

# Stewardship #13

*Certified*

August 30, 1997

Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we welcome Your Presence tonight. We don't know where you are, especially in Your Person tonight, but You are with the Bride, we know that, the One Who came down here to bring the Word, to bring the Message, to bring the church in order, to bring a people prepared who are all ready to be made ready to go for the Rapture. We realize You are here to raise the dead and bring about the Rapture, and we thank You for that. That you have not left us, but You are here, Lord, to take us into that glory which has been promised through the ages, and now that exceeding glory has been manifested to us through the great ministry of the risen Christ in the form of the Holy Spirit and by a prophet. And we appreciate that tonight.

Help us, Lord, to be very reverent and unassuming within ourselves, but give Thee great glory, and give this wonderful Word of Yours complete credit. May we also adhere to It and bow down to It, Lord, so that our lives are Word lives, and we know that is the way it should be, because we are a part of that same living Word, Lord, and our sustenance and our keep is by that Word.

So help us tonight to enter into Your closet, as it were, Lord, to enter into the depth of Your bosom, knowing the true secrets of God, knowing the truth that has not been known previously, especially in this hour. Not just enjoying it, Lord, but living it, our whole lives living it, and this becoming all and all to us, even as the prophet said, "*It's a matter of live, die, swim, or drown.*" We appreciate that, Father, even though it sounds extreme to some people; we want that which is extreme. So extreme it's away from this world, that it's not even one Word off, any part of Satan's kingdom, but it is Your Kingdom. We give ourselves to You tonight Lord without reservation as far as we know. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now just before I get into the message here on "Stewardship," and you'll find that it's still on "Stewardship," that I'm not quite sure just how to put this, but the last while that I've gone through quite a period of, oh. I can't say it's actual physical distress, but it's a place where you're not so unhappy that, and so, you know, unsettled within yourself with problems that have to do with health, that you simply want to get out of here. I have no real desire for that, but then again, under the present conditions, if they don't get some better, I'm certainly not going to have too much desire to keep on living. So, I don't know when I'll be back in the pulpit again. It could be in October, but I'm not sure that I will be, because I definitely want to have some time off, where I do not have to carry any burden concerning the Message for the time being.

But I'm saying this, because it goes on tape, and people get the tapes, that. if you care to, which I'd appreciate if you would, to know just where you're coming from and where you think I'm coming from, to send in questions from any part of the country, any part of the world, and I'll take those questions, and I will answer them according to what I understand, and according to what I've been teaching. Because every now and then there are things that are taught... (This no good?) [Adjustments made to sound system.] So according to what I have taught, and I'm not sure that it is always exactly understood, and I do my best to give you as deep and perfect an understanding from the Scripture as I can, concerning that which I find that Bro. Branham taught.

2. But you understand it's literally impossible for any person, outside of God Himself, and even a prophet would have a terrible time, to take you right back into the mind of God, to answer your questions

so that you could understand what we are talking about on the level of where we are today, which is human beings. And, although we have the Holy Spirit teaching us, I agree with Bro. Branham, who took Scofield's definition of a mystery, that no matter how that mystery is clarified, there is always an element of mystery. In other words you come where the apostle Paul came, and when he showed that God had raised up Moses, and God had raised up Pharaoh. Then, the question came from the one that was not the vessel that God raised up, he said, "Why doth He yet find fault?" In other words, "Why am I, then, being judged for what I am doing, if this is the purpose of God?"

And Paul said, "Yea, but who are thou, O man, to reply against God? Can the vessel say to the one that formed it, 'Why has thou made me thus?'"

3. Now that is absolutely throwing the question out the door, or the baby with the wash[water]. And he just ignores it entirely, because there isn't an answer to it. There's not an answer to it. Nobody can become so definitive that you have every answer. We'll get more of those answers in the Millennium. And we'll get more answers after that. More and more. Of the very fact that the Tree of Life, the leaves are for the healing of the nation, and Bro. Branham said that's to keep peace, you wonder how in the world there's any peace to keep, when nobody has any problem with each other. Maybe we have a problem with ourselves on the ground that the infinitive knowledge and wisdom of God will even at that time have a problem of penetrating us—really understanding.

I don't say that that's it, but I want to point out to you that I do not know at any time that Bro. Branham was able to bring us the wholly definitive, absolute clarity of some things. I know before he passed away the question was asked, "Will there be children born in the Millennium?"

He said, "Sometimes it looks like it; sometimes it doesn't. If I ever find out, I'll tell you." He never came back with an answer.

Yet previous to that, when I asked him, because I needed the information for the Seven Church Ages and other material, I said, "What about it?"

He said, "*No way.*" He said, "*Because you see, one shall build, another shall not inhabit.*" Then again, you know one shall have a fig tree, or vine, and another shall not eat thereof. So he said, "*How could there be children?*" Now was he answering from the viewpoint of a human being and yet a prophet? We'll go into that tonight too, I'll show you that Paul did the same thing. If we have time. And I hope I can lay all the notes in there rapidly so you can see.

