
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Shall we pray: Heavenly Father, we're so grateful for Your Presence, sanctifying Your people Lord, even this very building, and we pray You'll sanctify our minds tonight Lord, and sharpen them by the power of the Holy Spirit to know precisely and exactly what the prophet is teaching because we know that this is so vital and necessary for us in this last hour Lord. This is food in due season and the help that we have need of, so we're humbling ourselves before Your mighty Hand tonight, O God, and just asking if You help us somehow to put away every thought from our own minds Lord, and those things which we would harbor and try to figure and interject Lord, and just get them out of the way, and just see what this Word says, go right with It, abide with It, until It abides with us and we become one with It. These mercies we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we're on number 4 of Satan's Eden and because we have not read very far into the message itself we can afford to go back as we have been doing to read the Scripture and then the couple paragraphs that Bro. Branham narrated. [Genesis 3:]

- (1) Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman,
Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- (2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, (You) shall not eat of it, neither shall (you) touch it, lest (you) die.
- (4) And the serpent said unto the woman, (You) shall not surely die:
- (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and (you) shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- (6) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and...it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree...desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- (7) And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

And he said, "*May the Lord add His blessing to His Word.*" And then he talks about this crude little thought of calling it "*Satan's Eden.*"

2. And then he says here, [Satan's Eden; 08/29/1965]

- [5] *Sometimes these little crude expressions brings us to something, and gets us to study and puts us to reading the Word. That is what I want all my congregation to do. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." So, read the Word; study It. And study It with the eyes of God to give your intellectuals understanding of how...we should live in this present day.*

Now all right in this 5th paragraph that we've read, you'll notice there were several salient points that Bro. Branham just brought out, so casually, as he opened up this subject. In there we looked at who is Bro. Branham's congregation. Now I mentioned on Sunday that this is a trying point for some people because they want to limit this to Branham Tabernacle because they do not want to come under the authority of church order which strange to say is not simply putting gifts in a little room but it is coming under the Holy Spirit Himself entirely, the Holy Spirit here and putting His own church in order, everything in subjection to Him who is that Word, in order to become one with Him in this day and get us out of here. So those people who are so anxious for the emotional and for that which can become deviate because of wrong usage which are gifts, break into the supernatural, not supposed to do so, all those things in Pentecost, they rule themselves out by admitting that they are not part of Bro. Branham's congregation.

3. Now remember, Marriage and Divorce, [02/21/1965M] Bro. Branham specifically says, *"This is for my people and they have come from everywhere, and which where."* And so we looked at that and found that there are those who would hurt themselves by not believing that. Now we are a part of Bro. Branham's congregation. Now make no mistake about it. We have no church order here different from his. In fact, we don't want anything different from what he wanted even though we are not going to be so bold as to boast and feel that we have everything he had. And yet when you look at what he did have in his church, for what he had, there wasn't too much exhibited. So we can put our boast in...comfortably with humility, our church is Bro. Branham's church. We're not talking about Jeffersonville. We're talking about Elijah who way back was the pastor of Ahab and all of Israel. We put ourselves under his jurisdiction which is recognized as coming from God.

4. Number two: in the light of Scripture being fulfilled and passing away, what Word should be studied? Well, there's only one Word to study and that's the Word of this hour. Like many times I've quoted a certain man said to Bro. Joe Raczko.

He said, "Trouble with you is Joe, ...you make This on par with This."

Joe said, "Certainly, I do! What else do you expect of me?"

If this is not the Bible today, what Bro. Branham teaches as a prophet, the true revelation, if he lied when he said, *"Just think the same Pillar of Fire that was here giving the Word to Paul, is here revealing It."* If he lied, he will answer for it. But I'm going to tell you something. I'll stick with his lie. I haven't seen anything that I'm interested in. I've been through God knows what. As a child, Presbyterian, United Church which is the biggest bunch of junk in the world, Pentecostal, Baptist, you name it. Give me This! And if I miss it, I miss...well, I... I'm not going to be too concerned. I'll be honest with you. What's to be concerned about? Read your books and find out for yourself. So what is it? What Word to study? His Word, the Word of the hour, the Word of this age, right now!

5. Number three: how can it be studied through the eyes of God? Well, you're going to have to get the eye of God somewhere. Now that we got a body, the Headship belongs in Jesus. So all right then, something from Headship where the eyes are, and where the tongue is, and where the

mind is has to come from Jesus, has to come from God. What is that? It's always the prophet. And if it's not a prophet, then it's the next thing to a prophet. Now remember, prophets, wise men, scribes—Right!—three things in the Bible concerning destiny: prophets, wise men, scribes. Okay.

When God doesn't have a prophet, He uses a wise man. He started with the prophet, He went to wise men. Five wise men in a row and some became reformers, and the last one, number seven was a prophet, Alpha being Omega. In the meantime a wise man is he who can handle the Word. A scribe is merely one who will quote it. And you'll say, "Well, I don't know what It means exactly but I tell you I can quote It." So, all right.

The eyes of God then in this hour and always have been is the measure of the Holy Spirit given in every age through the Word, and at the last time we are right up to Headship with the mouthpiece where God Himself from heaven is speaking and has spoken.

6. Then we saw number four: it said, "How shall we live in this present day, which is the day of His Presence?" You do it by living in the awareness of the hour and you'll find that much of the awareness of the hour is understanding deception which is partly put forth here in Satan's Eden though even much more so in the Anointed Ones of the End Time [07/25/1965M]. All right.

Now, as we read on in paragraph 6, and try to continue rapidly, I hope we can, but we'll try our best. We'll be learning the mystery of iniquity of Satan worshipped, how it is done, and the people not aware but are headlong into it. See? All the while believing it is God's. So, okay.

7. We go to page number whatever it is, 3 or something there. Now paragraph 6, I got this obliterated so I really can't see.

[6] *Now, to come down tonight just to speak to you, and say, "Well, I could do this or that." I'd like to speak with the people, as much as I would like to even go home with each one of you tonight. (In other words, get on a real friendly basis and really communicate.) God knows that is the truth. I'd like to go home with each one of you, and eat breakfast with you in the morning, and go out and squirrel hunt with you tomorrow afternoon, see. I'd like to do that, but I can't do that. And I would like to go home and just sit down and talk with you; and sit on the porch after...service, and speak with you awhile and talk to you about your welfare and about God. I would love to do that. Men and women in here; God knows I'd like to do that, but I can't do it. There is such a pull and a strain. And in this nervous age that we're living in—and I'm a nervous person myself.*

[7] *Let's say, today, I've got my mind made up to do something, I've just got to do it,...by tomorrow it is a million miles away from me; because something has... cut in and done this or that. You have a time trying to keep your wits together. But my main achievement...*

Now the word here where he says, "*My main achievement is to preach the Gospel,*" and so on, though that is true. I think, really, he's really wanting to say, "I desire that my main achievement be so and so," but it is his main achievement just the same because that's what happens.

[7] *But my main achievement, number one, is to preach the Gospel to the Church, and number two, do all that I can to bring honor to Jesus Christ in this day,*

that would be to water the Word *while He is here on earth, and what time I have left upon this earth.* And then at the end to see a harvest.

