

Shalom #25

Twelve Thoughts on “Shalom”

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we're grateful that You have given us Your Word whereby we might be sanctified by the Truth of It, revealed and vindicated, knowing that Your Presence did not sanctify a people, (Many people thought It did.) but it was Your Word, Lord, that actually did it. You being in Your Word now, today, have given us a double seal. We are sanctified by Your Word, even as Your Own Son said when He was here on earth in the Garden of Gethsemane.

And now, again, in the days of the Son of man, we have the same great privilege of being sanctified doubly by the Word, which, if we receive, we know, then we're sanctified by You, and we'll be vessels that can go with You, for You said, “Where I am, there you may be also.” But we know that those who turn down the Word cannot have that promise.

So, we praise You for Your Word today, Lord, and we just believe It as the prophet gave It—even as the Bible. We know that this has been vindicated for this hour, and we appreciate it. Help us in our studies. We'll give You the praise, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, this is number 25 of the message that Bro. Branham preached, “Shalom”. And we're nearing the end of this Message, which was “God's Peace”, or, as he entitled it from the Hebrew, “Shalom”—with only three pages left to read and to discuss, shortly. But, before we read them, it might be well to go over some of the thoughts contained in the Message.

#1. It is a new year's message. However, it is not such a message that it deals with the year ahead, which was 1964, or this year, 1989, but it is dealing with a new era that eventually encompasses the Millennium and the New Heavens and Earth. But at the same time, he dwells on the interim period we are in until the Resurrection and Rapture take place, which will lead us directly into Eternity and all that Eternity means.

So, when Bro. Branham is speaking of the new era, (And he mentions the Millennium, and he mentions the coming eternity of the New Heavens and the New Earth.) he, absolutely, because he has made God's Peace a present-day offering to us, has to include this interim period, which is the major period (as far as you and I are concerned); because once we reach the Resurrection and see the dead come out of the ground, (That's just a figure of speech.) we know that we are a part of the Rapture. And from that point on... Why, there isn't anything to even think about, because we'll be under the absolute guidance of Almighty God in perfection. So, there is this proffering of peace in this interim period, where it means so much. And we have to know about this peace: where it comes from, how to get it (to obtain it), and to let it rule our lives.

2. #2. It is in this interim period, which is one of intensely focused Light and terribly concentrated and pervasive gross darkness, that God's prophet declares God's Peace is now available because we are in the days of the Son of man, and also the Day Star arisen, God amongst us vindicating His Word (His Kingdom in our midst) has all come, which is indicative of the great separation under the Rapture. For healing is in His wings at this present time, and going on, and the burning oven that leaves neither root nor branch of Mal 4:1-6.

Now, let me go over that again. It's in this interim period of light and darkness... And the Light is concentrated, as it has never been before, even though you may go back in your minds, and you may believe that the great concentration of Light came to Israel and, thence, to us through the apostle Paul, God manifesting Himself in the form of human flesh. And I believe that we (most of us) believe that, and the faith is wrong in believing it, even as Israel missed Jesus, because they looked back upon Moses.

Now categorically, Bro. Branham said, [Jn 14:12] “*Greater works than this shall ye do’ was performed by one person.*” So therefore, Bro. Branham said, “*that He had more success in my ministry, in my life, than He had in His Own.*” And you will notice that at this time, as the Light travels from the East to the West, this is part of the epiphany or the ‘epiphanaea’, where we speak of the epiphany of a person, which is like a zenith of His light and His power, where he actually comes into His own. And this is according to Matthew 12, the time of Jesus coming back in the form of the Holy Ghost, doing what He did in His flesh when He was upon earth, here, but even more so.

3. So, we are looking at, then, an intensely focused Light, concentrated Light, in this hour. And at the same time there is a pervasive and concentrated darkness as there never was before. And it is this time, that Bro. Branham, through the authority of God, declares Peace to us. And we believe it, knowing it is given on the grounds of the vindication of the days of the Son of man, the Day Star arisen, which is God amongst us vindicating His Word—“His Kingdom in our midst,” according to Lk 17:20.¹ These have all come and are indicative of the great separation of the world through the Word, the sanctifying power of the Word, not through the presence of God. The presence of God, if that were what was right, in the sense of the sanctifying power, then the whole world would be saved, because He’s here to the whole world. But it’s the Word that sanctifies—the omega of the alpha of the ministry of Jesus when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Sanctify them by thy truth; thy word is truth.” All right.

4. And at this time, then, with “healing in His wings,” which is the Rapture about to take place, which in turn leaves the burning that leaves neither root nor branch. And that’s over here in Mal 4:4-6.

- (1) For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. (In other words it’s the extermination of the human race as we know it, going right to the great Lake of Fire where they are finally annihilated.)
- (2) But unto **you** that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Now, how does that fit to this day? Because it’s in the name of Jesus that the Gentiles trust; it is a Name that Bro. Branham brought with him: “*THUS SAITH THE LORD, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*”, and he issued forth the proclamation that that was the Name you’re baptized in, the true oneness of the Godhead—not Jesus-Only now, but a true oneness of the Godhead—and the people did not fear that Bro. Branham had “*THUS SAITH THE LORD*,” and that people died by coming against his literal ministry. Only those that ‘fear’ the name of the Lord will have any opportunity whatsoever; and that leaves out all the Trinitarians. (Let’s understand that.)

5. And It said:

¹ Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

- (3) (You) shall tread down the wicked; (those that fear His Name) they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I do this, saith the Lord...
- (4) Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments (And this speaks of grace, because Horeb was the mount of blessings and of grace; it was not the mount of law and of cursing. Now, remember; right in here between the curse there is a blessing, and watch how the blessing comes.)
- (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- (6) And he shall turn the (hearts) of the children (back) to (the) fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (The reason I left out the first part is because that's already happened.)

Notice, Rev 22:10-14 now cancels Rev 10:4 from the midst of Rev 10:1-7. Here, then, is that Shalom, as spoken of in 2 Th 1:7-10. So, let's go to Rev 22:10.

- (10) And he (said) unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
- (11) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; he (that's) filthy, be filthy still; he that is righteous (will be) righteous still; he that is holy (will be) holy still.
- (12) And, behold, I come quickly; (Now, remember; this is the Presence, speaking of the literal second coming. "I come quickly.") my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
- (13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- (14) Blessed are they that (wash their robes) that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (All right. You'll notice, then, that the Tree of Life makes possible the gates to be open to the City. Now...)
- (15) For without are dogs (male prostitutes), and sorcerers, and whoremongers, murderers, and idolaters, whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Now I said that that cancels Rev 10:4, for Rev 10:4 is in the midst of Rev 10:1-7. Let's look at It: [Revelation 10]

- (1) And I saw another mighty (messenger) come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: a rainbow was upon his head, his face was as it were the sun, his feet as pillars of fire:
- (2) He had in his hand a little book open: he set his right foot upon the sea... his left (upon) the earth,

- (3) And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: (That, of course, is Amos, the prophet. So, as Bro. Branham said, *God's His Own prophet*. And the One that comes down, then, is acting as a prophet, but He has to have someone to act through, which is Rev 10:7)
- (4) When the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
- (5) The angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
- (6) And swore by him (who) liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
- (7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he that declared (the good news of His Gospel by) his servants the prophets. (That's the literal translation. All right.)