4. So all right. I'm willing to take questions and answers, but I'm not going to stand here and tell you that Lee Vayle is a fount of all wisdom, and he will tell you what nobody else told you, because that is a little bit presumptuous, if not to say totally ignorant.

We're going to deal with "Stewardship" tonight, and we're going to go to 1 Corinthians 4, and take the same Scripture that we looked at before, concerning Paul as a faithful steward of God Who gave him the Gospel that we have today and very fortunately have, as Bro. Branham said, "*Just think how wonderful, the same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word to Paul is here revealing it.*"

5. So, It says here in 1 Corinthians 4:

- (1) Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and (you have the word—conjuncture—'and', but it's really a preposition, even) stewards of the mysteries of God.

So all right. They were to account Paul, and notice in verse 6 he says:

- (6) (I'm referring) to myself and to Apollos...

So, he's saying here:

- (1) Let (each person) account of (Apollos and me), as ministers of Christ, (even) stewards of the mysteries of God.

And so, therefore, we know that they were the ones, especially starting with Paul, and he communicated to Apollos. He certainly did, you'll find that in the Book of Acts, when Paul went down to Ephesus. And you see here then that Paul is letting the people know that what God gave him, held in stewardship, even as he commended Timothy to do likewise: to teach faithful men to teach exactly what Paul taught him.

6. So, now Paul is here, whether you want to take it or not, is vindicated. Now, if you're thinking you'll know what I'm talking about... If you're not thinking, forget it. You've missed everything I've been telling you for the last thirty years.

- (2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Now, of course, Jesus said concerning that same faithfulness, which amounts to the body of faith as set forth in the true doctrine of Almighty God, and He said, "Shall the Son of man find faith when He cometh?" So therefore, there is a time of a certain coming that there would not be that body of truth. And you can understand that that is exactly what took place as we see as we go along. Now,:

- (3) But with me (it's) a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.
- (4) For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.
- (5) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will (both) bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsel of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Now you can understand right there that that is going to cause a division, because it's simply not going to come to the church and say, "I love you, you're wonderful, marvelous," it's going to whack right down the middle, or to one side, maybe a small portion are going to have commendation or they're going to receive revelation, the others swept aside. Now you can't have anything without a left hand and right hand when it comes to God. So you got blessing, cursing, light, darkness, and what have you.

7. Now:

- (6) These things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that (you) might learn in us not to think above that which is written,

Now they've got man in italics there. You don't need that at all. That's an interpolation. [It] doesn't belong there.

- (6) Not to think above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up one against another. (Paul and Apollos weren't.)
- (7) For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

Now, first we notice emphatically that these words are not written independently by Paul, as he views the situation of Corinth, described by him in the first three chapters. And you'll notice in there the first three chapters, which I won't read tonight, that Paul is alarmed at their sisms, that their puffed up condition, where one boasting against another, as though one had authority, the other did not. They'd split themselves into various segments, becoming literally cults. And they made Paul a cult figure, Apollos a cult figure, Peter a cult figure. And it was entirely wrong, because they did not even understand the fact of vindication.

8. Now you understand when I say that many times people have come to me at different times, and say, "Bro. Vayle, I never understood vindication till I heard you preach it." And I'm just saying where are the preachers who believe in this Message? Come on, I'm challenging you from this Word. These people did not understand vindication. Is that right or wrong? See, once I start moving I get into a very nice fighting spirit, because I get angry when things are so simple and so disregarded by puffed up imaginations. Paul was vindicated. He said so. Romans, Corinthians, almost every book, Thessalonians, right down the line. Acts. There's no place where Paul did not stand upon his vindication. No other person could do that. He was that person.

So, all right. So, we notice first, emphatically, that these words are not written independently by Paul as he views the situation in Corinth described by him in the first to the third chapters, and is giving an opinion, or even a decision, but it is absolutely an authoritative revelation from God via Paul.

9. Now what I want you to look at here is not something that Paul is equivocal about, or as though he's even perhaps straining at an ant and swallowing a camel, or looking for a hair in the biscuit. He is a great prophet of God, and he is telling the people their exact condition. And this is just as much "THUS SAITH THE LORD," in the revelation of their condition, as it is "You must be born again." There is no difference at this point. And I'll show you in Scripture later on. So we continue. Paul at this point is not so much the prophet or wise man as he is the scribe, though we may think differently. So, we go to the Book of Matthew 23, where Jesus, who is the representative and the vehicle of Almighty God, God speaking through that Son without a doubt, in [Mat] 23:34-45:

(34) Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes:  
and some of (these) ye shall kill and crucify; some (you'll) scourge in  
your synagogues, and persecute from city to city:

So, there is the personages, no matter how many offices, and how many gifts. And how many differences as to status and to ministries, etcetera, etcetera, you might find in the body of Christ, you'll find here that that which God sends to the church is simply prophet, wise man, scribes.

The prophet is one who brings the Word, and he is God to the people.

The wise men, and look in the Greek, you'll find are those that can handle the Word. That would be the five-fold ministry, and also added by their own desire, but not commissioned by God, to be elders.

And thirdly you have those who can merely bring the Word of God, word-by-word, or letter-by-letter, writing-by-writing.