8. He wants to preach the Word, to help the people with It, and see them established, and see the Word bringing forth absolute results what...commensurate with the Word, what the Word is supposed to do. Because, remember, no Word of God is void of power. And you certainly don't plant a turnip seed and hope to bring forth radishes. You don't plant oats and say, "Well, I'm going to get wheat." Neither do you sow the message of the hour and get something that is in another age. So Bro. Branham says, *"I want, I would love to be with the people to encourage them, personally, I cannot do it. There is no way I can do it but I'm going to preach this message in order to help you."* ...

[8] *I come to try to say something to you that would help you—something I studied after I went home this morning: What could I say tonight, Lord, that would help these people? Listening to that mighty message this morning that... Brother Neville brought us, about... I thought it was so wonderful, how he said there, "A doctor will diagnose the case, but the man that comes in with a pan full of needles—he gives the injection;" so I thought that was really a real cute little expression. I thought about that—the serum, after the case is diagnosed. ...*

9. For that's the treatment. In other words, there's a diagnosis. There's a prognosis. And then there is the formulation of them together in order to do the person good. And Bro. Branham is now speaking of himself here, thinking in terms of what he can do as he gets this from God, tells you what is wrong, gives you the cure, working it out together. Right? All right.

[9] *I wanted to speak to you of something; to bring something to enlighten...you the promise of God for this age. (That's end time gospel, evangelism, end time gospel, end time evangelism;) ...the promise of God for this age. Something, not something that somebody else said in some other day,... Now those things are all right; we...refer to those things. (That's what the Bible says exactly.)*

We can make examples of them. We can look at them. We can say, "It started over here. Watch it come. Watch it come but this is it." This is what we're looking at. This is the Word of the hour, now get your eyes on It, understand It, cope with It, and then It will cope with you. It's just like a kid taking medicine. You know, I tell you honest to goodness, I would get a raw egg if I knew it would cure this. I mean a rotten egg, I think beak and all. Well, I could fry it, maybe. [Congregation laughs.]

10. You know how it is with kids, you know, they squall, they fuss. And I remember, a kid years ago, I used to...was in this home of this lady, she was lovely lady, she had the cutest little kids and he looked up from the table and he said, "I won't eat it. I don't like it. What is it?" Like the Word. Yeah, ...don't be that way. You must receive the Word, then it will receive you. Right? You got to do that, brother/sister, never ever try to do it any other way. I'm sorry. You're going to lick yourselves.

[9] *But I thought I would try to bring something to your mind with these Scriptures I've got written here, that would enlighten you...and make you a better soldier in the field that you're fighting in now, to learn the tactics of the enemy, (that's in order to learn tactics of the enemy,) so...you can block everything before he gets to you, see. That is the main thing: is to learn to keep the punches off...as much as you can.*

11. Now what Bro. Branham is telling us here, this is a promise that lies in this sermon, a result to be expected from seeing this present day Word as revealed by God through His eyes, the prophet. This is a tremendous statement for it sets forth life of the hour and the ability to cope with whatever is with us and whatever lies ahead. Now that's what he tells us. In other words, the truth shall set you free. Receiving the truth, the truth going to work within the individual, the individual becoming free on the basis of faith. This is why it's so important to always remember perfect faith, vindication. Vindication! If we could ever get vindication through our noggins, God, my God, what a day it would be. We saw it illustrated here and when we preached on the greatest faith, Bro. Pete himself, sat there, one sat...just kind of wishing that I would say something about praying for [the] sick. Instantly I did. Bro. Pete was instantly healed. We've had healings through the meetings here.

12. But you see what it is? It's the application and the keeping vigilant concerning it, as the Scripture said, you make frontlets before your eyes, and dangle it before your eyes. I'm looking at something here. The Word says this. I'm looking at something here but the Word says this. I'm thinking of something this but the Word says this and all the time on your hands, and these little wristlets, dingle, dingle, dingle. Keeping you constantly aware of the Word of the hour: never mind Luther's day or Pentecost! Forget it! It's dead manna. It's full of wiggletails. It won't help you. Don't consider anything in your past of your theological instructions and those things that you took for life. Forget it! Don't compare them! I mean, you can't compare them. How can you compare a dead horse to a living horse when you're talking about running a race? Why it's just like trying to compare a dead pig to a..., you know, to the one that's going to go to market and produce a nice ham. I've seen dead pigs. Leave them in the sun and they stink open. Who wants a dead pig? I'm telling you the truth. Bro. Branham wasn't kidding. You don't do it.

13. Now listen! He said, "*This is the main thing now,*" and the main thing in this subject matter which he's going to broach, since we've studied through these sermons we're bringing here, he said, "*the main thing is to learn to keep the punches off of you as much as you can.*" Now let's go to Scripture for that. The first thing we go to is the Book of Timothy, that's 1 Timothy, that's the 3rd chapter and it's about a bishop.

- (1) This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, (that's an elder) he (desires) a good work.

A bishop or an elder must then be blameless. And the word 'blameless' means 'have the ability and skill to parry the punches because you know from where they're coming and what they're going to do'. It's a skillful boxer. He's trained. He's trained in the art of boxing. He's trained in the art of fighting and of wrestling of manual arts. He's trained in that. So he knows how to keep the punches from falling on him and being harmful. Okay.

14. With that we go over here to Ephesians. This fellow then is sharp with the Word of God. He knows that Word. He's got It hide in his heart, so he won't fail the Lord. Ephesians, the 6th chapter,...

- (10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that (you) may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Now this is the day of perfection. Everything that's needed to be known, that hasn't been known, that must be known, to bring us to the place of immortality to go back to the Tree of Life is right here. And you can stand against the wiles of the devil.

- (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against
 darkness of principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the
 high places. this world, against spiritual wickedness in
- (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that (you) may
 be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to
 stand.
- (14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, (Now
 here's how you can stand, you may have shot your wad, but
 you won't go down, because here's what you got as
 your final reserve.) ...your loins girt about with truth, (But is it
 the truth?) ...having the breastplate of
 righteousness; (Or is it something that's of Cain? Not
 like Abel.)
- (15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
 (Now the feet shod. In other words, with the right substance
 and pointed in the right direction.)
- (16) Above all, (That means 'over all like a canopy') taking the shield
 of faith, wherewith (you'll) be able to quench all the fiery
 (all the fiery) darts of the wicked (one).
- (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
 which is the word of God: (Okay, there we are.)

15. Now with this we want to go to 1 Corinthians, the 9th chapter...and Paul said,

- (24) Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one
 receiveth the prize? So run, that (you) may obtain. (So that
 every person in the body of Christ can be an obtainer.)
- (25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all
 things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we
 an incorruptible (crown).
- (26) I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; (See? In other words, I know
 where I'm going. I'm going to get there and I made the grade.) so
 fight I, not as one that (beats) the air: (Not shadow-boxing and
 some stupid thing you're pulling off. Now watch!)
- (27) But I keep under my body,...

