

## Seed of Discrepancy #34

*Except There Is a Word for It*

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we know Your Presence is not here to make possible those things which are impossible for You, because we know You have bounded Yourself by Your Own Word to perform It; and so many people are thinking contrary-wise, that their understanding of Your Word, or their own word is going to stand, or there is no such thing as a tie post or an ultimate, as the prophet taught us. But we know there is.

And we worship You tonight, Lord, and just pray that Your will be done in our hearts, our minds, our very souls, Your Kingdom come upon this earth, Lord, released in us, if no place else Father, we pray that it will be in us and we shall be heralds of Your grace and Your glory and ready for Your coming to gather us unto Yourself when we know the Lord Jesus Christ Himself shall descend, and we'll rise to meet Him in the air after that great Resurrection, the great Resurrection morn, the great Rapture morn, great Wedding Supper.

And we appreciate it all, Lord, believing we're a part of it, for what else would we ever believe, Father. We cannot deny the truth. And so, Father, because we are part of it, we do profess it, and Lord may the day be hastened when all of these things are completely climaxed out of the way. We know it soon will be, caught up together to meet the Lord in the air.

Help us in our studies tonight to be fair and honest, to be impartial, to be truthful in all things, in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, the week before last, that's two messages ago, we took time in reviewing Bro. Branham's office as a judgment prophet, wherein he fulfilled in my estimation and understanding of this revelation, two very important Scriptures as concerning the Judge of all the earth, Whom we know to be Jehovah-Elohim. See, there cannot be a change in the Scripture, when Abraham had said, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" you cannot have some place further on down where there is someone usurping that authority or taking over, unless there is a distinct commitment by God Himself in His Word, which we do not have.

So, the Judge of all the earth is Jehovah-Elohim, and the first Scripture, of course, we go to is over here in Jas 5:7-9. It says:

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

Now, of course, you know the precious fruit of the earth can only refer to the righteous, and that precious fruit of the earth, of course, is the resurrected bodies, people coming back to where they should be and the condition they should be in, and going on to a greater glory with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

2. (8) Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

And, of course, this is after the first few verses of chapter 5, in verses 1-6, where James is talking about the rich men weeping and howling, because their miseries have come upon them. And this is actually a picture of what you find over there in Revelation, the revelation given by God to John where we see Babylon increased in goods, and they seem invincible, everything is wonderful, commerce is booming, and everything is commercial, which has to do with finances. And then It says, "Come out of her my people," because the fall is imminent, because this is the Babylon and all that Babylon refers to. And that's the head of gold, you know. Babylon was the head of gold. And remember; Israel coming out had a golden calf scheme, and Bro. Branham denounced what's going on today with the golden calf scheme.

3. So, everything is a terrible mess. The Jews have all the paper, the money and all, and the fiduciary, which is not backed up by anything they possess. They can produce nothing for it, and you'll notice:

(2) Your riches are corrupted, (your papers gone,) your garments are moth-eaten.

Yet "We're rich, increased in goods, and don't lack a thing." You're rich and miserable, naked, blind.

(3) Your gold...is cankered; and the rust of them shall be witness against you, (Rome's got all the gold.) ...eat your flesh as it were fire.

They'll be screaming out at the end time against God, "Save us from the wrath of the Lamb," gnawing their tongues in pain and cursing God. You know, if you let your thinking go and really believe the Bible, you'll just see what serpent seed is all about. You can't, unless you let your thinking go. Everybody's nice, "Oh be nice, be gentle, be kind."

Hey, look; merciful God, this is not a refrigerator or a washing machine or a TV; this is some kind of rubber or plastic. So don't try to make it something it isn't. Don't try to make it what it isn't. And what is, don't try to make it isn't.

3. See, we've come to the place of the truth. You know, years ago when I was a little, tiny kid, about three years old, I was put in the hospital because of double pneumonia, and they gave me one of those little, kind of little, men. You know, they had a ball on the bottom, and he stood up. And I'd knock him down, come right up again. I got so mad, I broke him out. Well, that's the way I look at this system. I don't want something that bounces around, messes around, confuses me. I want stability. My God, give me something I can hang on to.

Like years ago, when I saw Kennedy and Nixon in this great debate. And everybody said Kennedy was so good. Hogwash he was good. He sat like all the idiots sit, and say, "I think, I think, I think." I don't care what you think; I want to know what is, and what I can do about it. Your thinking isn't worth a plug nickel, and mine's not worth a pluck nickel. What is? Do you know what I'm saying? I hope you do, because, my God, it's time we woke up—to something that is!

4. All right. Bro. Branham told us all about it. And so they kept back the hire and all. All right. And the Judge is at the door. [James 5]

(9) Grudge not against one another, brethren...

This is the time now that Bro. Branham described, brotherly kindness, not brotherly love. We don't have love. God is love. He came down and took over the church, now set in order. People don't think that the church is being set in order and taken over, I got news for you: then God lied. Make up your mind.

"Well, I don't think I see."

That's right, you don't think you see, and you sure don't. Change your thinking. Huh? What do you got a bunch of marbles up there? See, you've got no room to think anymore. If you want this Word down in your heart, your soul, you got to let your thinking go, take in the Word of God up here, let It get by your spirit down into your soul, and It will start to come back. And when It does, that's the time corruption will put on incorruption—mortality-immortality.

5. All right. Now, listen. It says here:

(9) Grudge not...

Brother Branham said sticky situation amongst the brethren. They don't have this real love. But he said, "*If something happens to somebody that's a brother, you go and try to help him.*" But in the meantime the Holy Spirit is keeping us together, and that's true. And that Holy Spirit's where? In that Word. Isn't any place else. And if that Word gets in you, the greater the measure of the Holy Spirit. Why do you think Jesus Christ had the Holy Spirit without measure? Because He was a Logos at that hour, although the Son himself was actually invisible, and the Father Himself was really visible, and yet on the one hand the Son was visible, and the Father was invisible.

Do you follow what I'm talking about? God manifesting through the Son. The Son wasn't manifesting of himself. He said, "The words that I speak, I only speak to you, because I get them from my Father." Once in awhile he said something on his own based upon the Father. Like you and I could carry on a conversation based on what the prophet taught us, and it's still going back to the Father, because he had nothing but from the Father.

Anyway, right down the line you see, "Grudge not your brother." He had the Holy Spirit without measure because He was the Word. He was the Word completely manifest. We'll go into that a little bit from Romans, and show you that too.

6. So, all right. The Judge stands at the door. Then over again in the Book of Revelation, and, of course, it's Rev 3:20:

(20) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me.