6. You'll notice in there: "Seal up the seven thunders." That has been canceled by Rev 22:10-14, bringing to pass 2 Th 1:7.

- (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us (at what time?) when the Lord shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. (There it is right on that picture.) [Points to the picture of the Cloud.]
- (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance (discerning and making a difference, passing judgment and exoneration).

You say, "Well, I believe He just comes down, and this is fire let loose from the Great Tribulation."

You believe what you want. You're wrong. There never was a time when God did not bring both the blessing and the cursing. Always being a just God, He set before them an open door. "I have set before you an open door of blessing and cursing. Take your pick of law or grace, or works or faith." Now, if you think you can tell me this just means cursing, I've got news for you: You are wrong!

Read your Bibles. Listen, don't believe me; read your Bibles. You'll find me correct. You say, "This is end time." I read Malachi as 'end time'. Tell me when the fire comes? **After** the good prophet of God leaves. So, blessing and cursing, right? Is this any different? It's no different. You'd better listen to the prophet. Alpha is Omega. He's never changed.

- (8) In (flames of fire taking judgment) on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- (9) (And It tells you...) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction (neither root nor branch) from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
- (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints.

So, there you are. Before Sodom was burned, Abraham was glorified by the presence of God. He went right back to being a little young man with his wife. But judgment came. So, you understand something this morning.

7. Here's what I said: He has risen with healing in His wings at the time of gross darkness, because all Light through the Ages has focused under the Seven Seals and the Seven Thunders. For It says, "Every mystery that's in the Gospel that has been declared by the prophets, given to them by God, is brought out into the open." And this One, therefore, that comes down, has the roar, as it were, of a lion. Now we know what that is; that's over here in Amos. And, remember; God's always His Own prophet. He cannot change. It says here in Amos 3:

- (6) Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people (be not) afraid? shall there be evil (done) in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?
- (7) Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
- (8) The lion hath roared, who will not fear?

In other words, "The Lord has spoken, but who can prophesy?" So, if He's coming down as a roar of a lion, it's got to come through a prophet—just the same as It says over there in 1 Th 4:16.

- (16) The Lord will descend with a Shout.

It categorically does not say in the Greek that the voice is the one of the One that descended, but it's the Word of the One that descended. I see I'm shaking some of you. Stick around. Get rid of your creeds and your dogmas and your wrong thinking. That's exactly what the Bible teaches. It is not said to be the voice of the One descending. How does God always speak to man? Ever since the time of Moses, the die was cast, and He cannot change. I don't care if God came down this morning and turned every bit of water into wine, gave every single one of us something; except a prophet was here to tell us, you'd better look out until you are completely glorified, because there isn't one of us that isn't cautioned in this hour of darkness to watch. Because, just as sure as the Light has intensified and focused to the point of burning—take a magnifying glass that let the rays of the sun come through, and you put it on any object that can be burned, that object will be burned—so it is with the shining Light of God upon this earth. If you haven't got the seed that takes the burn, brother/sister, you'll burn. True.

8. #3. From the in-depth dissertation on gross darkness of this hour, we find Bro. Branham emphasizing a final total eclipse of Truth, which in turn leads to a final total eclipse in spiritual and physical of all but a few Bride. The concentrated Light in the concentrated darkness brings about a total emphasis of the Word of God as It has never been revealed before. As Paul said, "I am pressing toward the identity, the full identity, of Christ," which he could not achieve. Only the end-time prophet could do it, and now the Bride. This Light shines in this terrible darkness causing a total eclipse. It will move out all darkness from every Bride. It'll move out all Light from anybody else. This total eclipse rises from the refusal of all but the Bride to receive the revelation of God's Own Presence and Truth, which Truth comes through a prophet.

Now, remember; the foolish virgin will die for their neglect to respond to the vindication or spiritual progression.

You say, "What do you mean by spiritual progression?"

Well, I'm glad you asked the question, so I can tell you. Spiritual progression is none other than the Word of God through the Ages, which will go through a certain channel, until it comes to the time when Israel's in the homeland. From that time on, every foolish virgin and every other person outside of the

Bride—and the Bride’s obligated, too—is obligated to know where we are in history. And the Bible tells us categorically, that when you see Israel back in the homeland...

9. Let me read It to you. Now, listen; It says here: [Romans 11]

- (13) For I speak to you Gentiles in as much as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.

I like that! There’s a fellow who knew what he was saying and why he was saying it, because he had an office. He says, “I’m going to nail something down to you people, because I’m the one to nail it down.” I like that. Bro. Branham did the same thing. All right.

- (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 (Israel) be the reconciling of the world, what shall (be) the receiving of them , but life from the dead?

Israel isn’t dead! Israel’s blind! So, what’s he talking about? He’s talking about a Resurrection. So, when Israel is back in the homeland, you look for a Resurrection. Then, what’s before the Resurrection? What’s before the Rapture? The Appearing. What does the Appearing mean? And there’s where they got stuck; because, listen: You can’t find it, unless there’s an ordained prophet of God vindicated to point it to you. That’s why Bro. Branham, like every other prophet in the power of God, demonstrated the signs and the wonders, the presence and the magnitude of our God (the greatness of His ministry), then turned right around and said, “*Based on this, you will listen to me!*” Then, he would tell them exactly why God did such and such a thing, and then reveal the Word of the Lord. And that’s where we are today. And, if you are understanding this, you are well within the Message that the prophet brought. Progression.

10. #4. This revelation comes to us in like manner as a conductor would get into the spirit of the composer of a symphony, and through that Spirit, bring out the hidden, but now revealed, real Truth of the Word of God—the written score—as It says in Rev 10:7. Let me repeat it: this revelation we’re talking about, this concentration of Light... That’s why Bro. Branham didn’t have time to preach as much as he wanted to. He didn’t have to preach the whole Bible; it was given to Him to sow the entire Bible, from the serpent to the prophet in the former rain. So, he started there and took us right to it. He wasn’t going to take every verse and Job and Nehemiah, Isaiah, Revelation. Why should he? He had an object to take us to show the “seed of discrepancy,” right from the Garden of Eden: why all these things took place, why they are here now. And he did it. And in doing it, he brought us the full concentration of God, (as I’ve tried to show you in message after message) the ultimate of God, which is to have a family! and that family placed where God wants it! That’s why at the end of the Ages—after the great Wedding Supper and every tear is brushed from our eyes—there will be a forgetting of every single solitary thing in this life outside of, somehow, redemption. Just the same as you and I forgot everything that was back there when we were in Christ, having bypassed our theophanic form. Now, getting back to a glorified form, we will forget everything down here. The Bible says so. You see?