Now what...does it mean to keep under the body? It's like the old wrestling game where they use the airplane spin. One wrestler picks up the other guy, grabs him and lifts him above his head and just whirls him and just throws him. Now Paul didn't say I keep my body under. He said, "I keep under my body." In other words, "I keep myself in the flesh entirely off balance. I am not interested in doing anything but throwing my flesh down." You know, at the right time. Pick it up and just throw it down. I will not let it get in my way. See? [1 Corinthians 9]

- (27) ...lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself
 should be a castaway.

16. So now what are we looking at here? We'll see this where Bro. Branham brings out that...the Pentecostals go for the outer emotions. They cannot go for the Word of God. And you'll find many, many people, they're caught up in looking at things that they think are results at lives that they feel toe the line. They always forget the wolf is in sheep's clothing we may have a president that is a sheep in sheep clothing. It's been suggested that. But I'm going to tell you something. That has nothing to do with this church. This church whether it knows it or not and I'm afraid we don't know it. We just mildly accede to the fact that it is possible that it is wolf in sheep clothing.

Remember, Absalom was a wolf in sheep clothing. He sat outside the gate. Oh, his hair was so pretty and all primed up, my, he looked like a doll. I don't think he was perverted as a homosexual, but he...had the trappings to just kind of get somebody interested of the opposite sex, I'm quite sure. He simply said, "Now," he said, "you know, if I were king I would do so and so." That lousy scum bum. He's ready to kill his own father and take over an empire that God didn't give him. Nah, don't get caught up in that stuff. A wolf in sheep clothing is it.

17. Let's go to James. The little old Book of James, and...we go to the 4th chapter...

(1) ...whence (cometh) wars and fightings among you? come they not
hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?
(That's desire for pleasure. Get the upper hand to have to
be the champion.)

(2) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot
obtain: ye fight and war, (Notice the progression.) yet ye
have not, because ye ask not.

(3) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may
consume it upon your lusts.

(4) (You) adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship
of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will
be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Now there's a complete separation then from the things of the world if you want to be prosperous in your spirit. If you want the things of God to move in your life the way they should move, so that the things fall into divine order, so there's no compromising. See?

(5) Do (you) think...the scripture (speaketh) in vain, The spirit that
dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

(6) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God (resists) the
proud, but (gives) grace unto the humble. (So there we are.)

18. 1 Peter, the 5th chapter, and all these things you're telling us, some things personally, how we can get the...how we can stand and having stood with God just go right on through. All right.

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(1) The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder,
and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and...a partaker of
the glory that shall be revealed: (He was at the cross. He was at
Mount Transfiguration.)

(2) Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight
thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre,
but of a ready mind;

Now what does a person do in the church by talking this Word? They have one thing in mind, to feed people on the Word.

- (3) Neither as being lords over God's heritage, ...being ensamples to the flock.
- (4) ...when the chief Shepherd shall appear, (you) shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.
- (5) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God (resists) the proud, and (gives) grace to the humble.

Now that's our church right here can learn that. You can learn that in your Friday night meetings. I know, I know some of you are drifting away because you can't stand the pressure. Some of you won't come; well, shame on you. What are you... How far have we come in all these years? What am I talking to? Little babies who can't take the guff of the Word? Come on! We're not here to hurt anybody. I may be rough up here but you know I've never hurt you. I've helped you. I've pleaded for you. I've pleaded for you before God. So what...is all this child stuff going on amongst us? Get over that nonsense. Just like a family, you fight with your wife. Next morning you're lovey-dovey and chummy.

19. Bro. Branham said, *"You should be able to bitterly argue the Word, and depart friendly brothers."* Why? Because nobody's trying to murder anybody, nobody is trying to gain a particular point, this, that and the other thing. It's to stand with the Word of God. Stand with It! Don't be afraid. You say, "Well, I want to express an opinion." Your opinion isn't worth a plug nickel. Express what goes over the pulpit here. That's where...these aren't opinions. I'm not giving you opinions up here. If I'm giving you opinions, forget it.

Listen! I saw the debate on TV with Nixon and what do you call him? Jack Kennedy. I never saw such debate cruddy in all my cotton-picking life. "I think." "I think." "I think." And I said, "I don't care what you idiots think. What's the truth? What's going on? I'm not interested in your stupid opinions."

I don't need an opinion about That. It's either it is or it isn't. Not interested. I don't care for anybody's opinion. See? We're not looking anymore by these super salesmen that came by and they had such beautiful threads of platinum and gold and silver they deceived the king into thinking only the wise and the smart could see it. So he went down the street naked. I hate to be tough but it's got to be tough, you got to be tough. I'm not mad at anybody or anything. It's just part of the Word. That's the way it hits. That's the way it hits. I don't intend to say a lot of things and I say them.

20. It says right here, listen, learn to humble and be submissive because God will resist the proud and He gives grace to the humble. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. If you're really in the truth there'd be humility there. See? I'm not trying to hurt anybody; I'm just trying to give you the understanding here. I stood before Bro. Branham. Look, man, I took it on the chin. Do you think...it's all glamour being around Bro. Branham? You better be... Smarten up and grow up for a change. Your thinking becomes...turns right around.

There's no place, there's nobody, and I'm included in this, there is not one of us has a thought of our own that's worth a plug nickel. It comes from a vindicated source of Almighty God and we should share amongst ourselves and be kind and all these things, and humble and not exalt ourselves. I know many times, some of you think I maybe I exalt myself and I got a

little rah-rah club here. You'll find out on judgment day it's not so. You'll find out. I'm going to tell you right now, why go behind your backs and tell you. I'm not interested in the rah-rah club and any personality cult built on Lee Vayle. I could be out of here tomorrow morning. Let me tell you something. I'm expendable. William Branham was expendable. Paul was expendable. Jesus Christ was expendable for the glory of God. God's supreme. Nobody can say I got one breath coming; I'm going to have this tomorrow.

The Word of God distinctly tells, David himself said, "There's one step betwixt me and death." And the Bible says, "Don't you dare think...say I'm going to go to town and do so and so tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come." You know, there's no fan clubs and nothing around here. Look, let's be honest. Let's be part of this Word. Care for one thing, oh God, let me get from William Branham's message that which makes me that servant of Yours that is not defiled, that is not fooled, not coming out fighting and slugging each other, but just standing there ready to take on the devil at any turn. That's the big thing that counts, see. Humble yourself. [1 Peter 5:]

(7) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

(8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil,

21. I'm not your adversary and you're not my adversary. There's nobody in this church in an adversarial position unless you're already fooled by the devil. There's only one adversary, that's the devil. "Well, I'd do so and so if I were you Bro. Vayle." Don't tell me to do anything. You mind your own business. I'll mind mine. If I can't hear from God, I can't hear from you. "So I think I can maybe make you hear something." What with a four by four? You know why I don't tell you people anything? I kind of scold you the odd time. You know why I don't ride herd on you? Look I'm not interested in making you do anything. I've got kids. I know the answer. Here's money, spend it. Here's more money, spend it. I'm not dirty and mean talking this. I'm telling you something. I don't ride herd on anybody. I'm not interested in riding herd. Hey, this is the Word of God. I've got to live It; you've got to live It.