Now, let's look at It. These two Scriptures in my books are identical as to time—absolutely. Because Bro. Branham, in going into the church ages, he went into Rev 1:13-14, and he said, "*That Person with the white hair, and that gird about with the girdle, the long hair, (he said) that was typical of the judge's wig.*" And God told him that is the Judge. So, you couldn't have the One standing at the door, James in the last hour, and the One standing over here in the Seven Church Ages, the last hour, being two separate persons. It won't work. Otherwise you end up just the same as you've got Jesus, one person, and God another. And I'll show you tonight from Romans, when you talk about Christ, you're talking about God. The Rock that followed them, that was not Jesus, the Son; that was God Almighty, Elohim. So, we'll look into it. Don't worry; we've got these things lined up. They're right in Scripture, right under our noses.

7. So, this, then, what we're looking at here: Bro. Branham combined these two together, these two verses. And he brought it to our attention. We'll go into this in just a second here, we get down the line here. Now, both are for the end time, and God at the end time has to bring forth the early and latter rain, which is a harvest rain to reap the harvest of the earth, which is to get the dead out of the ground and the living Bride out of here. And we see the others I said at the end of the church ages. And both James and John speak of the One standing at the door in the very same period of time. They are, I believe, identical and are telling us the same thing, but in different words. Now, then, we see the Judge standing there, and Bro. Branham spoke of this Judge. And Bro. Branham himself was a judging prophet.

Now, let's go a little further now. Now, what is a judge? He is one who pronounces judgment, but only those who can rightly pass judgment are those who are able to interpret the law in its true intent and meaning and, then, simply tell us what happens according to that law, for we see the principle of sowing and reaping. Huh? Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. If he sows to the flesh, he reaps corruption; if he sows to the spirit, he reaps eternal life.

8. So, all right. When you talk about a judge, really what you're talking about, if you had a court here, and you had a real judge, that judge would sit with his robes, and he would know the word so perfectly, as to its intent and meaning and application, now and in the future.

Now, you couldn't find any judge to do that today. No, the courts are so rotten, there's no use you trying to do anything. The cops are so rotten, there's no use you trying to do anything. Look, there's only one person going to set the world in order, and that's going to be according to the devil. God will not set this world in order; He will destroy it. Then He'll come back in divine order. And then, when He dissolves it and brings us all back, it will be a diviner order.

9. So, when you talk about a judge, and the judge is supposed to...like let's take the Supreme Court: they're always sniveling and talking about, "What was the intent of the founding fathers? What was the intent?"

And everyone is a revisionist. If the founding fathers suddenly came in this meeting here, tonight, and the Supreme Court was all sitting here in order, and the founding fathers told them what the intent was, they'd go, "Uuuhhh." And they'd either be hooted out by the people, or they'd resign, or we'd have a rebellion, or the founding fathers would sure take the media and let them know what this Supreme Court really is: revisionists.

I'm glad we had an Almighty God Who loves us, that didn't let us stick around with revisionism so that Luther was a complete crud, and everybody was a crud. And the Mormons got it figured out that Jesus had two girlfriends—secret wives: Mary and Martha. Hogwash! I'm glad that Elohim came down and set us straight! No revisionism; absolutely the truth, the intent, the purpose! What's going on and what's going to go on, because of what has been said! Yes sir, you get a judge, he's not like people think he is. He's like I'm telling you he should be.

10. Thus a judge is a revealer. Therefore, a prophet is a judge, because he's a revealer. I quote Bro. Branham, *"Just think how wonderful, the same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word to Paul is here revealing It."*

And it's a judgment Word. You better believe it is. What else could it be? You tell me, what else could it be? Didn't he say that the kingdom of heaven is like a certain man that had a large acreage and a business and everything else, and he went away having entrusted his servants a certain amount of money...what is it? Five pounds, or whatever they came to: ten pounds, five pounds, one pound. And when he came back, the one had gotten it doubled, another one got it doubled, the other one hid it. He said, "I knew you were an austere man," and he said, "I know you reap where you didn't sow." He said, "I know that," and he said, "I knew that, so I just hid it. Here's your pound back, buddy."

Oh, he said, "You wicked steward. You knew all of that and you did that?" He said, "Take what this man has and give it to the fellow with the ten pounds that double it, and throw this man in the Great Tribulation."

11. Brother Branham always called it the Great Tribulation. Didn't he? Well, you can't change it. If he said one place, he's got to say another place, or he's got to say, "and I mean it this way. I mean it that way, another way."

You say, “Oh, brother, you mean I’m going to go through fifteen different things; even the prophet of God is telling us fifteen.”

He never told us fifteen different things. Come on. So, we sit around here and pontificate as though we’re going to find which one is which one? Come on.

He always referred to it, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth: Great Tribulation. I don’t understand it, but I leave it right there. And it is because they gnaw their tongues in pain and curse the God of heaven. And they know It’s the God of heaven doing it, and they curse Him. Oh, you talk about character, brother; you talk about hard-boiled characters there.

12. Now, here he is revealing It. It’s a judging Word. Now, let us not forget a real judge is never one who looks at the person to be judged in either a subjective or objective way. The judge has nothing to do with the person, and don’t you think he has. If he has, he’s not a real judge. He has to do with the word. It’s impersonal! Stands right there. If you can’t see that, I tell you, I don’t know what you’re looking at. See?

Nothing pertains here but the Word. It is the Word that is subjective and advocating. In other words, the Word is the subject concerning the problem or whatever it is. And the Word, therefore, is the advocate for the good, and It’s also an advocate against the bad. Well, It pronounces judgment. Actually when It’s an advocate for the good, It certainly goes against the bad. All right.

13. This is why we find Bro. Branham taking Acts 17:31 and Rom 2:16 and putting them together. So, let’s go to Acts 17:31. Here It is:

- (31) Because he hath appointed a day, in...which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Then, over here in Rom 2:16, we find:

- (16) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

And Bro. Branham sort of combined the two, he said, “*In that day God will judge the world in righteousness by one Christ Jesus, and He is the Word.*” He put them together, and came up where I’m standing today—and so, therefore, Jesus judging by the Word. Then Jesus is not the Judge, the Word is the Judge. It’s a judging Word. And it’s always been that way.

14. And look here; like I told you, years ago we used to be given seeds in grade one and two and three and four and five and whatever it was back in Alberta. And so, we’d plant the seeds, and, then, that fall we’d bring in the harvest to be judged. And I always thought that the most unique would get the prize. Boy was I off my trolley on that. You know why? I never read the word concerning the product, and thereby, the product would be judged by the word! So, I always thought if you’d found a orange with a seed, a little orange inside, that’s better than an orange that didn’t have one inside. And, if I had a carrot with two prongs instead of one prong, I’d say, “Hey, that looks good. I ought to do better with this one.”