11. Now that’s the ultimate. We’re looking at an ultimate. So, I say this Revelation comes to us in like manner. Bro. Branham said, “*As a conductor would get into the spirit of the composer of a symphony, and through that Spirit bring out the hidden but real Truth or meaning of the Word of God, which is the written score (you know) of a symphony... even as It says in Rev 10:7.*” Now, what does It say in Rev 10:7? because Bro. Branham is talking about himself. It says:

- (7) In the days of the voice of the seventh (Church Age Messenger) when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God (shall) be finished (finalized),

completed, polished, perfect has come!) as (the Lord has declared the good news of His Gospel, through) his servants the prophets.

So therefore, this is a Gospel Message, and it is through the prophets. And, remember; to Israel He does not have to send the Gospel; He comes Himself. Elijah and Elisha (whoever they are) will preach the same thing Bro. Branham preached. Make no mistake. But that's when they'll say, "Look at his hands," and say, "What is going on here?" All right.

12. #5. Though the entire revelation of God is revealed by vindication, only the Bride receives It. Therefore, as Bro. Branham said, "*This Message is only to the elect Lady, the Bride of this hour.*" It is a riddle to all else, as in Mt 13:10-17. So, let's go to Mt 13:10-17, and we'll notice what It says. And It fits our day.

- (10) And the disciples came, and said unto him, why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- (11) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- (12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- (13) Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Now, notice that the serpent seed in the Bible is actually a parable. It is, in the sense that man cannot understand it. It is a puzzle. It is. It's a reality just the same, what the beast did, but nobody knew what the beast did. They figured it was just a bit of a temptation, something that came by eating an apple, or who knows? As long as it was some disobedience, who cared what it was! But, Bro. Branham came and made the mystery known.

And verse 14. [Matthew 13]

- (14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which saith, By hearing (you) shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing (you) shall see, and shall not perceive: (Now there it is right there—two pictures on the wall. And the ministry of Bro. Branham: "THUS SAITH THE LORD" in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.)
- (15) For this people's heart is waxed gross; (Then, will their hearts be turned back to the fathers? The answer is: No! They can't do it.) their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears...should understand with their heart (and) be converted, and I should heal them.
- (16) But, blessed are your eyes, for they see: your ears, for they hear.
- (17) For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which (you) see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which (you) hear, and have not heard them.

So therefore, there comes a time when these great mysteries will be revealed to us. But they will be revealed only to the Bride. Absolutely. Remember, it was only the five wise virgins that went in to the Bridegroom.

13. #6. But even though the Lord rises upon the people giving Light, the darkness presses against the Bride. And Bro. Branham uses Psalm 62 in a warning and as a bulwark to the Bride. So, we go to Psalm 62.

(1) Truly my soul waiteth upon God: (What are you going to do when the Word of God's coming to pass? What're you going to do in the midst of darkness, and Light has come? What're you going to do? All you can do is wait on God.) from him cometh my salvation.

(2) He only is my rock and my salvation.

And, as Bro. Branham says so correctly, *"He is not a rock to anybody, unless He's been revealed. Only a truly revealed God is a rock."* How people fight back and forth about 'oneness' and 'threeness'. And Bro. Branham said, *"Why (he said) we come between the Oneness and the Trinity."* But he didn't make a multiplicity of gods. He preached "God and His Son," the same as Paul did. Then, why do you want to preach 'three'? Certainly there's one God, and there's a whole race of God-people—sons and daughters of God.

14. Now, listen.

(2) I shall not be greatly moved.

Why, he says, "Certainly, I'll have some problems." You show me one person who didn't get nervous waiting on God. Oh, Elisha, he was a great man of God, a great prophet. He had twice the miracles Elijah had. And trouble came by him one day. He couldn't get an answer from God.

"Why", he said, "Bring me a harp and get someone to play for me."

Just like old Saul did. So, he played on the harp to get his soul quieted down. He still couldn't hear from God.

"Well," he said, "I hear the footsteps of that butcher coming. I know what that miserable King's going to do when he's here. Let's get out of here!"

Do you think Elisha wasn't nervous? But he wasn't greatly moved.

He said, "Nothing's going to happen to me that's going to make me leave my rock." Some of you may get nervous and jump up and down on it a little bit—try to stand back and figure something out. "I won't be greatly moved," he said. "I'm not going to leave it."

15. [Psalm 62]

(3) How long will (you) imagine mischief against a man? (you) shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

(4) They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth; they curse inwardly.

Now, if you ever saw that happen to a man... I saw it happen to Bro. Branham—old mealy-mouth Pentecostal preachers, and the whole bunch of them—Pentecostal frauds. All they wanted him for was to fill their churches—get their seats filled with Trinitarians, after Bro. Branham came in the name of the

One True God. And I know one fellow, he said, “We’ll have Bro. Branham here, because he can draw the crowds; from that time we’ll take over.”

- (5) My soul, wait thou only upon God (in other words the truly revealed God); for my expectation is from him. (Why? Because He’s vindicated Himself as to His Presence.)
- (6) He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved. (Now, watch him getting stronger.)
- (7) In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
- (8) Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. (Notice what they’re saying.)
- (9) Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: (As old Doc. Buckman said, “You get ‘colder’ by degrees.) to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. (That’s your theologian that Bro. Branham excoriated.)
- (10) Trust not in oppression, (That’s the Roman Catholic Church; and the Protestant will do the same thing.) and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not (thy) heart upon them. (Laodicea—everybody’s got everything; everybody wants everything.)
- (11) God (has) spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. (God manifesting Himself in power, and the prophet explaining it.)
- (12) Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: (You get Peace from that.) for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

What’s his work? What’s the work that God delights in? And, what is the work? Cain’s works were evil—worshipping God apart from a revelation. This is for the Bride: Take confidence and put your trust in the Word of this hour, since Light has come; You have a revealed God. He’s not going to let you down. Bro. Branham said, *“I, the Lord, have planted it and watered it, lest any man pluck it out of my hand.”* That’s exactly the truth.

16. #7. According to Bro. Branham, the darkness—world-wide—gathers together in a World Council (c-o-u-n-c-i-l) of Churches headed by the pope, making a church of its own counseling (c-o-u-n-s-e-l-i-n-g), thereby putting Christ out completely, categorically denying the Head, Who is present, and taking dogma for Truth, and thereby installing Satan, the god of this world, as their god.

You heard what I read? Want me to read it again? I’ll read it again. (I think I heard somebody grunt, or say something. So, okay, I’ll read it again to you.)

#7. According to Bro. Branham, the darkness—world-wide—gathers together in a World Council (c-o-u-n-c-i-l) of Churches, headed by the pope (And, remember; America does it. America gets her pope.) making a church of its own counseling (coming together, talking it over, c-o-u-n-s-e-l-i-n-g), thereby putting Christ out completely, categorically denying the Head, Who is present—Peter said they’ll deny Him, deny the Head—and taking dogma for Truth. In other words they rattle their brains together and come up with all this ignorance and blasphemy.