22. These are the keys that the prophet brings us. And blind faith is the first thing required because it supersedes any knowledge we have gained in any other way. Now if I can stand right here with this Word as Bro. Branham gives it, you listen to me because I'm just trying to help you break It down and load It on you, on myself, too. Look, then we can be better off. [1 Peter 5]

(8) Be sober, (Bro. Branham was always sober.) be vigilant; because
your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, (In other words,
he kicks up the dust. He makes a lot of noise. He's in here to
call a bluff. He'll do anything he positively can.) walketh
about, seeking whom he may devour:

See? Now listen! He can devour us up. Now how can we be devoured? Let me tell you how it is. Paul, the Apostle,—now I wish...it's in the Book of Corinthians, I wish I could put my hand right on it, now he said, "Listen, if you are fussing at each other and you are...like eating on each other," he said, "be careful you don't get devoured of each other." Now here he tells the people, you could devour each other. But then he says, "Satan is the adversary that's doing it." Then we become adversarial or on the side of the devil.

There's only one thing we can do, and I've been harping for eight solid years, get behind this Word and never mind personalities. It doesn't matter. It's the Word that counts. In the final tally it didn't matter if it was Judas or Peter it was one with whom was the Word and Judas was not with the Word. It was Jesus he said...Jesus who said to Peter, "Flesh and blood has not revealed

this to you, but my Father which is in heaven. I say unto you, your name is Peter and upon this revelation I'm going to build my church." And it didn't matter.

23. I talked to Bro. Branham. Well, first of all people told me, "Well, as John the Baptist foreran the first Coming so you will forerun the Second Coming." And so, I think it was Leo Mercer and he took me aside and he said, "Lee, you're not saying that right. It wasn't that at all. What it was the angel said to Bro. Branham, 'As John the Baptist foreran the first coming so your ministry would forerun the second'." So I began saying that.

So the chief honcho called me in, William Branham, William Marrion Branham, prophet of God, he said, "*Lee, I've got to tell you something.*"

"What is it? Glad to hear it."

"Why," he said, "*you're not introducing me right.*"

I said, "Well, what is it?"

"Well," he said, "*He never said, 'me or my ministry.' What He said was, 'As John the Baptist foreran the First Coming, so your Message will forerun the Second Coming'.*"

And what...where's the person? So I said, "Bro. Branham, you're trying to tell me John the Baptist, nobody but John the Baptist, absolutely predestinated, foreknown and named John the Baptist was the forerunner, but not so with you. It could be John Doe, William Branham, God knows who; it didn't matter. It wasn't the person. It was the Message that counts."

He said, "*Now you got it, Doc.*"

And people try to tell me, quoting from Jeffersonville, these other things. They must think I was born stupid. Listen, I might have been born stupid and not from very smart parents but I ain't dumb. I'm not entirely ignorant, so I didn't have any brains in my noggin at all. Now they may rattle around like a couple of dry peas but they're still there.

24. Personality; get it out of the way; get with the Word. See, Word is what counts. And this is what we're looking at here. See? [1 Peter 5:]

(9) (Now) resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions
are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (...
in this cosmos)

(10) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto...eternal glory by
Christ Jesus, after...ye have suffered a while, make you perfect,
stablish, strengthen, settle you.

(11) To him be glory and (honour) for ever and ever. Amen.

Now, this message is going to do this. Now, every age had a morality commensurate with the gospel. This age is no different. You can see what the world church has succumbed to which is women preachers and the acceptance of the homosexuals and not willing to place the Word of God within the framework and judge the people thereby so that they have principles from this Word that they know they must go by.

25. Like when brother...when we talked years ago, I talked with Bro. Branham. I said, "Bro. Branham, listen to me, why are you always talking about women with long hair?" I said, "I know these old gals out there with long hair, they could lick the jam off a doorknob....They're as mean as my old cow which would drag me across the prairie when I was a kid, and...I don't know why you talk about long hair?"

He said, “Bro. Vayle, I didn’t say it was a matter of righteousness or holiness. I just say, it’s a command that God gave.”

Well, that kind of shook me a bit, and I thought, “Well, that’s kind of stupid.” It left me sort of, you know, tangled. One day I said, “Hey, this guy is no two bit jerk, a little bimbo some kind of guy that’s... This must be important.” The minute I knew it must be important because it’s in God’s Word, this man here was a man that—you couldn’t... Listen! I knew Dr. Price and Dr. Bosworth, and men of that stature. This man was so far ahead there’s no comparison. Come on. Smith, Wigglesworth, those fellows. There’s no comparison. He couldn’t...be telling me something that was wrong. So that’s why I said, “Okay, then long hair must be it. Why? Don’t ask me and I care less. But if it...this man here he...knows what he’s talking about.” And that’s what the Bible tells.

The Bible says the same thing. Hey, you don’t fuss about these things at all, you receive them. There’s something in there that works. There’s something in there that sets you apart and it’s message first of all that sets you apart because Jesus said, “Sanctify them by Thy truth; Thy Word is truth.” Moses said, “You people are going in there because of this Word.” And we find by studying the Word that no man ever lived it outside of Jesus Christ but we can believe It and when you’re really sold out to “live or die, sink or swim,” and that’s when the power of God comes in. In other words, the Word becomes life and light to us. See?

26. Now, where are we? Now, he says...

[10] ...let us look... for a few minutes—this great, sinful day that we’re...living in. I don’t believe there ever was a day that I’ve ever read in history...like it—there have been greater days of persecution when the children of God were put to death on every hand, but to see the deceitfulness...(—now there, now watch, now see here’s something coming in now with this message.)

“Now,” he said, “you’ve seen these persecutions.” He said, “Ah, ah, don’t get your eyes on that. You’ve seen people dying, while you read the books. Fox’s Book of Martyrs.” The Mirror, what is that? The ancient mirror, something... It’s a big book by the...whole bunch of Protestants, I don’t know, maybe Pete remembers, about that thick and that big, you know the one it is. Martyrs’ Mirror, is that what it is? Man alive, it’s a huge book, and I’ve got it at home, and I’ve got other books at home, too. I’ve got the Smucker’s...yeah, but not Smucker’s, you know what it is, the one that Bro. Branham mentions. And you look at that and you see where they had leather bags and they took women and threw the men in there, and threw...and put them full of snakes and threw them in the water. They cut women’s breasts off. They ripped them up with child and fed them to the pigs. They did every conceivable thing. They put them in the iron maiden. They put them on these grueling machines that stretched their limbs and put them...boiled them in oil and everything else. And Bro. Branham said, “Hey, get your eyes off that.” He said, “That’s obvious. It’s obvious.” Go on, go back to the days when...the Catholics destroyed the Huguenots on St. Valentine’s Day, I think they killed sixty thousand in one time. Now don’t...just get your eyes off that. You don’t get caught up in that. That’s not it. Not saying we cannot have those problems but don’t get your eyes on that because you will be fooling yourself.