No! The carrot wouldn’t have a blemish—one with a little stem going all the way down, nice color, no little holes in there by worms, nice green stalk on it, top on it, everything—if there’s a word concerning my carrot! The product. See? And the carrot had to go to the word, and the word looked at the product.

15. Well, that’s what judging is all about, is a word, is a principle, is something established, and Bro. Branham calls it *a tie post*, and he even goes right back to God, the Rhema-Logos. So, you see, the minute you deal with the Word of God, you’ve got to deal with God. There’s no two ways about it.

Man says, "I've got a revelation of God."

Oh, have you really? Tell me about it. If it isn't revealed Word and backed up by vindication, I'm not interested, because, you see, I'm looking at two thousand years of duplicity. The bullet got off two thousand years ago, and someone going to tell me he's on track without the same Pillar of Fire telling me that told Paul? Forget it. I'm not very smart, but neither am I entirely stupid. You know, I'm not too wakeful, but neither am I asleep. I'm not too watchful, but neither am I blind. That's what we all are tonight. We're not a bunch of guys that have all the answers—know everything.

So Bro. Branham often combined the two. God would judge this world by Christ Jesus, and He is the Word. That is to say He is the Rhema-Logos without a doubt—this doing it. Jesus himself said, "I am not the Judge, my Father is the One to judge." Then he says, "Judgment is given unto me."

16. Oh. come on. If you can't see that, you can't see anything. He tells you flat, what is it? God in him. See? Judge. How can they miss the Judge? I preached sermon after sermon, and I'm even telling you more tonight than I told you before, making it clearer all the time.

One fellow said, "Oh yeah," he said, "I'll talk about the Judge."

I hear he gave a little forty-five minute sermon. You want to talk about the Judge? Let's go for two and half hours or three. Do you know why? I got a Bible, and I got a Concordance. Come on man. Forty-five minutes? Well, that's nice if you can do it. That's a real genius. I'm not a genius. Never saw one yet. They say a genius is a man who could preach a sermon in twenty minutes. A man that's not quite so bright, he'll do it in half an hour. Then Bro. Branham must have been a complete dodo and an idiot. He took an hour and a half to two hours or more. Ha! Now, where's your judgment gone? God wants to talk for two and a half hours, praise the Lord, let Him talk for three. I won't worry.

Now, you see, that's wrong right there. If God wants two and a half, I can't twist His arm for three. If God wants an hour and three quarter, He's not going to do it in an hour and a half. Isn't it nice to know God's in control? Sure it is; just relax though. He's not going to hurt anybody. He's not here to hurt us anymore than I'm going to hurt anybody, but by the grace of God.

17. Therefore, Bro. Branham being a Word prophet was a judgment prophet, and it was not he who separated the people and led them out, but God Himself. See? The messenger from heaven did it, when it came down, Elohim. Brother Branham never ever set himself up as the Judge. He knew Who the Judge was, and taught it even back there when he preached the Church Ages in 1960 and the opening of the Seals in 1963, as we already mentioned, Rev 1:13-14.

18. Now, this brings us to last Sunday's delineation upon Bro. Branham vehemently denouncing organizations which end up in ecumenism. Now, from how he sounds, it would appear that he had an axe to grind. But that is not so, for though this is a judgment scene and part that's going on today, it's the judgment scene going on today... And don't think it isn't, because it is. Now, anybody can say what they want about it.

You say, "Oh no, that's going to happen."

See, that's always looking back, looking forward, forgetting now. "*We are before the White Throne,*" he said. And the throne[s] [Rev 20:4] set up on earth are all ready. They're just the way God wants them. Sure, nobody seems to want to believe the Word. It's a good thing we do, little group of us believe the Word of God.

19. Now, part of this scene today before us is a part of the White Throne, before which we stand. The prophet is not passing a sentence, but he is revealing the Word as a judge reveals the word to the court and explains the status quo and what are the consequences, present and future. See? The sentence is right

out in front of us, but nothing is happening too much, yet all the time under cover, veiled from the eyes of the world and only a few can see It.

The churches are coming together, the man of sin, his spirit's already on the scene. It's been on the scene at the same time the Son of man was on the scene. It's all spirit. Son of man in one man; son of perdition in many men. Satan's seed. Right there manifesting, right down the line, just like It says, "I'll pour my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters prophesy, and upon mine, I'll pour mine, too." But they'll be in order. When the gifts, as it were, are on the shelf, the people won't be trying to fool with them. They got the Word now. Brother Branham said, "*Why do you want these fallacious things when the heavens are full of the real?*"

And if you think the heavens are full of gifts, I've got news for you; it's full of the Word. It's not that the Word doesn't allow the gifts and things here, but gifts are going to be a long time gone. And that Word's going to keep going on and on and on.

20. Now, he merely tells us what is and the consequences thereof. And of course, this is Heb 4:12, if we look over here, and we'll link this up with something else in a minute. Hebrews 4:12 says:

- (12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Now, somebody come along and say, "Oh, come on now, don't give me that stuff. Do you mean to tell me there's a God in heaven and He knows everything; He reads everybody's hearts, and He knows what I am thinking, and what my name is, where I'm at? Pbbt, forget it."

Ah-hah. Proven in William Branham's ministry. Let the atheist say what he wants; let the scientist say what he wants; let the philosopher say what he wants; let anybody say what he wants: this happened already.

Oh, said the religious guy, "Oh, that's for the White Throne, everybody's going to be discerned."

Don't be ridiculous. It's happened already. And you say we're not before the White Throne? Huh? Well, come on; come on, brother/sister. We're not exactly foolish are we?

21. Let's go to Revelation 20. Now, there you see the White Throne at the tail end. And in chapter 20, It tells you, verse 11:

- (11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the heaven and earth fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- (12) And I saw the dead...and the books...opened...(and so on and so on.)

Come on. Discerning? There's no discerning there. The books are opened; the records are opened. Comes up on the great, big video screen or whatever you want to call it, right before you; can't deny it.

You say, "Just a minute, I-I-I."

Hold it, I'll press the button and there you are as a kid when you started out in your line of mischief to be a little, skuzzy sleazebag that you turned out to be. But for the grace of God you got turned around, so nothing pops up on the screen.

No, the discerning is on now. Didn't you see Bro. Branham, "*Oh, It caught your thought*," he said. You couldn't hide if you tried. Five thousand, five million; what's the difference?

22. These guys that got on TV... What if Bro. Branham had gotten on TV?

One fellow, "Oh, I see a sister out there, and I think she's in Oklahoma, yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, she's in Enid, Oklahoma. Yes, I see her there. Sister, you're crying for your daughter; she's going to be saved..." and there's sixteen people out there crying. Everyone's sure the guy saw 'em! [said sarcastically]

If Bro. Branham was there on the TV...hey, hey, hey...he could say, "Listen, down there in Adis Ababa [Bro. Vayle uses a name made up for illustration purposes.] can tell you right now, fellow, you think you're descended of Solomon, you're secure. You're not a descendant of Solomon at all, and you're not secure."