A fellow phones me all the time, and he can't believe Bro. Branham's vindicated. Yet he reads every book and smirks at every man that tickles his intellect. And he hasn't got enough sense to realize there's a bunch of other theologians out there that are tickling somebody else's brains with exactly opposite interpretation from the Greek and the Hebrew. I would sooner have one teensy-weensy—God knows how weensy—vindication of one “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” instead of all their idiotic revelations backed by brainy studies.

17. Brother/Sister, I believe when old Luke [Rader] said the right thing. (I think it was Luke. It may have been Paul. I'm not sure. I think it was Luke.) One day a man came; he said, “Bro. Luke,” he said, “Listen. I've got a gold mine up there in the Yukon.” (He said,) “When that gold mine comes in, I'm going to give you one million dollars.”

And Luke said, “Brother, have you got a nickel?”

He said, “Yeah.”

He said, “Give it to me.” Put it in his pocket and said, “Thank you! I've got that. I'll never get a nickel out of your gold mine.”

That's the truth. I would sooner have a nickel's worth of vindication than a million dollars of the asses' heads coming together, because it's the scrapings of an ass-head you're going to get. The Bible says so. We don't need it.

Now, “they're own counseling,” (See?) thereby installing Satan, because they worship him. Do you realize that Eve inadvertently became a worshipper and a devotee of the Devil, listening to ‘one Word off’ through the beast? Well, did she, or did she not? Now, what about Cain? Who's he listening to? His own division of the Word! Therefore, was he worshipping God? According to his own understanding he was, but according to God he wasn't, because Jesus said, “In vain do you worship me, having for commandments the doctrines of men.” Now he didn't say that indirectly they weren't worshipping Him. But he said, it didn't do you any good. Why? Because their high priest was the Devil, himself. Well, come on. Come on. Who was the high priest to Eve when God wasn't around? Come on, did she go to her husband? No! She went to the beast; that was her ‘pope’. The beast in the garden, the beast at the end—and don't think it ever changes.

18. Now, listen to me: Let's go to see what we're talking about—this counseling. And we're going to go to Psalm 1.

- (1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel (c-o-u-n-s-e-l) of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor (sits) in the seat of the scornful.
- (2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Now you can tell there's two sets of laws here: one which is by man that comes from Satan, and one which is by God which is by revelation.)
- (3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

You know, that doesn't hold good until this day. They all sought it; they all missed it. But every man's leaf withered, because the Bible said, “We wither and fade as a leaf; we all die.” Read what Job said. So, this presages, as Bro. Branham had correctly placed it, in this hour of ‘Shalom’, the interim of God's Appearing in the form of the Holy Ghost in a Pillar of Fire, with the prophet revealing Himself.

- (4) The ungodly are not so; (they) are like the chaff (That again, is an end-time prophecy. John the Baptist said, “His fan is in his hand thoroughly purging the chaff—gathering the wheat in the garner. But burn up the chaff that) the wind driveth away.

19. I want to ask you a question. (Let’s be honest.) How many heard that tape from Waterloo, Iowa, where you actually hear the Spirit of God, like a rushing wind? To me it was a discordant sound. How about somebody on the organ? Hope [Klassen], are you going to get the organ? No? Okay, where’s Ruthie? Where’s somebody. Get me somebody for the organ. [Bro. Vayle spends a few minutes getting someone to come up to play the organ.] So, okay. Come on. I want you to open that organ up full blast. Right? (I never thought of this before, till now. Always there’s something new.) Put it up full blast. Get it wide open. You got the sound on her? All right, I want you to just crash your hands anywhere on the organ. It doesn’t matter where. Just crash them on there and hold it—loud! Can you make it more discordant? [The organist tries a few discordant sounds.] That’s enough! That is a lot like when I rose to my feet to get over and literally [Bro. Vayle makes a noise as though to strangle someone.] the person who dared to do it to a pipe organ. (Now, that’s not a pipe organ. It couldn’t sound like I heard the sound.) It wasn’t a pipe organ. And nobody sat at the electric organ when that sound assaulted my ears and Bro. Branham’s coat tails flapped, and it went across the audience—a wind.

I ask you a question now: What drove the people away from the prophet?

“Oh,” they said, “It was his manner!”

Unh-unh.

“Oh, he just excoriated everybody, and he treated the women like dirt. He was a woman hater!”

Unh-unh. The Wind blew the chaff. The Wind blew the chaff and scattered the chaff. It’s true. I was there. You weren’t there. Maybe you don’t believe me. That’s fine by me. But, you see, this is White Throne, and I’ll meet you very shortly, brother/sister. You see; I don’t have a bit of problem up here, because I don’t lie to you. Once in a while, you know, I get a little hard driving, because I hit things too hard. But that’s all right. That’s my business. I’ll answer to God. All right.

20. I want to find a verse here: Isa 30:1.

- (1) Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me...that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit.

They’re not covered with the Word. The inner garment is the Word. Bro. Branham said, “*Bring on your holy vesture*”—with the Holy Word of God standing by. How do you dress a woman with a sword? Well, you’d cut her dress off. But the sword is the Word of God. So, he stands there to dress the Bride. He said, “*I believe I’ve been called to dress a Bride.*” that they may add sin to sin.

There’s another picture. Let’s go to Isaiah 45. [End of side one of the audio tape.]

Isaiah 45. Notice verse 21.

- (21) Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour.

Now, notice: “Tell ye, and bring them near; let them take counsel together:” In other words, why don’t you people come together and find out if this was from God, when He begins to take you from

ancient times, the One who had the secrets before the foundation? And Bro. Branham, by “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” Listen! I hope you’re getting what I’m saying. Bro. Branham was either the most atrocious, bigoted, proud, arrogant, phony with a phony God that anybody’s ever seen, or he was a servant of God with God behind him. For he stood up, and he said that, “*He reveals secrets unknown; they were from before the foundation of the world.*”

Now he said, “You people, why don’t you come together and discuss this thing and find out?”

Do you know how they’re doing it now? They’re taking counsel by their books that the Pentecostals are writing. Don’t even talk about them.

I wanted to read the whole chapter. I don’t have time. Let’s keep moving.

21. #8. As Bro. Branham shows us the separation of Light from darkness; he is speaking of vindicated revelation as against the theology of the seminarian. And, at that point he spends a great deal of time on his own vindicated ministry—one man against all others; God using one at a time, no other in this hour.

22. #9. As he completely unites God (What God? God vindicated.) and the prophet (What prophet? Vindicated.) and the Word (What Word? Revealed.)... Let me read it now this way: As he completely unites God (God vindicated.) and the prophet, (The prophet vindicated.) and the Word, (The Word revealed, and known to be a true revelation by vindication.) he explains the greater works of Jn 14:20 as one of creation and categorically declares himself to be the messenger of Rev 10:7 and Mal 3:6 “to turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers.” He again warns us of the darkness and its pressure, with the antidote of trusting in God, as we read in Psalm 62. This leaves us one conclusion: the principle of vindication is the only antidote for Lk 18:1-8.