27. And you know what’s happened when people got their eyes on that? They got their eyes right on Communism. “Oh, Communism, look how they killed the Christians. Look at this. Look at that. Look at the other thing.” Then they tell you how those Catholics nuns, that John Noble speaks of it, the boy that was in prison over there from East Germany, an American caught over there, took him to Siberia and there they talked about those nuns, and they said, “They...” I

guess they were Greek Orthodox nuns, but anyway, they said, “Okay, just put him out there in the severe cold. They stripped him down with hardly anything on, maybe, almost entirely naked, if not naked. Next morning out there, as warm as toast, just fine.” Ha, ha, there’s God. Hallelujah! Idiots! Oh, you watch Communism. Oh, watch Communism.

Now Gorbachev’s gone to the pope, said, “I think, maybe, I could be a Christian, after all, my mother did come and took me to church and baptized me.” Why here’s old Gorby himself. “Why,” he said to the pope, “you got to be another Timothy, bless God. I remember, your mother Lois, your grandmother Eunice, yup, hee, hee, yup, hee, hee.” Oh listen, when are people going to stop being fooled? I think Gorby is a pretty fine fellow. I’m not worried about him or the pope. The one I’m worried about us. Are we getting sucked in? He says right here,...

[10] ...the days of persecution, ...they were put to death on every hand, but to see the deceitfulness of the enemy, we never had a day like this we’re...living in now. It’s the most cunning and deceitful day. ...When I see that, it brings this that the Christian has to be more on his toes today, than he...was in any other age. (Okay, deceitfulness.)

28. Let’s go to 2 Timothy the 3rd chapter:

- (1) ...know (this) also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- (2) For men shall be lovers of (them) selves, (a bunch of Aphrodites) covetous, boasters, (No, that’s Narcissus, isn’t it. Look at themselves and preen, narcissist, men, mince. Phhhh!) ...covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- (3) Without natural affection, (What kind they got?) trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- (4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- (6) For of this sort are they (that) creep into houses, (insinuate themselves in like the serpent) and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, (pleasures, seeking her pleasures, pleasures)
- (7) (Pleasures) Ever learning, ...never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres (with their enchantments),...

And we know the devil cannot create, so what happened? God stepped on the scene and deluded them. God said, “I’m going to harden Pharaoh’s heart.” How much hardening of Pharaoh’s heart would God have accomplished if He had not allowed those men to fool Pharaoh to think that they were creating lice and other things? Now let’s face it; does the devil create? Nope! Now if those lice were created, those flies created, those frogs created, blood and things came; who did it? Well, you answer your own question; if the devil cannot do it, who does it?

God sends strong delusion. So Pastor Pharaoh believed the lie. No problem. He was the pope of Egypt. Later on comes the pope of Babylon. Then comes the pope of Rome. [2 Timothy 3]

- (8) ...Jannes and Jambres (men of corrupt minds) ...resist the truth:
...reprobate concerning the faith.

So Bro. Branham calling "*Pastor Pharaoh; pastor,*" is exactly right. And I know people didn't like that. It kind of blew my mind, too. But you get used to Bro. Branham's teaching; it just falls right in line.

Old Pastor Pharaoh, "Why," he said, "come on, boys, ...go on in and show these guys a thing or two."

"Why," they said, "we certainly will."

But you know what? They didn't think they could do it but they did it. God let them do it; there's no problem there. God's in it. God's in everything.

- (9) But they shall proceed no further: ...their folly shall be manifest
unto men, as was (also theirs).

So it shows you a very deceiving time is coming upon the earth, and I want you to notice that Moses was not fooled. He was simply, what you might say, in a bottleneck. God didn't say I'm going to do so and so. God said, "Let it happen." Moses had to stay there and say, "Phewee!" Then God said, "Moses go on back and do so and so." Pretty soon Moses got used to it. What about us? What about us? Time we got used to it. Just get used to these things. Don't think you're blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Okay.

29. With this 2 Peter, let's take a look at 2 Peter now, and the...2nd chapter...

- (1) But there were false prophets...(amongst) the people, even
...(there'll) be false teachers (amongst) you, ...

Now what's a teacher? He's the one that can take the Scripture and weaves It back and forth and makes It fit. So you can have all these false people, weaving the Scripture back and forth and it is going to fit. But not for us it ain't. Nah, no, it isn't going to fit for us.

- (1) ...false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable
heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and
bring upon themselves swift destruction.

That word 'deny' means to say "No," to Him. How do they know they're saying "No," to Him? This is a prophecy. All right. Look it. It says, "The Lord;" that means 'their master'. In other words, the One to whom they should show obedience. Now, if this is something to take place, believe me, let's understand this, something has got to happen somewhere in order to settle the matter of what is truth. That's vindication. Now they're going to come along and say, "No," to God. And when they do, swift destruction comes. In other words, it doesn't linger very long. In other words, that generation or part of that time is when it's going to come.

- (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom
the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

30. That's the same thing it says in Romans, "who hold back the truth in unrighteousness." It says that these people, the false teachers, who work with the false prophets are going to bind the people and keep them away from truth. [2 Peter 2]

(3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make
merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time
lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
(Why? Because it's the same as the time of the flood;
sudden destruction.)

(4) For if God spared not the angels (or the messengers) that sinned,
but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains
of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

(5) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a
preacher of righteousness, (and he was righteous himself,
the only the last man to be truly genetically human)
bringing in the flood upon the (cosmos) of the ungodly;

(6) And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha (upside down and
so on)...

In other words, what are you looking at here? You're looking at what Bro. Branham is going to bring out continuously is the fact of deception, deception, deception. And people do not want to hear of deception in the time of Noah. They want to just hear the little Book of Genesis, that little chapter 6, a little clear cut thing there that God said to Noah. "Hey, the end of all flesh has come up before Me, I can't take this anymore. People are polluted. They're dying, rotting on their feet; the ground is dying and rotting. The animals are dying and rotting. I'm going to wipe it out."

So everybody says, "Well, the world, you see, was so carnal. They never had any preachers. They didn't have anybody. It was sheer heathenism. God knows what it was but there wasn't deception," they said.

"Oh yes, there was the same rotten gang of preachers were there." How do I know? Vindicated prophet said so. Let your thinking go.

31. How do you think Moses wrote those first five books? Because God told him what to write; he became a historian. Why should we not have a historian at the end time for the Exodus? You got to have. Jesus was a historian. "In the beginning it wasn't so," he said, "I saw Satan fall like...Lucifer fall like a...lightning out of heaven. I knew Abraham."

Paul was not a historian; straight theologian. Paul has the unique niche but when you talk of Paul, when you talk of Moses, Paul, and William Branham, you must remember, Alpha is Omega. Paul was not. He was a bridge in between. So we have the historian telling us the truth and here it is right here in Peter. People don't want to listen. "Why," he said, "the false teachers were there with their false prophets absolutely coming against the servants of God; it's always been that way." Always will be that way, because it started right in the Garden of Eden, the false prophet, old Satan himself, there having his own little old representation. Ah, ha, listen; this recalls what it says in the Book of Genesis. "You shall be as gods: right, wrong." All right....