Huh? It's not White Throne. That's discerning! Yeah. Judge the thoughts and intents. It's already happened. He knows which way we're going to go or what we're thinking. Putting it up on the screen's a different thing entirely. Oh yes, yes. Yeah.

23. (14) ...death and hell...cast into the lake of fire.

Not after discerning. No, that's not God telling, "I know all about you. Hey, here's the records; I want to show you on the screen."

I don't say that's just the way it's going to be, but that's the way it comes up to me, something like that.

24. So, Heb 4:12 was the forerunner of Rev 20:11-15, because it's already started, proving it's going to be. Thus, Bro. Branham must in warning us via revelation, cries out against organization and ecumenism, for that is Revelation 13, the whole world follows the beast; America having built the image. You can't buy and sell without following the devil, taking his mark in the forehead, which is thinking his thoughts, his ecumenical doctrine, of which, number one is Trinitarianism. Oh yeah. Yep. And then, you can't buy or sell, you see, without that. People want to do that. And that's because of 2 Thessalonians 2, where the son of perdition is, parallel the Son of man. The two ministries show exactly who's in the world today, and which side they follow, which side they're going to go on. Sure.

Now, that is the omega. We're looking at omega now; we've just passed through 2 Thessalonians 2. Right? Son of perdition, Son of man. We went into that time and time again. You ought to know by now exactly where we stand—understand Scripture.

25. So, all right. Then comes the White Throne, down the line, discernment having proven it. Okay. That's the 'omega'. What is the 'alpha'? Well, the alpha's over here in Acts 24, as I understand this, and I'm going to take you to it to my understanding. And you can agree; it's all right. If you don't agree, it's still all right. Acts 24:24-25.

(24) And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess...

So, he wasn't an Israelite, he must have been a Roman, eh? Felix the cat. Felix... Isn't that where they get 'felix', 'felicitous'—the word 'felicitous', felices [nominative plural] felicitis [genitive singular]? Who remembers their Latin? Joe weren't you an altar boy and learned any of that. Shame on you. Your wife knows. I think he's a Roman, and she's a Jewess. Hey, Rome and... Now, just a minute. Didn't

Golda Meir go over there? Huh? Wasn't she the first one? Came away spitting tacks? What's this Jewess doing with this Gentile hoodlum Rome? There's your picture. There's your 'alpha' right there. And Rome and Israel are married. Why I know they are: we've proved that—666; came right out in the paper.

26. (24) ...and (he) heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

(25) And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment (judgment, judgment, judgment) to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a (more) convenient season, I will call (on you).

Hey, he wanted money. He didn't want religion. Do you think people want religion when they go to the antichrist? Or do they want money? It's the golden calf scheme. Come on, Satan knows how to get these people by the nose. Anybody smells money, automatically goes to the devil. If you got a nose that can't smell money, you smell the Rose of Sharon. Now you're getting some place.

Notice the word 'judgment'. So, all right. There's judgment in there. That's the 'alpha', and the 'omega' today is, as we see it, Jew and Israel getting together and what have you.

27. Now also, we go to 1 Corinthians, and we see something here that we really don't like, and Paul didn't like it. He says, in 1 Cor 1:11:

(11) For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

(12) Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

(13) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Tells you right there, the divisions into organizations is a very terrible thing, that you follow somebody's name. "I'm a Lutheran; I'm a Wesleyan." Pentecost didn't have a leader, did they? They come from just razzmatazz out of nowhere. You know why? Because the leader was born out of due season; his name was William Branham. And he had to identify with them, which he certainly did. Come on, hear the tapes. You'll find identifying, identifying, identifying all the time. He had to...one born out of due season.

28. And now, therefore, you see organization there. And with that you see organization in 2 Corinthians 11, and you can see what it's all about. It's not just these guys... You say, "I'm going to follow this man, because I like his looks. I'm going to follow this guy because, hey, he's six-foot-four, and I'm going to tell you, nobody gets smart around him. So, if they get smart around him, and I'm with him, he'll just bop their ears in. Oh, I'm going to go to this guy."

No, no, no, it's doctrine. Look what it started: 2 Cor 11:2.

(2) ...I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: ...I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

See, not bearing anybody else's seed. Now, you found that by going back to the Old Testament. Man says, "My wife wasn't a virgin." He's supposed to bring the cloth of menstrual cloth and show it that she was not pregnant by anybody. So evidently, nobody believed in birth control in those days or what have you, so she could produce that cloth. It wouldn't work today, of course. Homosexual, God knows what, everything else. Just forget it. But that was a legitimate thing that you brought in those days, so she wasn't with somebody's seed. So, a chaste virgin is not just a virgin, she's a chaste virgin, that she's not

got anybody's seed in her womb. See, that's how Eve came to Adam, and that was a bad situation, you know.

29. And so he said:

- (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- (4) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus... (so on,) another spirit... another gospel...

So, these people were preaching a doctrine foreign to Paul's. And so, one fellow said, "Now, look; I'll tell you what: I believe Peter, because Peter doesn't say exactly what Paul says. I understand he agrees with Paul, and," he said, "Paul says very hard things to understand, so I'll just go with Peter because, if Peter says Paul says things hard to understand and they're right, I might not get it; so I'll go with this simple fellow over here, and I'm sure I'm right."

30. Well, that isn't too bad an idea, but it's not the truth. It's not the truth, you see. It's not right at all, because I don't care how simple Peter preached, and how simple he tried to make it, if you didn't have that soul in there that comes from God, that part of God, and the anointed Spirit of God upon you so that your mental faculties could be blessed and anointed by that Spirit, you wouldn't get it if you prayed day and night for forty days or forty years and fasted away to a shadow. It doesn't come any other way but this way we're talking about, and Bro. Branham brought It down perfectly.

And the more you believe Bro. Branham, the more you go to the Word, the more you see the Word is perfect with Bro. Branham, you've got a perfect Word. So therefore, as Bro. Branham once said, holding up the Bible, tapped the Bible, tapped his head, tapped the heart, he said, "*You get these all three lined up, you watch what happens.*" Well, we're going to get out of here with a glorified body. Why, that's as simple as A-B-C. Healing is just a picture of it, and we saw a gift of healing come into operation, the greatest since the time of Jesus Christ Himself, which shows you what? The second half of the First Resurrection is just about here. And we're going to get out of here. If we're not, somebody is. Now, that's just a foregone conclusion. You can't change that if you tried, and I'm sure nobody's going to try to change it.