That is the status. You may be one of those that are of a five-fold, you may be one of those that have presumed, and rightly so, that is your business before God, that you are an elder, or you have been appointed one and accepted the order, that is something that God has allowed. And you have to, as Bro. Branham said, produce a character far in advance, or ahead of those, that are ordained in the five-fold ministry. Look it up in your Bible. Then, there are those who simply say word for word.

So, Paul here, I would say, is more of a scribe than he is a wise man, or even the prophet, though he is actually all three. But now he is telling them exactly what the church's condition is at this particular

time, and therefore, it has to be what God has directed him to give the church, because God alone is able to judge and to discern, even as Paul said, "There is coming a time when that judgment shall surely come forth and be manifested." So he would have to be giving them what is identical from God in order to have the Alpha of the future Omega.

So he tells what the church order is at that time, where they are in error. And you know as well as I do, Bro. Branham put it very succinctly and very beautifully, he said, *"You have a bullet that's one inch off with the barrel, it could be miles off at the time it hits the target."* Well frankly, it never hits the target. It misses it entirely.

11. So, all right. We can understand this now, that Paul is acting and setting forth as a scribe, because he tells you that he is a scribe, because chapter 14 is no more written by the Apostle Paul, and no more less written by the Apostle Paul, as in chapter one. Do you get what I'm saying? Chapter 1 is no different from chapter 14, right? Because it's the same person writing.

You say, "Well I think he had an amanuensis, that's a secretary, or a stenographer wrote it down."

It doesn't matter. Would anyone here in business, would you have a secretary write down what you didn't tell that secretary to write? You'd boot them out.

So, Paul here is apostle, wise man, and scribe. And here's what he says over here in 1 Cor 14:36-37:

(36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

(37) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, (that's full of the Holy Ghost, you're a prophet,) let him acknowledge the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

So, Paul is giving them a "THUS SAITH THE LORD." And notice, as a faithful steward, a man committed with the Word, he did not fail to give them the Word. Why? Because as Bro. Branham said, the Word corrects the error! Now who wants to be wrong? Because, if you're wrong, you're going to pay the price of wrongness, and I'm going to pay it. Even in our most, well you might call it infamous attacks of pride and arrogance, we don't want to be wrong. Why we'd go out of our way to kill somebody to prove we're right. So the question, who wants to be wrong?

12. Now, if you're a child of God you don't want to be wrong. So here we're getting the correction, the Word correcting the error. The Word was brought to them. They got into error. The Word comes back and corrects the error. So therefore, the One Who brought the Word that went off, because of people going off, is on the scene to correct the error. Isn't that what the Seals are all about? Didn't He come down to correct the Word? Then, don't we have a perfect Word? Then, are not the errors corrected? Then, are we not walking in the light? Are we, then, not having fellowship? Are we then, not covered by the Blood of Jesus Christ? And are we not, then, full of the Holy Ghost? So okay. We'll be all night here, I'm sorry. I should send you home; forget it.

Now, let's continue. We go to Hebrew. I'm just apologizing, because we'll likely be late. I get so happy with this, you know. This is my whole joy. I can't go play horseshoe. My neck is getting stiff. I have a hard job sleeping, everything else. But this is fun. This is great. And I appreciate you coming; you may enjoy my enjoyment.

13. Now Heb 1:1-2.

(1) God, who (in many parts and many ways) in time past spoke unto the fathers (in) the prophets,

Now, of course, it's by the prophets, but it's in the prophets! God in the prophets. That's why starting with Moses, Moses was God to the people. I know some get so squeamish they want to put it, "as God to the people." Then, I suppose Jesus was as God to the people. Hah! Let them swallow that one. Well, come on! I'm going to get you people shouting like a bunch of Pentecostals; I'm failing my job tonight. Can't I get someone running around screaming? Oh, come on; give me a break. Give me a break. My Lord they claim I'm the dearest preacher in the world. You people are the dearest people. We ain't got nothing—just mechanics. Merciful God, if the right mechanics weren't there, God would never pour the dynamics on them. So, what in the world are they talking about? I don't know. [It] just boggles my mind.

14. Listen.

- (1) God (in the prophets) spoke (to) the fathers...
- (2) In these last days (has) spoken unto us (in) Son, (same thing! But he was the fullness of the Godhead bodily, he was all the Word, and they were part of the Word! But it all came together in Jesus.)

So, keep that in mind. Now we go a little further. God to the people. Then, is this continuous? See? Okay, with this we go to Gal 1:11-12.

- (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

Now this man says, "Look, I've got an authoritative notary public who will stamp the seal as I say this is the truth." Not swearing by God, but saying as Bro. Branham, *"This Bible open before me, and knowing there is a God in heaven, and raising my hand, I'll tell you, I will not tell a lie. I will tell you the truth."* Notary public. The seal of government. "I certify you. I am a certified individual. And, if you take what I say as certified, you become certified with me." To certify, make sure it's correct. Authoritative. It's positively in line with the word of the government. He said:

- (11) ...the gospel (I preach) is not after man.
- (12) For I neither received it (by) man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

God Himself. Jehovah-Elohim is the One that came right down and taught him that which he brought forth. But as a prophet, he is a judge who interprets the Word, and adjudicates, concerning the situation; as found over here, which we read in 1 Cor [4:]3-5.