23. Let’s go to Luke 18.

- (1) And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint:
- (2) Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
- (3) And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. (Right now to 2 Thessalonians 1.)
- (4) And he would not for a while: (rest with us until the right time) but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard men;
- (5) Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
- (6) And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said. (Now, he said, “If you can understand what is being said—the widow and the judge, and what the judge did—then understand this...)
- (7) And shall not God (the great just Judge) avenge his own elect, (huh?) which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
- (8) I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Now It tells you right there: Nevertheless, though God is going to judge His Own at the time of the coming of the Son of man—the Appearing—will there be that faith that is requisite? And the answer is

“No”! There won’t be rapturing faith. He comes in order to give rapturing faith so that no matter how much you pray, or I pray, or anybody prays, and continually day and night without ceasing, crying against sin, proving you’ve got the Holy Ghost—where the great angel comes by and puts the ink-horn mark on you, “There’s one crying against sin.”—you cannot have rapturing faith, until He descends with the Shout to give it to you. You can’t have it; it is just that simple. That is 2 Th 1:7-10.

24. #10. After much time spent on his vindication through the presence of God, he rhetorically asked the question: how does one get this shalom? Now, evidently the prophet has already come into it, and he advises us that, as a conductor gets into the spirit of the composer by the spirit of the composer getting into the conductor, so must we do as he did. Now then, to receive the interpretation of the Score as revealed by the Spirit of the Composer through the prophet, is to get into the Spirit because the Words of the Score are Spirit-filled, and we, as we accept Word upon Word, are also Spirit-filled and come to the same place of the prophet where every channel to the soul is filled with revealed Word, and we by It rise and shine for and from the Glory that has come—Shalom. In other words rapturing faith comes at the time of the opening of the Seven Seals, because, before his departure Bro. Branham said, *“You have every single thing you need under the Seven Seals to put you in the Rapture.”*

Do you want me to read it again for you? All right. (I’m sure I’ve got the right page.) After much time spent on his vindication through the presence of God, he rhetorically asked the question: How does one get this shalom? Evidently, the prophet has already come in, and he advises us to get into the Spirit of the Composer which he already has. Now, then, to receive the interpretation of the Score, in other words, to take it to heart and believe what the prophet said, because you’ve got a glimmer of Light concerning vindication, (“This man has got to be right.”) what do you do? You take everything the prophet said, pile it Word upon Word, until you’re full of the Holy Ghost with every channel to the soul plugged. And then, what comes forth must be the life of the Word, which will work upon your mortal cells right now and put you into immortality.

25. #11. From this point Bro. Branham, true to Psalm 62 in its warning, narrates the trials of Abraham who stood true to God. What trials are we going to have? I don’t know. He speaks of his own trials—his wife dying, his baby dying, all these things—and yet, he went on through those trials to receive the final revelation of the Word and determined to preach It and live by It until he died, which he did.

So must we be dedicated to vindication, which guarantees the Light whereby we rise and shine, and whereby the Sun of righteousness has risen with healing in His wings. Now, remember; “with healing in His wings.” S-u-n, he said, was immortality. Bro. Branham said, *“Oh, what a mistake I would have made today except the Holy Spirit swept into the room.”* At the end of the series he said, *“Charlie, did you get that—what it was?”* He said, *“It was them angels.”* So, therefore, those angels, which were literal embodiments of the Holy Ghost—the One and same Holy Ghost—made seven appearances to Bro. Branham, and It had wings. [Points to the picture of the Cloud.] So, what rose in that room of darkness with the blinds closed and the light on? He didn’t go into total darkness. What came in that room? The ‘Sun’ of righteousness with healing in His wings. Immortality is our portion in this hour; and do not think that it is not, because it is.

26. #11 [continued] As he closes in the final pages we are about to read, he points us to the very Bible, the very Word, that God has vindicated to us through him and he seems to be saying, *“Here is the Light. It is in the Bible and it comes from the Bible by the vindication of God.”*

Now I want you to remember something. Remember, Bro. Branham had a vision in which there were two climaxes—two climaxes. He was preaching out there and the people got very tired and very hungry as the sun began to go down. The shadows were lengthening. So, they all left him. And he said, *“Wait, don’t go. You have just heard one climax; there is a second climax coming.”* But he knew, even though they didn’t listen, they would be back. What was the first climax? The Pillar of Fire writing on the walls of the church concerning the Church Ages. What was the second climax? The second climax, he already

told you in many, many sermons—"Blasphemous Names." (There are three or four I've got written down at home.) "Sirs, What Is the Time?" was another one—different, two or three more sermons—in there he says concerning his vision and the thunderous shaking of his body, (He said, "*which would kill a man.*") he said, "*Is this visitation the second climax?*"

27. Now, let me tell you something: I was with Bro. Branham in 1958 for the year. We never actually separated, but our ministries did not seem to go together. We had our differences. One thing was, I guess of course, our personalities, because I will grab something quicker than he will. Where he believes you go ahead and let a man do what he wants and mess up your meeting... Like he let this certain preacher with him; he was defiling women. He just let him defile women.

Not Lee Vayle. Oh, no! If you're going to be crooked, I'm going to call your attention to it. Well, we didn't get along too good on those points, because I didn't understand Bro. Branham. If the world wants to go to hell, let them go to hell. You're surrounded by believers, make-believers, unbelievers; what are you going to do? Try to convert the make-believer? Try to convert the unbeliever? Come on. Who are you kidding? See? Let them just do what they're going to do, and they heap up their miseries to the end time. I was going to stop them from getting those miseries. So, we had a personality clash. That's where it was. But we always got along good. I'd visit him. Always, it seemed, I just knew when he was home and when to go and have a great time. Back in 1962, I came back, because I knew I wanted to know what he knew. And he said, "*See, Lee, I knew you'd be back, because you're seed.*"

28. The second climax is this: Can you take that? [Bro. Vayle points to the picture of the Cloud.] Can you take angelic visitation? Do you know the Seals are "THUS SAITH THE LORD?" Or are some of you still sitting here trying to put a new patch on an old garment? I want to know. For your own good, it's up to you. I don't know what it's going to be.

29. Now, let me tell you something: "*The human body has four rings of light,*" I believe Bro. Branham said. He correctly said that "*Your body's made up of cosmic light.*" Scientists have just found that out. He correctly said, "*When they take an x-ray, it isn't the light from a machine. It's the light of your body and the x-ray drains the light which is your vitality, your actual life.*" That's why people die from x-rays. I've had a lot of them. I've got news for you: I'm on my fourth ring now, and I just may not die from a thousand x-rays, because my mortal fourth ring is going to be subdued and overcome by God's Own Light of this Word. And I just may go marching in, standing on these two feet, which don't have many corns but will have none when I get there. And my throat won't bother me when I scream the hosannas. And I'll feel so good. The fourth ring of light, which diminishes, which means liberation to go to your theophonic form... We might not even need it. I don't think that some will.

30. #12. Then, heed what you hear.