31. All right. Now, look at these guys, what they are over here in 2 Corinthians. You look at these birds. Verse 13:

- (13) For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
- (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
- (15) Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as... ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Now, the same bunch, they appear where? In Matthew 7. "Oh, Lord, didn't we do wonderful things? Didn't we do this? Didn't we do that?"

"Get out; I never knew you." See?

Now, we're talking about that was the alpha of the omega today. Started way back there two thousand years ago.

32. Now, let's keep going, because I want to get you to where I want to get you, and then, we'll start talking in the message. Now, okay. Remember; the Nicaean Council was at Rome where state and church got together under Constantine. That's why England had these parishes. One church was allowed in a certain area by the government. Church and government got together. And they're doing the same thing right today. "No, you can't pray in school; no you can't do this." Now, you can't put a crèche or a symbol of Jesus Christ, because the Jews are going to get offended, or that guy gets offended, or somebody gets offended.

33. Well, I tell you what; you know Madeline O'Hara Murray, or Murray O'Hara? They can't find her, you know. They did their best to find her, for Phil Donahue's last little wave at the universe. And she wasn't there, and nobody knows where she is. She might be dead now. But I think I know where she is: she's likely in hell lifting up her eyes in torment—falling, falling, falling. She blasphemed God and His holy Word. Her own son turned against her. But how's he better off: three gods?

You know when you come against God, what does it matter whether you believe in one God, three gods, four gods, forty gods, or you're a snake handler? Or you believe in snakes, that's your god. Or you're a Thuggee from India; you believe you have to murder to be part of the religion. That's where you get the word 'thug' from, I think, I'm not sure, but they're Thugees. Or you have to be some kind of orgiastic monster. What's the difference? You're one word off, it's gone, see?

34. All right. Now, listen. We'll try to bring this together so that we can more clearly see the role Bro. Branham played was exactly as Paul who delivered the Gospel to the Gentiles after being rejected by the Jews. To do so, we're going to go back to the Scripture we went into last Sunday, which is over here in Rom 1:1-3.

(1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (All right. Let's take verse 16.)

(16) I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. (Two gospels, eh? Two gospels.)

"Well, God came first; He had the first. When Jesus came, he had the second one."

No.

"God had the first one, and He was generous. He gave Jesus the second one."

You've got to be kidding! There's only one Gospel, that's God's Gospel. And the word 'Christ' in the Bible signifies the anointed, the anointed One. Jesus Christ Himself was anointed by God. God Himself came in. God did it; the Rock that followed was Christ. That's Elohim.

35. So many people get mixed up because of different places in Scripture, yet they know that Christ Jesus is different from Jesus Christ. There's a connotation there; it's a revelation. They can sense it, they can surmise it, but they can't figure it. I don't pretend I can. I just wait. Perhaps God will show me something, because I cannot figure it. If I can get from the prophet, I can understand.

The prophet told us there's only one God. And he said the One that went from a Pillar of Fire to the flesh, left the flesh in the Gethsemane, went back to a Pillar of Fire, and when He stood before Paul, He called Himself Jesus. Jesus did not go back to the Pillar of Fire. Right now He's in His Own body as the High Priest, and He's sitting on the throne mediating, interceding. Why do we want to muddy the waters? The waters are clear. Just leave Jesus where God put Him, and let's have enough brains to be where God wants to put us. We're the wiggle worms.

36. (1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Now, listen.)

- (2) (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
- (3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...

So, the gospel of God concerns Jesus Christ the Lord. And therefore it's the gospel of God, and at the same time it's the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sense that he, the Lord Jesus Christ, that second person, is the one that's being talked about, and all these things being done through him by God, the Father. Of course that's too hard to understand. They already got the hard thing understood by the muddled. Merciful God, I'd sooner be a Trinitarian than a Jesus-Only any day. I can figure Trinitarian a whole lot quicker than Jesus-Only. But I can't figure either one, and never could. Now I can figure—understand. Right? I've told you what it's all about.

37. (3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...

"I'm a servant of that One," said Paul. "I'm an apostle unto Him." Why? Because the whole church is made up of the family of God, and Jesus is the first and Only-begotten Son, and God is not a son to anybody! He's the Father standing there! And in the omega the Pillar of Fire is above the New Jerusalem, where the Son, the Lamb, is on the throne, and the rest of the sons are down below. Now, can't anybody understand that to perfection? Anything else is confusing. And when it's confusing, it's good for refusing. And refusing is refuse. And refuse is to be burnt. [Side one of audio tape ends.] ...and his former religion is refuse. That's a nice translation. It's literally dung.

38. All right. We read here the first three verses. Now we go to verses 16-17 [Romans 1], and we read:

- (16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: (I'm not ashamed of God's Gospel. And It's all concerning Jesus Christ—no problem. But it's the gospel of God.) for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek.
- (17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: (from revelation to revelation God reveals His righteousness according to His Own Gospel, His Own Word which He gave to Paul.)

39. Now, let's just put our finger there for a second and go over to Galatians 1. Paul says here, verse 6:

- (6) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (See?)
- (7) Which is not another... (verse 10:)
- (10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? (so on...verse 11:)
- (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel (of God, which is all about concerning Jesus Christ and all those things in there,) which was preached of me is not after man.
- (12) For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Who's he talking about? Brother Branham time after time used the same expression and was not referring to anyone, but to Elohim, Holy Spirit, Jehovah-Elohim, Almighty God. You could put it the other way if you wanted to: the Person indicated in there, the One of Whom Scripture mentioned, the Messiah to come.

(13) For ye have heard of my [conversation], and so on and so on. Then It says down here in verse 15:)

(15) ...when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

(16) To reveal his Son in me...

To reveal His Son in him? Then Paul could not reveal anything other than the Son revealed, which was the Father being revealed. Is that true? How could it be? "I and my Father are one." And yet people are all so concerned and messed up concerning Godhead. There's no reason for it.

40. Let's get back to Rom 1:17.

(17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

In other words, those completely justified, that have nothing imputed to them, absolutely stand there with righteousness, that is absolutely nowhere but in the Gospel. Nowhere. And notice what It says here:

(16) ...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: (God's Gospel pertaining to Jesus, as I understand these things now in this age and all.) for it is the power of God unto (complete and perfect deliverance.)

So, the Gospel is where the power lies. It does not lie in what many people think it lies in, which is a demonstration of the Holy Ghost. The demonstration of the Holy Ghost is only to prove where the power lies, which is in the Word. So therefore, they're one, just like Jehovah-Elohim and Rhema-Logos. You're not looking at several things; you're looking at this one great thing.