- (3) But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of (all of) you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

15. This man doesn't even plumb his own depths. He doesn't begin to look within himself and say, "Oh could this be right? I wonder if I made a mistake? Oh, oh, am I lining up?" Forget it! You can't judge a prophet, and a prophet can't judge himself! Do you realize the power that God has over a prophet and such a one who's in our midst? That I could shake his hands, hug him, and he hug me, and we carry on conversations? And get to know the deep secrets and things of Almighty God? This is a privilege beyond imagination. And Paul says, "There's no judging."

- (4) I know nothing by myself; yet (I am) not hereby justified:

Certainly not he's not justified by that! He's vindicated by God! By signs and miracles, "THUS SAITH THE LORD," that precede the Word, knowing that it is the Word of God! Signs can follow any Word! But a Word of God must be preceded by "THUS SAITH THE LORD," and the thing coming to

pass, even as Deuteronomy says It, “Anybody can come;” along with Deuteronomy 13—Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; be anything you want to be.

16. Then, he says:

- (5) Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will (both) bring to light the hidden things of darkness, make manifest the counsel of the heart: then shall every man have praise of God.

We have found that as far as I am concerned to be a period of time starting with Bro. Branham’s ministry, and Heb. 4:12, where God Himself came down. And 1 Th 4:16, appearing at the Ohio River at the border of Indiana and Kentucky. Right there it’s the end of the street,. Spring. It’s all changed now as to scenery, but it’s the same God and the same place.

17. Now, verses 3 to 5 can only be based on 1 Cor 4:1-2.

- (1) Let a man so account of us, as the ministers of Christ, (even the) stewards of the mysteries of God.
- (2) Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Paul is telling you this: “What I started out with, I have now, and it will never leave me. And I will never leave it.” It will always be the same, Word upon Word, and Word for Word; taking nothing away and adding nothing to it. It’s that unmitigated, perfect revealed truth, God Himself speaking, revealing Himself. Doing it by a prophet, fully vindicated.

18. Now this is backed up by 1 Pet 4:10. Now remember, Peter is an advocate of Paul under duress. The rest of them were not advocates. They had to admit that Paul was correct, but let’s go to 1 Pet 4:10.

- (10) As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- (11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; (Let him say exactly what God said as the mouthpiece of God, or shut-up!)

There’s your prophet, wise man, and scribe. Prophet brings the Word vindicated. Five-fold ministry can handle the Word. The rest to the people, Word-by-Word. That’s the safe course. Because, if you don’t have the gift to handle the great Gift, there is no way that you can possibly be right before God, and we’ll see more and more of this. Just the Lord help us. That’s all I can say.

- (11) ...If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.

The praise and dominion, notice, comes through the hands of these people who are faithful to God, stewards of the Word and the ministries, and gifts that God gave them. I told you this a long time ago when we started this series—responsibility.

19. I remember years ago, when I was in Pentecost, (Thank God I’m out of it and it’s out of me.) and the latter rain department by the way, which was the closest to the truth Bro. Branham said, and therefore, the furthest from it. For ninety-nine percent truth is the greatest lie there is.

So anyway, we were preaching on gifts. And a woman said, “Well Bro. Vayle, if I don’t know anything about these things, then I can’t be responsible.”

I said, “Woman, you got to be deceived. You are responsible. You’d better learn about it and find where you are in Christ.”

Now, of course, I was way off a beam on trying to help her on the grounds that I was sure she must have some kind of gift that I could stir up within her. Those days I could see sweet little old widows come by and lay hands on people, they just read them like a book. Right Frankie [Proctor]? We were into a mess, weren’t we? It was a wonderful mess, we thought. O God have pity on us. Why, we thought the stinking horse carcass out there in the slough was roses. You know, listen, the dead church brother/sister, stinks. Dead people smell just the same as swine. Yeah, maybe worse even. You have a better appetite for worse things. All right.

20. Tells you right here, Peter says, “Either you say what God says, or shut-up.” He even cautioned people, he said, “Paul says some strange and deep things that people wrest to their own destruction.” He’s saying, “Look, say it and shut-up.” Don’t twist it; don’t try to understand what isn’t given yours to understand.

That’s why nobody could ever get the Rapture till now, and Bro. Branham preached that in Yuma, Arizona in 1965. We remember that, don’t we? He said, “*The Bride’s waiting for the revelation of the mystery.*” The Bride was, but the rest weren’t. They already had it figured out. Isn’t that tragic? I imagine the same God that gave the Word, you don’t think He’s not going to come around and reveal It to us as is necessary? Hey listen, we’re living in some kind of a satanic dream world, comatose to the things of God, if we’re not awake and aware to that.