[11] *Now,...back in the days of the persecution of Rome to the Church—if a Christian should make a mistake, he went to the arena, and was fed to the lions, or something like that, when they found him...being a Christian for his testimony. But his soul was saved, because he was a purely, unadulterated believer in God and gladly sealed his testimony with his blood as his veins*

would let loose, or holes in his body, ...the blood bleed out, he would scream (out, real loyal,) with real loyal faith, and say, "Receive my spirit, Lord Jesus."

Now that's just a blank statement of what it was. See? Now, but now...

[12] *But now, this hour, this age where Bro. Branham is trying to help us, the cunningness of the devil today, makes the people believe...they are Christians when they are not.*

32. Now this is a blanket statement of fact. This is something the prophet says, and he says, "I want you people to know that the great deception of this hour is people believe they are Christians when they are not." Then what are they? They're idolaters. They're heathen. Now that's what he said. Now, on what grounds? That's the statement. On what grounds? Well, he'll be telling us about it.

Now watch! He makes the people think they are Christians when they are not. Now, Satan promised Eve light, and to be as god. That's exactly what Satan promised. He said, "You're going to be like God, and you're not going to die. You're going to have life." Now he deceived her. He made her think that she'd be like God, made her think everything was okay on what she was eating, and remember, the thing that she was eating on at that particular time was a killing word of Satan. That's the first thing she was chewing on.

33. Now let's go to 1 John, the 3rd chapter...and let me read you what you've already known for many years.

(2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear
we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we
shall be like him; (on the grounds) we shall see him
as he is.

Now this tells you flat you've got to see Him as He is before you get your change. Everybody says different in Christendom. They said, "The Appearing is when we're going to be caught up and see Him." Well, how are you going to get caught up unless you're changed? So the Appearing is down here on earth. Now you settle it for yourselves tonight. Now you can read your Bible right or you can read it wrong. Now it's up to you; I care less what you do because I'm not your God. I'm not your Saviour. If you're not born again; I'm not your pastor because I can't do a thing for you. But can you even read writing? Now how come nobody knows this but us? I want to ask you a question. You got friends everywhere, the churches you left, people you miss in the world, they cannot read this.

I want to ask you a question. When are you full? Before you ate supper or after you ate supper? I was pretty full tonight after I ate my supper. Couple little lamb chops, sweet potato, salad, did I have salad? Can't remember, bread, I know salad was there, had some at noon. But you know, I was really full by the time I ate, but I wasn't until I had eaten.

I want to ask you a question. How are you going to see Him unless you're changed? Because you got to get caught up to see Him. You got to see Him down here in the days of the Son of man. People don't want to believe that.

They don't want to say, "Well, hey, this complicates things. This makes it something has got to transpire."

"What is that thing that's going to transpire? "

“I’m not stupid I can read English. I can read the Bible.” Oh no, they won’t say that. No, they won’t say that. “Blind leaders of the blind...”

34. Now he said,

[12] *There is the thing. ...it is the more cunning day than it would be, ...when you had to seal your...life away with your testimony. The devil has set every cunning trap as he is now the great...deceiver.*

He’s a deceiver. So what’s he going to do? He’s not the killer. He’s the deceiver. Now he’s the killer by deception because the second death is spiritual death which is caused by deception because the second death goes to those with the devil in the lake of fire. Let’s just take a look at that old devil, that old deceiver. And you know, we never get very far but that’s all right. There’s another day coming. Revelation 12...and it says,

(9) And (that) great dragon...the great dragon was cast out, (the) old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, (even Satan) which deceiveth the whole (cosmos): he was cast out (in) the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Okay, and [Revelation] chapter 13:

(14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which (hath) the wound by a sword, and did live. (The old deceiver.)

Chapter 19 of Revelations.

(20) And the beast was taken, ...with him the false prophet that wrought (the) miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. (Those were) both cast alive into (the)...fire...lake of fire burning with brimstone.

And what about [Revelation] 20:

(10) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire (with) brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night...

35. Now, what is the prelude to this actual person, the deceiver? Well the prelude, the word that’s already gone astray and it’s propagated at the end time by the Pentecostals who are falsely anointed to the Word but correct to the power, even as Jannes and Jambres. Now you do what you want with that statement, brother/sister. You got to come out fighting with these things. If you don’t you’ll roll over like a little dog and somebody scratch your belly and tickle your ear, [Bro. Vayle imitates a dog barking.] Nobody deceived. We’re not playing dead dog and roll over in this church. You come out like a watchdog.

Go out standing with your sword, double-edged sword ready to draw blood with this Word. I don’t care what anybody else thinks. We don’t have a thought on this. We know because there’s vindication. And if we don’t know we’re never going to get anywhere. John said, “We know we’ve passed from death unto life.” [1 Jn 3:14] You say, “I’ve constantly loved the brethren, I

got news for you, it's because you believe the message." And there's no love, true love, outside this message because the rest is deceit. Absolutely!

36. Eve thought she was being loved to death. Look where she is today. She's just the same as women. Women want abortions; that lets the man know he can do anything at all. Now the woman plays the price. Sits back and laugh at her for being such a jackass. You know I hit you with these things on purpose. Can you see what I'm trying to tell you? Woman has sold herself completely. All the while yelling at the man, "Oh, you chauvinistic pig. You made me a sex god. You made me this. You made me that." And then she says, "Well, I want an abortion." Well, she doesn't get pregnant by herself or by her homosexual lover if it's a woman. Then she wonders why the men...man's the way he is. She types the church. She's completely insane, completely insane and destitute of any morals. Aw, I'm going to get back on that.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, now, you...you just..." Listen, I told you what I've said, "She doesn't have any morals." I'm talking pure Scripture, my brother, my sister. I'm not talking your worldly baloney out there, your jargon that's in your churches. I'm talking pure Scripture! I'm talking of Cain! I'm talking of Abel! I'm talking of Eve!

I'm not talking garbage. Well, I'm criticized for that, of course. They hate me around the world because that Vayle they say, "I wouldn't let my kids listen to him." Good! Your kids will go to hell with you, too, because you can't stand the truth. You say, "Well, why don't you just be sweet about it?" I am sweet. When I clobber the devil and clobber sin; I'm sweet. You believe deception is sweet? Uh uh. Okay.

37. He's continuing in paragraph 13.

[13] *And Jesus told us in Matthew 24 (and I've been telling you that—See?—where it comes from,) how this day would be...we're living in, the most deceitful day in which we...ever lived...*

The big deceit is not the antichrist pulling his deal; the big deceit is what precedes it; everybody loved that. "Oh," they say, "let me tell you this Titanic. This Titanic is...was, oh hey, the most marvelous engineers, the most marvelous mathematicians, the most fantastic physicists, why listen, we got them all together, this boat can't sink." But it did.