41. (17) ...the righteousness...(is) revealed from faith to faith: (In other words, it's strictly by revelation—always has been and always will be! There's no way you can get away from it. And it said:) ...The just shall live by faith.

That's eternal life. There's no way you get it. You're born of the Word; you live on the Word. You fulfill the Word, and the Word fulfills you. Now, watch:

(18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (down) the truth in unrighteousness.

In other words, there are people here who literally come against the Word of God, knowing It is true, deliberately hold It down, discourage others, draw people away. It happened in the day of Jesus; it happened under Abraham; it happened under the apostle Paul; it happened under William Branham; it happens under every single prophet, because it happened under God. And it's happening under God. These are these devilish people they're working.

42. Now, notice; if we have a true Gospel, they've got a false gospel, and the false gospel is a perversion of the true. You've got to start somewhere. See? You have to start somewhere. And there's no such thing as a counterfeit without an original, or the counterfeit is the original. Can't do it. You got to see there's... You've got to go back to origin, God the Creator.

Now, watch:

- (19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Now, absolutely, if they saw something from God, they saw it in nature, or they saw it by vindication. They saw the mighty works of God, which were vindicated by “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” showing that man was a Word prophet. But then, It tells you:

- (20) ...the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by...his eternal power and Godhead...

So, they didn't even have to come across somebody that was absolutely a vindicated prophet bringing the Word. They know from their own conscious that there is a God by reason of the fact of creation. All right.

43. Now, what I'm looking at here is that, though most preachers talk of the centrality of the cross, and that is good, I do not find them talking about the centrality or predominant Word of Almighty God—and that is a tragedy. Now, the centrality of the cross is very true. And you're going to find a great number of theologians, they're great teachers with great ability. And Bro. Branham would not deny it, and I won't deny it. There is a centrality of the cross. And that is absolutely true. But that is an instrument, which would be no instrument, without the Word!

Now, you prove me wrong. Now, go ahead. Now, go ahead, prove me wrong. If that had not been the decreed Word of Almighty God, ideat, the idea, the concept, written in a book, spoken, then manifested, you tell me that anything outside of that is worthwhile? It is not! It must have been in the beginning, representation there, ideated, the precept, put in the book, written, spoken, manifested.

44. So therefore, if you were going to talk about the centrality of the cross, you had better understand the Word precedes it, and it is a product of that Word! Then what is the cross all about in the Word? Go back to the Garden of Eden. Was the Word of God changed? No. What was the cross in the Garden of Eden? The cross in the Garden of Eden was the shed blood of the Lamb, and at the same time when God said, “The earth will now bring forth thorns and briars,” and what did the thorns and briars have as their ultimate? The crown of Jesus Christ piercing his very blood vessels up there. And what was that tree in the garden? That tree, the [undistinguishable single word] tree that became a cross. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, as it were, became a cross for the Lord Jesus Christ, all nature upset by Eve's interrupting it all.

45. So, I say this: you talk about the centrality of the cross, I agree; there is a centrality. It all looked forward to the cross, but the cross was forgiveness, and that was the only way the Word could be restored to man, and man could be restored to the Word and the restoration of Almighty God, and the interruption cease, and the plan go on to perfection. It was there, that the Blood covered. And the Blood does perfect us, that is true. But brother/sister, if there hadn't been a Word concerning it, forget it. Forget it. Now, show me millions are going to make the Rapture. Come on.

“Oh, we got the cross. Hallelujah!”

Nobody denies it. But has the cross got you?

46. Now we're beginning to get somewhere. It is as though they forget Rom 1:1-3, when they talk about the cross.

- (1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
- (2) (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

(3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, what did he do with Isaiah 53? Is that what Paul is talking about? Absolutely, Isaiah 53. Now, could you have Isaiah 53 of any merit without the Word? What if Isaiah 53 was not in the Bible and somebody came by said, "Look, I'm the Son of God. I'm going to pay the price. I'm going to die upon Calvary! Pierce my hands; pierce my side. The blood will flow, and God will forgive!"

And the smart Israelite said, "Forget it; you're of the devil if I've ever heard a man of the devil." But they were so much of the devil themselves, serpent seed, they couldn't understand Isaiah 53. They couldn't understand it.

47. Now, you show me anything and everything that's manifested outside of this Word: I'm not interested. I've given up every experience I have. I don't know how many I've given up, but I can't look at any anymore. I'm almost devoid of feeling. Whether good or bad, it doesn't make much difference, that's the way I am. If I'm part of that Word, forget it. You can't do a thing to me. Chase me through eternity to try to drown me in hell. Forget it. If the Word says different, and I'm part of that Word, you can't do one thing, and my feelings, my oratory and anything I do may reach even the exponential, until the whole world blazes with the glory of Lee Vayle. Forget it.

You think any Mormon's going to make it? You think these people that base themselves and wear these uniforms—everything else—are going to make it? Give me the Word for it. Come on. Give me the Word. I don't care what you say, give me the Word. See, everybody's talking about a life. They forget His life. And they forget His Word concerning His life. And they talk about Him.

"Well, it's just gossip."

This literally tells me no Word, no Jesus Christ brought forth in flesh to manifest that very Word. But as It says in verse 2, Jesus is Word identified. So, we see the truth of the Word, of precept, written, spoken, manifested.

48. Now, let's go back to Romans 1 again, and let's start with 16 again:

(16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek.

I'm not ashamed of God, that great anointing, I'm not ashamed of that Gospel that God brought forth that tells all about the Son, Jesus Christ the Lord. And I won't get that in there, but you'll find Bro. Branham saying, *you mention Jesus Christ and they start running*. Yeah. We'll read it later on. I won't get to it tonight. I'm just about positive.

(16) I am not ashamed (he said): for it is the power of God (It is the dunamis. It is the thing that works, that puts in action everything concerning God) unto salvation...

And remember; God being a Savior, He had to predestinate a sinner to give Himself reason and purpose of being, and therefore, God did not lose us in order to find us! That has to be the stupidest thing in all the world. Stupidest thing for God to save a sheep and then kick him out. Oh my, my, my. How casual and foolish are these readers that read the Scripture wrong today in the light of a vindicated Message.

49. (16) ...it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and...to the Greek.

Where does it lie? The power lies in the Word! See? Jesus couldn't lay in the grave with his body not corrupting, except there was a Word for it! Jesus could not be raised by God, except there's a Word for it!

Then who's looking at gifts? I'm not against gifts. But I'll tell you, if we had them, we'd soon forget what we had! In this Word, I know too well about these things. I had gifts operating in my life, different gifts. As the Word took preeminence, the gifts just went on the shelf, as it were. You don't need even a gift of healing any more. Why do you need a gift of healing? Healing's in the Message. What do you want prophecy for? You want a day-by-day guidance? Get yourself a Ouiji board...horoscope.