21. Now notice how careful Paul is in his office. And we go, and I told you I was going to bring this to you, in 1 Cor 7:25, he says:

(25) Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord:

Say, that’s what he’s saying now. He didn’t say that in the first chapter to the fourth. He never said that. He didn’t say he had no commandment. [He was] to rectify the church’s error and put them on the right path. Then, if that man indeed was a prophet of God—and he has to be, because he’s vindicated, because God backed up what he said—then he did not speak of His Own when he put the church in order, anymore than the Apostle Paul. You know, people talk about Paul, and then, turn down William Branham. Just like the Israelites talked about Moses and turned down Jesus. Now he says:

(25) ...Yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

Now, to be faithful [to] what? God gave him what it took to remain true to the Word. Just like Bro. Branham. He was vindicated. Yet, if there was any time when he would have gone astray, and gone where he shouldn’t have gone, the angel of the Lord appeared, as the time he was going to go with ...?... to Mrs. Beale’s up in Detroit, Frankie. Remember Mrs. Beale? Oh, old mama Beale. She was a pistol all right. She was Latter Rain, boy. She had everything by the nose. And women can’t even preach, bless God, and that’s the Word of the Living God. And she was a-preaching up there.

22. So, Bro. Branham had a little suitcase packed. Hhe walked to the door to go to the car, and the Angel of God stood there, said, “Where do you think you’re going?”

“Why,” he said, “*I’m going up there to Sis. Beale’s at Citadel,*” or whatever they called it.

He said, “Unpack your grip. You’re going nowhere.”

Another time he was going to go to another meeting that was a bunch of soul mating bunch—Jolly and that bunch. And God said, “You’re not going anywhere. Go on back.”

And Bro. Branham himself got up, and he said, *“Listen, I used to always believe love is the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but God came, the angel of the Lord appeared, and He said, “That’s not the evidence, the evidence is believing the Word for the hour.””*

23. See, these people do not proffer judgments, unless they can go right back to the Word. And give you some foundation from that Word, because they’re faithful to the Word. Now he evidently could not get and did not get an answer from God concerning this question. So he says, as one who never sticks his neck out beyond the Word, “I’m faithful. I’m a steward, and you won’t catch me off base.” But he said, “I will give you what I know from Scripture.”

Asked of Bro. Branham, “Could an illegitimate child be in the Bride?”

He said, *“From my thinking, I don’t think God would do that, from my judgment.”* And he said, *“Even in Scripture, a bastard child...”* And remember, illegitimacy is not what most people think it is. He said, *“A resultant infant from ten generations could go in.”* He never said that was “THUS SAITH THE LORD.” He made a pronouncement.

24. So, I’m trying to show you here, without reading this all, where Paul was very, very careful to distinguish when it was absolutely “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” or whether he with the ability of the wise man, not the prophet now, but the wise man, to go back as house holder in the Word of God, and take out the reality, and present both old and new, and say, “Look, you won’t go wrong going this way.” And that’s what he does in this chapter. And he said, “I’ll tell you how you will be right, and you won’t go wrong. And I will give you reasons why it’s good to marry, and good not to marry.” And he lays them down. And he lays them down from the Word. But, if you’re the kind that’s a marrying kind, you’d better marry. And about ninety-nine percent of us are. And we should marry and stay married. Because anything else is adultery. And disease, and AIDS, and death, and cancer, until even cancer looks like a cold by what’s coming upon the earth. Just wait till they get those organs that are all mixed up. And the transplants and the cells.

Cellular therapy, which they laughed at, the Pentecostals in Canada laughed at in the Seven Church Age book. And Time magazine came out six weeks later and blasted the ridiculous Pentecostals plumb off the map, showing cellular therapy was working. And now they finally kicked in and realized, with Parkinson’s and various diseases, you can make a transfer of cells. And now they’re working on the pigs and the sheep, and they’re putting more human cells in. And we’re animal anyway, ninety-nine point nine percent of the world’s already got the serpent seed body—one father. [It] won’t be very long, get those organs, get a pig’s heart, bump bump bump; you feel good, pigs liver, oink oink oink. No problem. No problem. Say, you know, listen, everything lines up in the Word of God.

25. Now as Paul nears the end of his life, there is absolutely no change in his God-given stand found in 1 Cor 4:2, which is a faithful steward. For here is what he says in 2 Tim 4:6,7.

- (1) For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- (2) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Never changed one word. Never went back and unsaid anything. Never went back and ever undid anything. Stood his ground. Got out of line a little one time, when he called the high priest’s bluff, called him a whited wall. And then, he apologized for offending someone in authority, because he knew God put him there, whether he liked it or not.

Like when somebody came to Bro. Branham one time and says, “You know Bro. Branham, they’re saying terrible things about your family.”

And Bro. Branham said, *“Hold it. I don’t want to hear it. God ordained that. I must have needed it.”* Walked down the road.

26. All right then. We see Paul’s stewardship of the mysteries of God, or God’s Gospel, so that it is not to be changed by one word. And that is the norm, and continuing demand through the Seven Church Ages; there was to be no change. And let’s face it; there is no change in the original revealed Word of Almighty God. No. No, no. God never changed one word, never changed His mind about anything. [He] ever changed anything whatsoever. [It] is man that comes along. And we know it started right back with the devil, and unfortunately we’ll have to go back and talk about the devil tonight as we continue.