So all the teachers and false preachers saying, "Hey listen, we're all talking in tongues. This is love." Rex Humbard said, "Oh, the greatest moment is when I sat with the pope, heaven on earth." Pentecost deluded. I'm telling you what Bro. Branham says here, "*It's not the antichrist that dupes them. They're looking for it but they don't recognize it.*" There's got to be a seed, brother/sister, there's got to be a seed. You don't get a plant over night. So the seed lies in the false anointed ones, in the false anointed church at the end time.

So now people are going to be scared of two things. Number one, the Commies; number two, the Catholics. And they've missed it; it's the Pentecostals. Say, "Bro. Vayle" Don't Brother me. It's chaff. They're called chaff. The prophet said, "*They're chaff. Burn.*" I'm not saying these things on my own. I may have to die for it. I just say, "God give me grace to be just as mean as I am tonight when the pressure comes down, whatever it takes." Be just as rough and hard against sin and against the devil, to stand with the Word of God. I could even be a junkie but I'm still going to stand for the Word of God.

38. The anointed ones at the end time, falsely representing God. Do you hear what I said? The anointed ones at the end time, falsely representing God. What's it going to head up to? An image built for the man to take over. He can't take over until the groundwork is laid. He cannot be a

headstone until the body has been built, anymore than Jesus could be. Do you think he'd come back to get a body that's not here? Do you think He'd come back to head a body when there's no body? Comes back, the head comes back; "where's my body?" How stupid can you get? We're not little children anymore.

[14] *Now let us compare some Scriptures, now he said, (or prophecies) spoken of in the Bible for today, and compare it with the day that we're now living in...II Timothy 3, (I read it,) ...the prophet said that it would come to pass in these last days; that man would be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.*" (Sophists, smarties, see?)

[15] *Compare that to now, just for a moment. ...just be brief...because we haven't got much time to go through it... Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; trucebreakers, false accusers, (incontinent)...despisers of those that are good. Now, the Spirit spoke expressly that these things would be in the latter days. That's these days—the prophecy speaking to it.*

39. Now the point is how does he know it's the last days? What's he going by? Because the man had a few THUS SAITH THE LORD's? Well, how much time we got? How many? Forty? Twenty? Twenty minutes, you say? Twenty minutes, that's it. Okay, well, I've got time to read this then, then we can quit. Now look it, let's go to the Book of Romans, the 10th chapter,...

(16) ...But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias (said), Lord, who hath believed our report? (That's Isaiah 53.)

(17) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (In other words, you got to understand It.)

(18) But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went (through) all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

(19) But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

(20) But Esaias is very bold, and (said), I was found of them that sought me not, I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

Now that's a cute one. Esaias said, "I was found of them that sought me not, I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." When...did that happen? You say, "Well, it likely happened at the time of Paul because he says in the Book of Romans, chapter 15, how that 'from Illyricum, Jerusalem, all around, he manifested Almighty God in God's power to the people'." He said, "You listen, God in me, so on and so forth." Well, what about today? What if that Scripture is for this hour? I'm going to tell you it is. [Romans 10:]

(21) But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

40. [Romans 11:]

(1) I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I...am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

- (2) God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. (Do you) not (know) what the scripture (said) of (Elijah)? How he intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- (3) Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- (4) (And) what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who (haven't) bowed the knee image of Baal.
- (5) (And) even so then at this present (moment) time...there is (also) a remnant according to the election of grace. (Right through the ages there's a few Jews coming in)
- (6) And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more (works) [grace]. But if it be (otherwise)...but if it be works, then is it no more grace: otherwise works is no more work.

Now that's a good truth right there—you got to understand that—if vindication is vindication that takes care of it. The Word is the Word that is full of life; that takes care of it. You cannot add to It; you cannot take from It; you cannot pump It up; you can't do one thing about It: all you can do is keep yourself in trim with your mind and say, "That's THUS SAITH THE LORD." Learn to stand right there with It, fully armed with this Word of God.

- (7) What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and rest were blinded (Now were blind; Israel was blinded)
- (8) (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears...they hear;) unto this day. (God did it.)
- (9) And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, a recompence unto them:
- (10) Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back always.
- (11) I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: (for) rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
- (12) Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?

41. Yeah, how much more the fullness? In other words, what's God's going to do at the time when He comes back and Israel is all filled up? Just a little remnant here and there, a little bit here and there, suddenly at the end time it's all over. What's going to happen? [Romans 11]

- (13) For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

(14) If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are (of)
my flesh, and might save some of them.

(15) For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world,
what shall (be) the receiving of them, but (Resurrection)...

It tells you right there. They're not dead; they're blind. Blind people are already alive; they just can't see. That's what happened to Luther. Luther though understanding predestination did not understand this because the mystery could not be revealed to him. So he said, "The Jews should be killed." And Shiras said, "Hitler fulfilled Luther's wishes." Let me tell you something. That's not true. Luther did a lot of things; he was still God's messenger. He didn't understand. But I'm going to tell you, the Gentiles got that spirit on them, and they said, "The Israelites are not blind. They can receive Jesus." And the trouble is the Catholic spirit. That's what it was, got into Nazi Hitler. Bro. Branham said so. And the Catholic spirit that says, "We'll force them or we'll kill them;" and began killing the Jews: you don't kill men because they're blind. The... Christians have no right going to Israel and trying to convert them. To give a word of testimony, yes, but that's exactly why people, the Christians so-called, that killed the Jews—See?—and they're in trouble for it. They're blinded. They are not dead. They are blinded.

42. Now, he said here,

(16) For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy:

And the point is this, who do we know came out of the ground at the time of Jesus? Abraham did as a Hebrew. David would as a king. Samuel, Isaiah, those great men of God would have come out. Noah, Job, a few of them. Both in the election, and Christ was the real firstfruit and he was born into Israel. If he was holy then what about those others? See?

(17) (Now) if some...branches (were) broken off, and (you), being a
wild olive... (and so on and so on, and then he gets down
into verse 25)

(25) For I would not, brethren, that (you) should be ignorant of this
mystery,...

And this is a great mystery open to us at the time of the mystery of the Seals wherein the spirit of Catholicism comes upon Hitler and kills the Jews. The two hundred thousand spirits are loosed at the River Euphrates. Christians are doing it. Why? Because they don't understand! They in turn are now being blinded as never before and in their blindness they are flailing in every direction and missing God. Because the Bible says at the end time the church is wretched, miserable, naked, blind. And remember, with her blindness comes death. With Israel's blindness did not come death. It's right here. There's a remnant, a 144,000 coming up with a few here and a few there.

(25) ...blindness...(has) happened to Israel, until the fulness of the
Gentiles come in.

43. In other words, when the last Gentile is in; Israel is entirely free now for God to come and fill up that part of the body that's missing. This great dynamic plan and He's going to do it.

(26) And so all Israel shall be saved: (Remember, all Israel is not all
Israel, anymore than a Christian is a Christian. It's just a
name.) ...There shall come out of Sion the

Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from
Jacob: (It never happened. They turned it down.)