50. Not for one reason do I deny that God can lead us. I've had like a voice give me directions—insight. But what does the Bible really say? It tells you: when you walk in that light, and you go down that path, there's a voice behind you that says, "This is the way, walk ye therein." Launch out into the deep.

Brother Branham said, "*Quit your pastoring and fooling around, get on the road!*" I got on the road! You think it was easy? It wasn't easy at all; it was tough. But I knew I'd trust God, or die. Time after time I'd wheel my car round the road and go back home planning to get a job and say "I'll die first." I didn't die. I didn't even nearly starve. Oh, maybe didn't live too good. But who needs ice cream and cake and pie and steaks and a motel, fancy motel, when I could get by in some kind of a bunk for a buck a night or less? Go to one place, didn't even have any hot water. I guess I didn't need it, didn't stink too bad. Nobody complained anyway.

51. Here he says:

- (17) (I'm not ashamed, because) therein (and there alone) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.

You say, "Well, I got Jesus, hallelujah!" That's fine. What has He told you? You wouldn't even know if it's Jesus.

52. Now, listen; we're down to the omega of the alpha, brother/sister. There is a perfect church. Brother Branham said, "*Ephesians must return*," and we've returned. And in there Paul said, "Put away all lying and this and that from amongst you, because now you got a true five-fold ministry to bring you right to the headship which is here now in the Holy Spirit, to join you up to Jesus Christ, that Spirit become incarnate to us, crown Him 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords'. That's where we are tonight. I don't care if people believe it or not, it's the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus and vindicated, absolutely.

Now, it's revealed, faith-to-faith, revelation-to-revelation! And Bro. Branham preached every revelation. See, "*It gets clearer and clearer*," he said. "*Hear the tapes, and it gets clearer and clearer*." Faith to faith, progressing in the revelation. And the just shall live by faith! No revelation, no light! No, none at all. Too bad, but it's so; nothing outside the Message will come to light.

53. (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (down) the truth...

That's this hour! The same as it was that hour! Now, what is this hour? Well, I won't take too much time to read it, but it's over here in 2 Timothy 3, and It tells you:

- (1) Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

"In the last days, I'll pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; your sons and daughters prophesy, and upon my men servant, maidservant, I'll pour out my Spirit in those days." Then the sun will darkened, the moon turned to blood, Great Tribulation; right in this hour preceding the Great Tribulation, the Son of man, son of perdition, everything outlined before us.

54. (2) ...men...be lovers of their own selves, (And they talk about they're lovers of God.) covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful... (What else could they be turning down, the vindicated Word?)

(3) (No) natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, (and so on. Notice:)

(5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof...

And Bro. Branham said, "*They deny the Word.*" Why did he call it power? Because it's the power of God unto salvation. Huh? Do you love this Word? Everything fits. Everything fits. I never saw that till just now. Wonder why Bro. Branham called it the power of the Word. The authority. Not just 'authority'—'exousi'—it's 'dunamis'.

(5) ...from such turn away.

(6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, (See them creeping in like slime, like the death plague.) lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

(7) Ever learning, ...never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Those women are churches, too, in my books.

55. (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these...resist the truth.

If you've got a Jannes and Jambres, you've got to have a Moses, don't you? Moses, Paul, William Branham.

(8) ...resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate...

Oh, the world likes to think we're all reprobates—all pigs turned into sheep. Hogwash! I never was a reprobate—no way, shape and form! As Paul said, "Except you have the Spirit of Christ, you're none of His." We had those souls from eternity. And they're trying to give us their false knowledge—their hypocritical things. Forget it! I don't belong to that gang of hoodlums out there, you know.

56. (8) ...concerning the faith. (Concerning revelation.)

(9) But they shall proceed no further: (Why? There's no history to be left.) their folly shall be (made) manifest to all *men*, as also was theirs.

(10) But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, (love,) patience,

(11) Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, (and so on. I endured those afflictions, and) the Lord delivered me (out of them all).

(12) ...all that live godly...shall suffer persecution.

(13) But evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, (while we go what? Faith to faith!) deceiving, and being deceived (while we go truth to truth! No more deception).

(14) But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and...been assured of (vindication. There it is.) knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*.

Oh-ho. Yeah, Bro. Branham said, "The mule out there..." What did he call it? "*The jackass, he doesn't know his pappy or mammy.*" You get a real thoroughbred horse, he knows pappy and mammy;

he's got a pedigree. Yeah, we are pedigreed people; we're children of the prophets through Jesus Christ multiplied grace unto us. Okay.

57. So, now according to Rom 1:16-18, we see the flouting of the Word led to mass destruction of the religious and most of whom today would call themselves philosophers; and "We have a scientific concept, you know. We have common law; we study nature. We look at these things, you know. We try to judge by them."

That was before Paul, that portion we read in Romans there. That was before Jesus came, died and rose again as high priest and mediator and intercessor. And now that he is high priest, mediator, intercessor, look at what comes out of Acts 20 and 2 Timothy (And we read it all already.) and what came out of 2 Corinthians. We see today we've got a people turning en masse to the antichrist, and they don't even know it on the very grounds that the skids are greased, and the greasing of the skids is *Rome has the gold and the Jews have the paper*. And just as soon as those skids begin to slip, and commerce begins to go down, the lying wonder and miracle...

58. And I believe Bro. Branham told me this, because I can't find it on a tape, is where the antichrist, the pope out of America, no doubt in my books... Brother Branham didn't say that. He said *the pope coming out of America*. He designated that one's going to come out of America. I believe it could be the antichrist. And the antichrist comes on the scene, and that lying miracle and wonder is going to be saving the financial system so the wheels will grind again!

59. And remember; American money controls 74 percent right today of all the commerce conducted in this world, so don't you think for one minute that money's going to disappear or they're going to call in all the bills. They're going to fool you. That money is going to stay out there, as far as I understand Bro. Branham. It will not be called in. He said "*As Cuba did, America should do, but they won't do,*" and the pope will back it up. Now, tell me if I'm wrong. Brother Branham did say Cuba did it. It was the right way. But he said America won't. Is that right? Come on, you guys got a good memory as I got. I was there when he said it. Now, they're all going to run to the arms of the antichrist. The love of money is the root of all evil.

60. Now, I haven't got time to look up. It's in Timothy, I think. Is it 1 Timothy 6? Maybe, I don't know. Let me see if I can find it, and I'm going to close, because I'm not going to get anywhere tonight. Now, It says: [1 Timothy 6]

- (6) ...godliness with contentment is great gain.
- (7) For we brought nothing into *this* world, and...(certainly) we can carry nothing out.
- (8) And having food and raiment let us therewith be content.
- (9) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, (Everybody's trying to get rich in the stock market. My Lord, I don't understand that.) and...many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- (10) For the love of money is the root of all evil: (It's a depravity, see? And that means the essentiality, greediness within the heart at the last day.) which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many (errors).
- (11) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness... (and so on.)