27. So, all right. Gal 1:6-9. That’s a little bit before the verses we just read previously.

- (6) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ (or Messiah, into) another gospel:
- (7) Which is not another; (now notice what he said, the grace comes from that gospel. Which is not another;) but there may be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (Now who’s the original perverter? The devil himself.)
- (8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- (9) As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

. All right. Of course people changed it after the way of Satan. Now Paul challenges the Gentile church in Corinth about all Seven Church Ages stand, and even today, as seen in 1 Cor 4:5. Now that’s the stand we’re looking at. Way back there, comes right down to church age number seven, and never did change all through seven ages. So, there is not a Gospel given by God through the two thousand years that ever changed because of circumstances, or culture, or the need of the people, or politics, or anything else. Nothing. Absolutely inviolate. Okay,

28. [1 Cor]4:5.

- (5) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will (both) bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsel of the heart: and then, shall every man have praise of God.

As I said this, my understanding is right down at this age, where Bro. Branham came, fulfilling Heb 4:12. And in 2 Tim 4:7-8 again.

- (7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- (8) Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge (Now notice, it’s righteous judge. And Paul was judging righteously being a prophet, and it was “THUS SAITH THE LORD” at that day, and here’s the Omega.) shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing.

And Bro. Branham said, *“Appearing and coming are two different words. He’s appearing now, not only in mighty signs and wonders, as He did in Egypt, but He Himself appeared, and you’ve got His picture.”* There it is right there.

29. So, all right. It's right from that age to this age. So Paul had "THUS SAITH THE LORD" in showing the church it's error, and what condition it was in, and giving the Word of Promise, bringing them back to perfection. We'll show you perfection here in the Bible. Then, we have that Alpha, and we have the Omega now, because he certainly did say so. And also, we read Heb 4:12, which I mentioned awhile ago, well, let's got to Heb 4:12. I didn't ever read it. [ ]

- (12) (Wherefore) 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 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, "with Whom we have to do" you can tell right here is a judge. So with Whom do we have to do? The Judge. And Who was the Judge back there? God Himself. Holy Spirit. Paul had "THUS SAITH THE LORD." [He] told the church it's condition; brought them back to the Word. And those that came back to the Word were now ready, as the Ephesian Church was, as in order—church order. Not just putting gifts in a little room. Come on; forget that. That's symptomatic of the junk you're in. It's off the Word. See?

30. Now, in 2 Thessalonians, which you read many, many times... [End of the first side of the first audio tape.] That's the first chapter. It says here:

- (7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (I believe that's that cloud right there. I think it is, I'm basing everything on it that I know about this Word.)
- (8) In (flames of) fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;
- (10) When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

So, when that takes place, this testimony of Paul must be believed. Now how are you going to believe it, unless the same God that gave it, is here giving it again like Deuteronomy twice given, and Bro. Branham brought it out. Well, I want to know the answer! Are we going to bring up the dead, bring up the church members? I can tell you things from this Book that God has shown me because of the prophet, you will not find in writings in this world! And I can prove it to you. And I'm not any smart man, and I'm not up here boasting. I'm just telling you, William Branham, God, that man that God inhabited with "THUS SAITH THE LORD," revealing this Word, revealed the principles, and the power of Almighty God in this Word. And a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein, why? Because it's a perfect map that anybody can read! But the trouble is, they're blind, and they say, "We can see." And they can't even see the bold print, let alone the fine print that God whispers to people's hearts. No way.

31. Now:

- (11) (Therefore) we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:
- (12) That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, (and so on.)

The same Paul that wrote this wrote at the end time that God Himself would come into the church, the spirit of wisdom, and the revelation, and the knowledge of God, and reveal the deep secrets of God as Bro. Branham said.

So, all right, here we are. It's conclusive that this Word never changed; man changed it! But the Word of God never changes, no way, shape and form! There are no conditions. There's nothing extraneous. There's nothing you can add. Nothing you can take. It just stands there. And thank God we have it revealed. However, we find that the church fell away from what Paul planted.

32. In 1 Cor 3:9-10:

- (9) For we are laborers together with God: (Paul says that, because God was in him, giving the Word. Now Apollos is a laborer, why? Because he is a child of the prophet. Same seed. Same food, same everything.) ye are God's husbandry, (you are God's acreage, God's farming, God's agriculture.) ye are God's building. (See there's two things mentioned here. One is agriculture—husbandry, one is building—carpentry. Now watch.)
- (10) According to the grace which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, (notice he mentions grace of the gospel, grace to keep it.) I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth (thereon).

Now it doesn't say 'what'; it says 'how'. So therefore, the 'how' is the wrong usage of the 'what'. And the wrong usage of the 'what' could be misplacing, or using something of one quality in a place where that quality is not demanded; and therefore, you don't have that thing in the place where the quality is demanded! People aren't even baptized correctly in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. How are they going to get the Holy Ghost? Tell me how the Spirit of God's going to answer to the Blood that you're depending on to cleanse you, if you're baptized incorrectly.

"Oh, well, for me, God will change it."