"You are looking for the new year. This book, as revealed by vindication, is the book for your new year. No other person can honestly say that, but I say it for the living Word of the living God has come to me, by me to you—the revelation of the hour. Many will make that claim, but they are not vindicated. Now, listen to me: Place your lives and futures in the hands of the God Who vindicated Himself to you as to His Appearing, and has vindicated His Word through me to you. Now, take the Truth and march on with God, Who is present with His Truth."

This, indeed, is Shalom! Page 39.

[244] *The Book of this year is the Bible! What Bible? What the Christian Science have? The Methodist have? The Seventh Day Adventist? Forget it! It's the Light of the world. It's God Himself. Our Book-of-the-year is the Bible. For this 1964 (for this 1989), our Book is the Bible. All other years to come, our book is the Bible. Even in*

Eternity. *All the years that are past, It's been the Book of the years passed, the Book of the years to come—the Book of Eternity. It reveals it is God. Yes, It reveals God. Every year that is to come, it's the Book-of-the-year. Whenever you hear the Bible say anything, its promise is (And it's vindicated.) there will come an Eternal, some day. The Bible is the One (Notice.) Who give us... He doesn't call It 'It' or 'What'. He makes it personal: the Bible. The Seals were Christ revealed. The Bible is the One Who gives us this promise, when you hear the Bible say that there's coming a day when Jesus will come. That's true. And I say now.*

[245] *I got to close (because it's) two hours.*

[246] *Look, if the Bible tells us of these things that are to come, speaks of all these hours... that we've passed through. The days of Noah are predicted. The days of all these others, the Scripture predicted. The days of Martin Luther were predicted, the days of Wesley (predicted), the days of Pentecostal (predicted). This hour that we're living in was predicted. Everything happened just exactly (as) it was. Then, what is it? It's the spoken Word of God, which is vindicated by God, makes the Light of the hour. See, just like the sun is. When the Word, the Word itself, is the Light when it's vindicated for the time that it belongs to. It is the sun to us when it's vindicated—not before. And, even in vindication, the prophet has to explain it. See, it's vindicated, then it's the Light of the hour. (And you know what hour you're living in then.)*

[247] *John was the Light. He was more Light than Elijah and (others were)... Elijah. That "others had more light even than Elijah," he's saying. John wasn't Elijah's Light, but he was Elijah in another form; a-vindicating for the Light. See, he was. And when Jesus came, He said, "He was a bright and shining Light for a season. You love to walk in that Light." See?*

[248] *And John said, "Now I must dim out. I must go out now, my Light's finished shining. I must go out. He must increase. He's the Light."*

Bro. Branham was speaking of his own demise. He said, *"You loved John the Baptist, but I'm here to take over."* So, we loved Bro. Branham. We wanted his ministry. We said, *"He can't leave us."* But he did. Now Jesus has taken over.

31. [249] *Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." Amen. Not Bro. Branham; he was just a light pointing to It. That's right. "The same yesterday, today, and forever." And He's still the Light of the world. And, what is He? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." Why was He the Light of the world? If He'd come, said He was Messiah, and He didn't do like the Bible said the Messiah would do, then He wasn't the Light of the world. See, it's a vindicated Word that makes it the Light of the world.*

That's true. Bro. Branham fulfilled the Scripture of Elijah. But, notice; when he literally was the Word fulfilled as to 'Rhema became Logos', few saw. When Jesus literally became Rhema and Logos, they didn't see it. And, when Bro. Branham literally became the Elijah of this hour, they couldn't see it. All right.

32. [250] *And in this hour that we're living in now, the a-vindicated Word of this hour! Pentecostals, you say, "Speaking in tongues," and so forth. That was the day of Pentecost; that was the Light of the hour then. (That was okay back there; not now, see?) He's the Light of the hour today. What is it? That's the Appearing. Okay.*

[251] *The Seventh Church Age, all smothered out, with Christ on the outside. The moon in identifying it, all the darkness coming upon the earth. The Light pressing in now, begins to show what's going to take place. The thing will be destroyed. The Light will come in and destroy it. Why? Light always destroys darkness. Darkness can't stay where light is. And the saints shall inherit the earth, and the meek shall inherit the earth. And the earth, and the moon darkness will be taken away. The darkness of the night will pass away, the darkness with their death and creeds, and away from the Word of God, perverted these things that they're saying. And the Light will break forth upon the day.*

How do you know? Because the Word's been corrected; it's got to come to pass. It's not just 'we' being corrected; but, when we're corrected, all nature becomes corrected. Romans 8.

[252] *And remember, when the full Bible... Listen, in closing. When this full Bible has been thoroughly vindicated, then there will be an eternal Shalom, eternal Peace. Now, when's the Bible thoroughly and completely vindicated? After the Resurrection—the Millennium. Don't even wait for the White Throne.*

[253] *He came and He said it was "Peace on earth, good will towards men," but the world didn't receive it. See? He was Peace to everyone that come to Him for Peace. See? Peace on earth, good will to man, He was the Peace of that new year, beginning new day of God. For why? He was the vindicated Light of that hour. So, right today He's saying the same thing.*

[254] *But there's more Word to be vindicated. He's got to vindicate more Word. And, when the last Word is vindicated, then, death is swallowed up in victory.*

Now then, what's to be vindicated before that time?

"Well," you say, "Well, death's swallowed up in victory. What's to come?"

Well, I'll tell you: the Word to be vindicated before His Coming—that is, before death is swallowed up, and mortality gives way to immortality (We have read It many times in 1 Corinthians 15, which I won't take time to read now, because I haven't got time.)—is when He appears and puts the Church in order. It wasn't in order when Bro. Branham left. He couldn't even get them in a little room to put the gifts in there. But, under the full Headship of Christ, the Word... And we're coming to it more and more. Don't you see? It's more death to our understanding, our own word, our own ideas.

[255] *Remember, the Bible is the fountain of all wisdom, and holds all hope of the future. To the Church, Shalom! Let us pray.*

[256] *The little group present here now. It's been two hours—this little new year's Message. You been very patient. Is there one in here this morning, this afternoon, rather, that doesn't have Shalom, the Peace that's spoken of, that identified Word of God when you and the Word become one? Now he says right there: you and the Word become One is where you get that Shalom. Now he's telling us what happens and how it happens. And I read It in John 17 last week, when the Bible says one thing, you say, "No, I can hardly believe that that's right," then you haven't Shalom.*

33. Now, remember; I was there.

I said, "Bro. Branham, I don't think I can believe that."

Then, suddenly... "When was he wrong?"

Now you come to the place where it's got to be right, because what else could be? If anything is right this has to be right, because nothing comes to it. Look. If I had a loaf of bread that had the life of the food in it, and everything else was an imitation, and I knew that everything else was a phony but one loaf of bread, because only one loaf of bread had any life in it, do you think I'm going to fool around with this stuff out here that's imitation? No! I want reality; and there's the only thing that's got it. Maybe in that loaf of bread there's only one little mouthful of life. Then, give it to me! At least I've got something.

"Don't disagree," he said.