The verse I wanted I can't find here, but the point is this: Oh, now It says here, verse 5:

- (5) Perverse disputings... supposing that gain is godliness: (supposing that gain is godliness).

61. Now, let's go back to the Garden of Eden. Why did Bro. Branham call Eve a prostitute? Because she thought she would make a gain by selling her body. Tell me I'm wrong. Come on, get the Bible, stand beside me with Bro. Branham's quotes, and tell me I'm wrong. She said, "What's in it for me?"

"Why, you'll be as God, knowing good and evil. You'll be on the top of the heap. Destiny will be in your hands; you'll be in control."

You get the money, you control everything—politicians, lawyers, judges, preachers, everybody. That's why Eve was a prostitute. I wondered all these years, thirty solid years I wondered, till this week. I got my answer. But you see you've got to teach the Word of God till the thing opens up, right down the line, yet it all comes in what the prophet said, and it's proven. Come on, I challenge, people on tapes, anywhere, prove me wrong. The oldest profession. Right? The church is a prostitute, and they all go to her. What a horrible condemnation under which we live.

62. In conclusion, let me go back, and you can see how this ties in more and more and more as we go on, money, everything ties in. You could... Listen; you'd have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to see this and get it. We go to Jn 3:16.

- (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but...the world through him might be saved.
- (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

There you are right there. "There you see. Jesus is the central, and the cross is the centrality, and that's all I need. I cling to the cross; I flee to the cross."

Even Bro. Branham said, "*Flee to the cross*," I'm all for it. Do it.

63. I've got news for you; let's go to the next verse.

- (19) And this is the condemnation, (Not that they didn't run. They ran in a wrong way. They ran without the Word!) that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- (20) For every one that doeth evil (like Cain) hates the light, (He can't stand the correcting Word! The Word has judged him. Abel never judged Cain. The judging Word judged him. He's an unrighteous reprobate, a serpent seed. See?) neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

"Where's your brother?"

"I don't know; I'm not his keeper."

He said, "How come his blood calls from the ground? I can see it; I know where he is."

Now, you've got to face up the sentence of what you've done. You've got to face up to the Word. He didn't like what he heard. Oh, he said, "You can't do that to me." Why, he said, "People will kill me."

He didn't mind killing anybody. But he sure didn't like being killed, you know.

64. Just think awhile: what a mess the world's in! Spiritually speaking, what diabolical individuals are running things by the diabolical one himself, even Satan. Everyone that doeth evil, false worship, off the word, philosophers, do-gooders, you name him; he won't come to the light. There's no way he can come to the light. Why? His pension will go; his prestige will go. Everything he stood for will go. He'll die! You and I got to die. That's what water baptism is all about. The baptism with the Holy Ghost means death to our selves, alive unto God.

So, there we see it, brother/sister, right plain, plain, plain, plain... People scream and cry... And the Blood does perfect the Bride. Is that what Bro. Branham said? Does he say the Blood perfects everybody? Huh? No, he said, "*The Blood perfects the Bride.*" There's where we stand, brother/sister. Why? Because we came to the cross that gave us the Blood, that cleansed us from sin, that brought us right into the light of that Word, which we love and live in and live by. And everything is Word.

65. They say, "Oh you people, always Word, Word, Word."

But, you know what? The cults do the same thing, though. Mormons do the same thing. But they got another Bible. Christian Science? They got another Bible. Seventh Day Adventists take the same we've got, but they got a different understanding entirely. The more they study, the more they preach, the more they live it, the more they believe it. The lie works just like the truth, but one gets us there—up, and one takes you down there. One brings us to life eternal; the other brings us, if we want it, to annihilation. Thank God somewhere down the road, they're all done away with. Why? Because they're created.

You say, "What about archangels and all?"

Don't worry about them. The ones that didn't fall, they'll be sustained, but they'll never have what you and I have. They weren't a part of God. They were only in His mind as per se what God wanted to do relative to Himself and His Kingdom and us. And that's why these guys got their name in a book and some in the Book of Life. They're spoken of, but no Lamb life. It wasn't there.

66. See, Lamb life started with Jesus and Adam into Eve, and then Satan brought his life in through animal life. But he had to get to the humans, because that's where God was. He wanted children; God wanted children. The thing is so simple. It's so simple; it's so amazing.

And you know, the simplicity only came a few weeks ago. So, don't feel too bad if you're a little a-fog. My job was ordained of God to preach this Word. I don't say I'm the only one doing it, but Bro. Branham one day said to me in 1965, toward the end of his life, he said, "*Lee, they're not getting it. It's going over their heads. Maybe you can break it down and show it to them.*"

I've tried to; I hope I've done it. Because that's my sole purpose in life. I don't stand here just trying to get thoughts on my own, (That's not it at all.) or preach some sermon that might be worthy of merit. If I did preach a good sermon, look, I'd spoil it by my actions and everything else I put in, and the words that I say, which are not too nice. But tonight I sort of kept within the bounds of priority, at least I hope so.

Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Heavenly Father, as we close this service concerning our little preamble here, which we go into quick as we can to the rest of the message of Bro. Branham, we thank You for the time You allowed us and that people might see that it's Word, Word, Word. No wonder It's a Rhema-Logos. No wonder It was precept and written and spoken and manifested, all the things that the prophet taught us. And now It is Word, absolute Word, going back to the original of the real gospel of God that Paul himself brought, and now revealed to us as this end-time prophet, Lord.

I know that the devil in our own carnal minds wants to kick up question marks and fusses and everything else, and I know Lord there's so many things there. But It still stands true, that this is a vindicated Message which we have, and which we're talking about, and Lord, if we weren't a part of It, it still won't change the fact that we know positively that this is the only Word that's extant at this hour, that has anything to it.

And people can talk all they want about anything they want—even You, Lord, in Your glorious wonderful Son, our great High Priest, and they can talk about Moses, and they can talk about Paul, and all the heroes of faith. They can lay it all out there, Lord, speak of King David, and marvels and wonders of the Kingdom of God and the future yet to come, but we know, Lord, if it isn't Word-oriented, then it is not like Jesus himself who was that Word-oriented, who was that one spoken of; and now we take our place with him, as Paul identified in him we want to identify too, to be Word identified people, Word upon Word, just Word upon Word.

Unto Thee we give the praise, believing this to be so, Lord, and You helping us to this end, because You would not have brought us this far without taking us further. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

[Communion and Foot-washing service follows.]