That's like the guy up in Erie one time. I forget his name now. But anyway, he challenged me on the baptism with the Holy Ghost; he had to speak in tongues. I said, "Look man, I spoke in tongues years ago, forget it." I said, "I'll tell you, Bro. Branham never spoke in tongues, and he received the Holy Ghost."

"Oh," he said, "that's right, because God knew he didn't believe; so therefore, he let him get away with it."

Come on! Don't tell me he didn't say it; he said it to me! When Marilyn [Shearer] gets back she'll tell you, or I'll phone her dad. Don [Keller] will know, and her Uncle Gale will know. And he's supposed to believe Bro. Branham. What did he believe? Don't ask me. He didn't believe, he's a liar. You see? All right.

33. Now Paul built correctly. So let's go now to Matthew 7, so we can get this picture here a hundred percent right, and in Mt 7:24-29:

- (24) Therefore whosoever heareth these (words) of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, (who) built his house upon a rock:
- (25) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- (26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, (that) built his house upon the sand:
- (27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
- (28) And it came to pass, when Jesus ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
- (29) For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Now, here then, we find that the church fell away from what Paul planted in 1 Cor 3:9-10, and comparing that to Mt 7:24-29, which we read, which in turn, Mt 7:24-29. Now that's the houses on foundation, was the conclusion of Mt.7:15-22! Which was "Beware of false prophets, who have all the trappings, and they perfectly look like sheep, but they are not!" They're not. Everything going for them, but inside they're ravening wolves. They're destroyers. And they have just one thing about them; they're playing your game to get you. They're playing your game to get you. Christian Science, Bro. Branham says, more love produced then we'll ever produce—so-called. They have one purpose in mind: to match you; to be like you; to live with you; to agree with you, and catch you, and destroy you. Now those are false prophets.

- 34. (16) (And you'll) know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Now he's got a beautiful mixture here. He's got animals—wolves in sheep clothing. Now suddenly they're trees bearing fruit.

- (17) Even so every good tree bringeth forth [good] fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Now you're back to the Garden of Eden. Knowledge of good and evil, and the knowledge of good, of life.

- (18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

It says it can't, so it can't!

"Oh," you say, "I could change that, I could fix it."

Shut-up and sit down. You're making Jesus a liar.

Paul said, "The wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ." That word "wholesome" is salubrious, meaning, 'health giving'. You don't call death healthy, do you? We passed from death unto life; we're healthy in God. The inner man renewed day by day; the outer man can perish. Forget the outer man; he's just sawdust anyway.

- (19) Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, cast into the fire.
- (20) By their fruits ye shall know them. (By their fruits. Now it says,)

- (21) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- (22) Many will say (unto) me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- (23) And then will I profess (to) them, I never knew you:

35. Now we're talking about works. Works. I'll tell you something. Word precedes works. If you have works without Word, forget it. It tells you right here. A false prophet, that means he brings you a false word, he has a sign and a wonder according to Deuteronomy 13, legitimate just exactly like Balaam. Legitimate gift. He comes on the scene; he presents it. And remember, Balaam followed Moses! The vindicated Moses had a vindication before he brought the Word, but as soon as the Word came out Satan could use it to his hearts desire! And he grabbed old Balaam. And because Balaam sought God, understood a few things about God, entered into a ministry using a gift of God, a prophecy that's coming to pass right today, and him as phony as a three dollar bill, a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Now you can't say that this man didn't build the right altars, give the right approach, have an understanding, and that is that he said, "I can only curse what God curses. I can only bless what God blessed. There's nothing I can do, but it's going to come by God. This is the genuine gift. You watch it." And he sold out with the genuine gift. His works. What was his works that destroyed him?

They said, "What must we do to do the works of God?"

And he said, "I'll tell you what the works of God. You believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son."

36. Can you believe starting that this is the Holy Ghost, that this is Almighty God operating through that man? Could you understand and take that? If you can't, let me tell you this: I don't care you sitting here what works you've got, and what works you think you might do, and what penance you might go ahead and think you can run through, and what you might possibly present to God, I'm going to tell you right now: you're wrong. You're wrong. You haven't got a prayer. Because it says right here, you can come with a full manifestation, looks just exactly like a sheep, and be a hundred percent wrong, because you've got the wrong leadership. You've got the leadership of a false prophet; and, if he's false, then, he is a man who perverts the Word! And he's a false shepherd. He's a false everything.

37. Now we go quickly back to Gal 1:8. Now watch what It says here:

- (8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

If an angel of heaven comes down, absolutely manifest as an angel from heaven, there is no doubt about it, this is real and for real, and he brings you one word off from the Apostle Paul, or comes into a contradiction from what a prophet says, that man is a false prophet and is of the devil. And that angel is of the devil, if not the devil himself, categorically.

Now, as we say, going back to Gal 1:8, to follow through on the progression of the fall. Verse 8 distinctly says that it will be first an angel from heaven that comes in to destroy the Gospel of Paul. That's what he said. An angel from heaven. Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall from heaven." We saw him kicked out, yet he's able to go back and forth somehow. God does allow it, and that is God's business, one hundred percent. I agree with God for doing it. I'm happy that's the way it is, because, if God wants it, that's what I want.