[256] *You're not at peace with God, because His Word says one thing and you disagree. You can't have that Shalom. You can't have the Shalom of 2 Th 1:7—relaxation under the Seventh Seal.*

[257] *And if the Word says, "Shalom, Peace," and you have that Peace, that every Word that God says you can punctuate It with an "amen", and you believe It according to what Bro. Branham said. And when you see It vindicated, you say, "Amen, that is the Word!" But does a creed, a light, a false light, the world sweep across in the shadow of the light that's being reflected to darken it out, some creed, to say, "No, I -I that that—that that was for something else." This means this; that means that. That's when their light becomes darkness—total darkness.*

[258] *Here and in the tapes, whoever will listen to them, think it over just a minute. And, if there's one present here that would like, that doesn't have that Light, would you raise your hand to identify yourself, that you are ready to walk in that Light today.*

End-time evangelism is what he's doing right there. That's end-time evangelism! Do you want to win souls? You can't win them any other way. They've got to identify with this Word to get the Holy Ghost, and it's Word upon Word until we're filled. All right.

34. [258] *And, if there's one out in the land...where this tape goes...you don't have it...raise your hand... (God's right there with you.) Turn off your recorder in just a moment, and, when we pray, get down on your knees and say, "Lord God, I have doubted, I've done this, I've thought that, 'Well, because the church said those things couldn't be, and this wouldn't be' but I see It's promised in the Bible. I see too many things. ("I also see many things," I think is what he meant here). The heavens even declared itself right there in the moon and all those things. And these things that are said, are happening just exactly. And God in heaven declaring the same thing. So, I want to receive it now. Let the Word of God come into me.*

Notice what he said: *"Let the Word of God come into me."* And he's talking of a mental condition, which has been brought on by spiritual perception from the seed in you that says, "That's got to be right!" And you can't prove anything, and you don't care to. But, let me tell you something: Bro. Branham increasingly used the word 'science'. And he said, *"Science, science—science means knowledge."*

35. Now:

[258] *So, I want to receive it now. Let the Word...come into me. And let me get into the rhythm, of not listening what the church or the preacher says; but let me get into the rhythm of the Word, and see what It says. And let It bring to me, in this great Symphony of God...beating out of His will in my life."*

Aha! What's the will of God in your life? To make the Rapture. How's it going to be done? Through the Word.

[259] *Our heavenly Father, we now bring to You every hand that's up everywhere. And let the Holy Ghost of God bring to them the rhythm of the Word and Its Truth, that they are to be molded now into sons and daughters of God, and are to be the reflecting of the Light of God upon the earth. They are to be manifested Word, Amen, that men and women are to live the way Jesus lived, and to believe every Word of God and live by It like He did, for He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*

Now, how did Jesus live? When Satan came and said, "I'll tell you what:" (he said) "make those stones bread. If you're the Son of God, you've got your due, because you're hungry."

"Oh no!" He said, "Satan, let me tell you: man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

He just stood there and did nothing. He just quoted the Word.

Satan said, "Now, just a minute; let me tell you something: If you're such a man, climb that temple up there, and you jump yourself down; and you won't die, because the angels will lift you up." And he said, "I'll tell you what: You do that, you'll prove you're the Son of God."

And Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God."

He didn't do one thing. He just stood there and spoke the Word.

And Satan said, "I'll tell you what to do: You fall down and worship me. I recognize you've got something. I'll believe you're that One." He said, "I'll give it all to you."

He said, "Shut up. Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God."

He only stood there with his Revelation!

36. Do you understand what I'm saying, brother/sister? The passive faith—the passive faith, not your active faith! You've been 'doing' yourself to death. Some of you even run around, try to follow this man and that, then you try to follow me. Get with this Word, as I'm trying to get with it. Don't follow some man. You follow the Word of God. I've told you exactly what It says here. I haven't held back one thing from you. Jesus stood there in his great passive faith. How did Bro. Branham have active faith? How could he stand and say, "*I challenge the armies of the world to shoot me down, if God tells me to raise Abraham Lincoln from the dead, by vision. I'll stand there; and, if I can't raise him, you shoot me down.*" How did he have it? Because he had a passive faith. There's his passive faith: [Points to the picture of the Pillar of Fire.] looking right at the Pillar of Fire; there's his passive faith with seven angels, the embodiment of the Holy Ghost. There He was!

If you and I get our eyes on God and filled with His Word, that active faith will come out. Brother/Sister, there's too much talk of an active faith, and there's no passive faith to build up. There's no real revelation, when Bro. Branham himself said, "*Faith is a revelation.*" You try to run around, healing the sick... It's not given to everybody. Try to do this, try to do that. That's not given to everybody. I'll tell you what's given: the Bread has been given. Now, people want to eat the wrapper and throw away the Bread.

37. [260] *The Word of Moses' time did not work in the days of Jesus' time. The Word, the Word in the days of the apostles does not work in this day.*

Ha-ha! The Word; the Word in the days of the apostles cannot work in this day! Certainly not! The wheat's in. It's ripening.

Listen. When you build a house, you start with the foundation. You don't lay a foundation when you come to the top. You just build and build from the cornerstone, until the capstone comes down. And every age is another portion of the Word of God. You can't have the apostles; it won't work. You've got a prophet.

[260] *It's a promised Word for this day. They said themselves, and spoke it by the Holy Ghost, what would take place in the last day.*

In the last day Peter said He'd pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, and "your sons and your daughters, and my sons and my daughters"—two different groups of people, all anointed with the Holy Ghost—just before the great flood-tide of the Great Tribulation. And Elijah would come, and he'd clarify who had the Holy Ghost and who didn't. Well, It says so in Acts 3. I read It many, many times, starting at verse 19 (in the middle of it).² They spoke by the Holy Ghost, "Don't be heady and high-minded"—how the church should be heady, high-minded, the whore would rise up, the harlots be right with her. That's John who said that. Peter said the same thing. The last Church Age (the Laodicean): she'd be completely taken from the earth.

38. Now he says in [Paragraph] 261: (We're hurrying very rapidly here.)

[261] *O Lord, let me stay with Him, the Word...*

Rhema and Logos—One and the same. A certain preacher keeps saying, "Be careful about Rhema; be careful about Logos, and I'm telling you..." I'm telling you, don't be careful! Give yourself over to the Rhema, because It was written in a Book before It became flesh. And It was written in God before God manifested in flesh. Rhema and Logos is One and the same. The Jews understand this; the prophet understood it. Certainly. If you're not full of the Holy Ghost, you won't understand it. If you want to preach a different gospel than the prophet, you won't understand it. If you want to ride on his coattails and say, "I believe the prophet; oh, I believe the prophet," then you want to make a p-r-o-f-i-t off of it. You want to harm widows and orphans, everything else. I've seen them do it. They take away peoples' homes.

I've got a bone to pick with these preachers. I'll stand in the White Throne Judgment, brother/sister, and I'm nobody. I'm nobody. Bro. Branham rightly said, "*Lee's too quick on the draw.*" Then, he tried to be nice by saying, "*Well, it's because he knows the Word.*" I know the Word; I'm quick on the draw.