- (27) For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
- (28) As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- (29) For the gifts and (the) callings) of God are without repentance.
- (30) For as (you) in times past have not believed God, (but) have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
- (31) Even so have these (now) also not believed, that through your mercy they may obtain mercy.
- (32) For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

So by grace God is going to bring those last ones in. So I wanted to bring you that. Now what am I trying to shoot at here, because Bro. Branham said, "*In these days,*" and he's speaking prophet, "*the prophecy is this time today, because Israel is back in the homeland.*" Joseph said, "Listen! Take my bones to the homeland for the Exodus. I want to be there for the Resurrection." So Israel is in the homeland for the Exodus and the Resurrection. And there's a 144,000 going to come up in the part of the first Resurrection because they enter the Millennium as eunuchs or virgin as those who will be in the bridal chamber. They'll be in the New Jerusalem. There's certain things that are...that you just got to understand as you go along in Scripture.

44. Now, notice, in 2 Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter.

- (1) Now (I) beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (Now that's the Presence of Jesus Christ and by our gathering to this Presence)
- (2) That (you)...soon (not be) shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- (3) Let no man deceive you by any means: ...that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, ...(the) man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- (4) Who opposeth and (exalts) himself above all that is called God, ...is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- (5) Remember...not, that, when I was...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: (and so on)

Now, what you're looking at here, Paul, the Apostle said, "Now I don't want you to be troubled or be shaken in your mind. No trouble, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us." Now he says right there that these three things should not bother anybody because that cannot possibly happen until the very last time. Now what is he speaking of? He's speaking of the fact of the 1st chapter over here where 'you that troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in the flame of fire taking vengeance' and so on. At the same time there's a gathering together unto Him but he said, "That time cannot come so don't let any spirit or any letter or anything at all ever fool you about it because it's not going to come until the time of the revealing of the antichrist." Because why? Nature...I mean, not nature, but the Word must be fulfilled all the way through.

45. And the fulfilling of the Word will be at that particular time when Rev 10:1-7 takes place. Why? Because he said here, "Don't be fooled. Don't be troubled. Don't be shaken, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter." Then what's going to do it? When the One that comes down with the Seven Seals! That's the time, when the One that comes from heaven speaks, when the mighty One comes down, when He descends to put His church in order, that's the time you get set for what he's talking about. And that's the time of the Presence which is most deceitful because you've got those in multitudes who purport to speak for Jesus because the gifts and miracles and signs set in the church, true to the power but false to the Word of God. Not only prophet but teachers and a whole hierarchy, and remember, that is not Rome per se, that is the Pentecostals, and they've invaded every religion, every Christian religion. There's nothing outside of it, even the Church of Christ; Pat Boone speaks with tongues, dancing with his little blue shoes like Elvis Presley. All those things, right in there. They have a great time in the old town. Yes sir, they're celebrating. They're celebrating. They think they're celebrating God. They're not. They're celebrating the devil, actually worshipping the devil. We're going to find out how that devil worship takes place. How does he get this to happen?

He warns them. He said, "Look," he said, "it's going to happen. Don't you worry about it."

46. It won't happen until there comes a time when the gathering together of the Bride unto Christ. The church kicked Him out. Now how do you know that's going to happen? Well, it's going to happen. How's it going to happen? How has anything ever happened? God sends a prophet. It falls right in the people's lap.

They say, "Ahhh, what's this anyway?"

He said, "Hold it, and I'll tell you all about It."

"You mean, that's what it is?"

"That's what it is."

"Why hallelujah!"

You say, "My God, Vayle, you got to be stupid: all those smart guys out there." That's what makes me smarter than they are. I'm looking through the eyes of God. Many intellectuals are getting spiritual understanding. I don't care anymore what the Pentecostals do. I don't care about me being picked up by the power of the Holy Ghost, thrown to the floor, and everything else, fly through the skies. Forget it! I'm not interested in anything I've ever had in my life. It could be nothing but the temptation of hell. Yet every now and then people say, "Well, I heard a voice." I hear kind of voices in me, too. What does that mean? Do you think I'm going to preach about it up here and tell you something? Hogwash! Anything, any experience I had, today is on the outside. Forget it. The living Word of God is either there or it is not there.

46. Now he said, “Don’t let anything shake you at the time of our coming together.” Then what is going to shake you out of your lethargy? What’s going to get you out? That Presence! And He’ll speak for Himself, God being His own prophet, and doing things in His own way. The people aren’t going to have it. They’re going to turn it down flat. Yup, they’re going to turn it down flat. Well, hey we did real great. We got through nine paragraphs. Time you get back, Pete, we’ll be through three more. You won’t miss anything, hardly. Let’s rise and be dismissed. Lord love you, Lord, bless you.

Dear Heavenly Father, again we praise and thank You for Your love and kindness which You’ve extended toward us this evening hour, to let us get together Lord, go over Your Word that the prophet is showing us step by step, how it’s all leading up, leading up, leading up, just like there was in the beginning, a platform laid, church built upon that platform coming up. Then there was a drifting away and coming back until now the very time, the Capstone comes down spiritually speaking, Word of God manifested, revealed amongst us, waiting now for the Appearing of the Bridegroom as we meet Him in the skies. So Lord, we know in this hour of Your Presence, there is this tremendous deception as never before, false prophets, false teachers, setting the landscape, entirely perfecting an image for the beast, coming out of America, no doubt, started way back in 1906, where it came in America, Azusa street and these other places. Full Gospel Businessmen now, right down the line, Lord, all these things, pervasive, permeating every place, getting ready for the great takeover, and that Babylonian spirit way back there that predated, was predated in Egypt, where they wanted to destroy the children of God. Again seeing the same thing, Lord, history repeating.

Father, if it weren’t for the prophet having come we’d be just as blind and ignorant, maybe more than anybody else, and happy, shouting our ignorance as though it is truth, praising God in death as though it were life, blaspheming as though it were correct delineated worship. That would be...us Lord, we admit it, but now by Your Grace and love Lord, we can be torn away from all those things, and this church become more centered on this Word as never before, more away from personalities, more right on the Word, where the great Personality is, God Himself, for they are one.

Help us Lord, to be this way as never before. Now heal the sick amongst us again, we pray, Father. We’re asking for Your help. We’re looking, Lord, that somehow You’re going to come upon the scene here, by Your sweet Spirit, amongst us, everything else put to one side. That sweet Spirit coming out of the Word Lord, where we just begin to throw caution and everything to the winds, and just launch out on this Word Lord, as never before.

Father, You know what’s in my heart when I’m praying like this, and I know, I believe Lord, the people themselves want the same prayer answered, that nothing else will matter but this Word, even as the prophet preached It in such a manner as to impress upon us that that is what counted. Coming to the very place Lord, where You came to him in that great time out there in Colorado, when he heard Your voice saying, “How would you like to take a walk with Me?” And Lord God, we know that if anything we want to do is to walk and talk with You and live with You, we know we’re privileged people by this Word. It’s not going to come any other way. It’s not going to come any other way Lord, we realize that. And Father, we’re glad it won’t come any other way because then two hundred people would claim to have two hundred different ways. Lord, we prefer the one vindicated way. Seal it to us tonight, oh God, as we lift up our hearts and minds. Go with us now Lord, and bring us back together again in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

‘Take the Name of Jesus with you.’