He said, "*Lee, you're not a pastor. You could take up the wheat and the tare; you can rip up some wheat.*" When have I ripped you up? This church has been solid like you've never been solid. The prophet said, "*You'd better settle down. Work out of a place.*" I've never lead you astray.

39. You know, brother/sister, what happened in the days of that judge, Gideon, when God revealed Himself as Shalom: It said, "The fire came out of the rock!" Fire-cleansing Holy Ghost comes out of this Bible! Don't you tell me any different as though this is just some plain book. ...I tell you, you missed the prophet a million miles. You sit here; you don't know what you're talking about. Listen, brother/sister, it's time we lived in the same enthusiasm Bro. Branham lived in. And he took his from the pulpit to the congregation. I stand up here thoroughly enthused under anointing; and, when I get out the door, I could lose this thing here, too. I could lose it. But, notice; it comes back in the pulpit.

40. [261] *Lord, let me stay with Him, the Word. And manifest His Light (vindication), through all of us, as we set forth in the new year with ... determination.*

² Beginning with Acts 3:19b; when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Now he said, “Let me be the one illuminating; they picking up the Light, reflecting what I say—coming more and more to that place.” As he told Bro. Hickerson, “*Hick, I’m up here; you’re down here. But*” (he said,) “*when I’m gone, you’ll be up there.*”

We don’t become prophets. We don’t take the place of a prophet. We become little “prophetettes” or something like that, because we believe the same Word, say the same thing. I think the Bible calls us children of the prophets.

[261] *Not knowing what this new year holds, but we’re holding to Him, the Word.*

Notice, if that’s not Rhema and Logos, One and the same, you tell me what it is! Yet there are preachers north of me and south of me and all around that will take that man in their pulpit. You see why this pulpit’s closed except to very few men? Some man gets in here and preaches some wrong thing, and you grab it, I’m responsible.

[261] *No, we don’t know what the new year holds, but we’re holding to Him, the Word, He that knows the whole Symphony from the beginning to the end. He knows every move and every junction. And, Lord, we’re just watching Him, keeping our eyes on Him, the Word. Then, when we see these things appear, we know they’re right in the rhythm of the Word. Grant this prayer to us, Lord, that we keep this position. (That’s what he’s saying.) Save every lost soul, Lord, that’s here, and every one that hears the tape. We commit them to Thee for Thy Kingdom’s sake, in Jesus Christ’s Name. Amen.*

Brother/Sister, whether we get it or not, it’s for us. I’ll stand up here and tell you the Truth. I may miss this a million miles, at getting what I’m talking about, but I’m going to tell you: I know what he’s saying. And I’ll say what the prophet said many times, “*If we’re not Bride, there’s a Bride out there somewhere.*” And, if we don’t get this Peace, let me tell you something, somebody’s going to get it. And they’re going to get it the way the prophet said it.

41. Now you’re all raising families, like we raised a family. You drug them up or something. Either you’ll make that child in your mold, which would be too bad and too terrible, or you can make them in the mold of Jesus Christ the best you can by using the Word of God. But people have a way of not wanting to be molded, until they really hit the hard parts, and the bottom bottoms out, and they say, “Well, even though ma and pa did this, or something else, I’m the one that’s being the stupid fool. I’d better shape up.”

That’s what I think the squeeze might do for us—pressure come on down. At this point we haven’t had any. I get a little jangled in my nerves and pressure, and my arthritis gets me day and night. Right now I’m great, (See?) as long as I preach enough. I got enough Word, bless God, to knock the arthritis on the head. Then, when I leave here, I let my word go, and the arthritis comes around a bit. Sure. I’ll go out here, and I’ll forget almost my name. I’ll get a mental block. Up here, you notice, I don’t get them.

Now I’m seventy-five, right around the corner. A lot of people at fifty-five can’t do that—a lot of people younger. I can’t either. But up here it’s a different story. You see, if the inlets are open to the soul—and you folks are so nice, you just keep the channels all clear for me. But you know something: The more you take and give back, the more it’s going to get greater and greater, until one day the great One takes over completely. There won’t be one sick and feeble. There won’t be one with bad eyesight. There won’t be one who couldn’t walk through that wall without even thinking about it. You won’t do it, I’m sure; but you could. Your vibration is faster and more powerful than light. Where light can’t go through rock, a spirit can. Jesus went right through a wall. Bro. Branham said, “*You’ll travel like the speed of thought.*”

42. There we are. He gave us peace. Such peace the man had, he knew the day his life would start to be taken, and he went down the road to fill a final destiny where God would take, maybe (I don't know.) the greatest prophet God ever sent to this earth, and treat him like a John the Baptist; except a sword took off John's head, but a wound in the head destroyed Bro. Branham.

A man said to me, "Lee" (he said), "God doesn't smear His prophets across the road."

I said, "He fed them to lions, and they were strung as dung across the field. Don't tell me."

That ended our friendship. Am I sorry? Not really. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood and righteousness," with one little change: If you don't believe the Word, It doesn't avail.

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we want to thank You, again, for the time we've had in these series—25 and maybe Questions and Answers will make it 26—but it's been wonderful, Lord. Like almost twenty-five years the prophet's gone; something like You said, "Bring your 25 (might have been 24; I think 25) of your worst cases. Guarantee healing for all." So, Lord, here we are finishing on a high note of what's in this great Message. And I know there may not be one of us here altogether got enough to have this great peace. But I know, Lord, in this Message there is enough for every single person, eventually. For, as we take this Word and stand on vindication and know it's a vindicated Word—staying with It—that it is going to come, because it is going to be the Holy Ghost manifesting in this peace. We know that to be true. Far beyond the fruit of the Spirit! Oh, yes, far beyond—far beyond that. This is that Life in the Word.

Now, Father, grant again we pray, as the prophet prayed, there will not be one feeble one amongst us. But there will be that sweet Spirit of Christ come more and more into this place, Lord, and into every place that holds up this Truth, O God, which was vindicated, until there won't be one sick person in the building and sickness fading more and more.

And that light, Lord, the prophet and everybody knows, (They had camera shots; they know it.) that light fades, but this Light isn't going to fade. The bruised reed He isn't going to break; our bodies will not crumble in dust. The smoking flax, that last little circle of light, isn't going to go out; but there's going to be a Bride walking around here, immortal. I don't know if it's going to be we as a people here. That's not really what matters; we could go on. But what matters, Lord, right now, is the fact that we're claiming this Word to take us right over into the Millennium in a very few years (if we do go to the other side) to come back here and be a part of the Glory which You wanted for us in the beginning and now finally achieving.

So, bless Your people, Lord. May they have a good spirit of grace and glory rest upon them. May we all rise and shine with the Light and Life that is from You, Lord. And may we love You by loving others. And may we serve You by serving others. And may we go marching on together in faith, helping each other, provoking unto acts of love and all those things we should have at this time, until we meet our loved ones immortal, and we become immortal and go to the Wedding Supper.

Now, unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only-wise God—the One amongst us now—unto Him be honor, glory, forevermore, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Lord bless you. "Take the Name of Jesus With You."