Not like Bro. Branham, of course, he said, "*I always do what I want to do, I want to please God.*"

I can't confess that, but I can say, "I'm happy that God's doing what He's doing, and I'm all for it."

38. Now watch what It says in 2 Cor 11:2:

- (2) For 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.
- (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.

Right there. Now the Bible says, "Satan, you were in Eden." See?

- (4) (So that) he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, (and so on.)

Now, let's find out who this is. Verses 13-15:

- (13) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (That's the true messenger, taking the Word.)
- (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed (to be) 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.

Wolves in sheep clothing. There you are. Satan himself doing it. Serpent seed. Two lines in the church. True vine—false vine. Twins. One abomination—one of God. Left hand—right hand, God Almighty adjudicating, standing in the middle. "Come ye onto my right hand, ye blessed of God; depart ye into the Lake of Fire, prepared for him and his angels.

39. Now, as I say 2 Cor 11:13-15 enlarges upon it, and Mt 7:15-20 is taken from the prophecy of Jesus Christ, who said, "Beware of false prophets. And those people and their followers are going to come at the end time with manifested gifts, which I will not deny are positively gifts of the Holy Ghost, and they will be able to say, "I have cast out devils. I've prophesied in Thy Name. I've done wonderful works," and I cannot deny the works, but I will deny them."

That's the same as when Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and all their ilk, went down into the pit. Not Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, but the other bunch. I forget their name now. They bore false incense in the vessels of the Lord. He said, "Save the sensors, save the vessels, and destroy those that used them."

The gifts are real, and they'll always be real. That which came from the Holy Ghost is always of the Holy Ghost! Don't blame Him, and don't ever deny those gifts, and don't ever speak evil of those gifts. But the people that use them are condemned!

40. Now Bro. Branham warned us. Remember the Missionary Alliance Church blew its fuse. They sure did. ...?..., when the baptism with the Holy Ghost came in vogue, you know, it was the third thing: blood, water, spirit. Pentecost. The gifts restored. And they tell me that fire even appeared in their dorms, where the people were. They could see flames of fire. And the people spoke in tongues, and they roundly condemned it of the devil. They, like the Nazarenes died, where Bro. Branham saw the Nazarene church was making love to a corpse. If you're an undertaker and you do that, you're thrown in jail for abusing a corpse. So here these preachers are going to be going to hell, because they even abused a dead bunch of people. Further leading them astray: twice dead, plucked up by the roots, ready for the Lake of Fire. I'm not telling you these things for the fun of it. I'm just telling you what the Scripture said. See? Right down the line. The gifts are real. And, of course, this all goes back to Ezek 28:13-14.

41. Now see 2 Corinthians 11, the church falling away: Ezek 28:13,14.

(13) Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, (and so on,)

(14) (I set thee as) the cherub that covereth; (and so on and so on.)

Now that goes back to Gen 3:1-7, because the devil was in the serpent who got to Eve, who got to Adam, who brought the whole thing into disrepute, and death by sin, because of unbelief in the Word of God, brought by God Himself. See? And in ...?... time, God can call the angel of the covenant, messenger of the covenant. And remember, God brought His Own covenant. He's His Own messenger. Sure He is.

Now then, let us get to the point. I'm actually re-teaching in this material. It is because we want to know now and forever, once for all, live or die, that the history of heaven and earth, as we know it, is an account of Satan's iniquity, or the perverting of the Word of God, which is unbelief, in the vindicated or manifested Word of God, which changes came, of course, and the church fell for, as Satan gave them the false word, by perverting it. But it is also seen, at the same time, that the never ever changing Word of God, and those who are ordained to it, will be with the unchanging Rhema Logos God, both now and eternally.

42. So, what I'm trying to tell you here is we're looking at the history of heaven and earth. And one side is where you see the never changing Word of Almighty God is perverted by people as though it could be changed, and them depending upon it. Then there is the other hand, the right hand, which never deviates from the unchanging ordained Word of God, because they are ordained to it! Now you're right back to foreknowledge, election, predestination, and you can't do a thing about it but sit there and believe it. And there's nobody that can explain it to anybody's satisfaction, except as Iraneous did, "God being a Savior, it was necessary to predestinate a sinner who'd require salvation, in order to give God reason and purpose of being."

And you can't go beyond that. You can say, "Well then, why does God judge and do so and so?"

"Who are you O man to reply against God?"

Wait until the day manifests it. And that day has not yet done it, because it's only at the White Throne Judgment you'll get a knowledge, which you didn't have before. And then, the strange thing is when you see the devil brought down, you'll say, "Oh my, was that the puny thing that I listened to, and made the world to tremble? I can't believe that he got away with the bluff. I can't believe that people were sucked in."

43. Don't you pick up the paper today and read all the scams that are going on? Where people are using phone calls, and people with a little bit of money are being sucked out of their money by promises—even the old scam where "I'll meet you in the park," and they say, "Now look, you go to the bank and get the money now. And I've got this big bunch of money here, but you've got to, you know, show your faith," and blah, blah, blah.

There's a guy in Canada they tell me, he's given a bum up down here thousands and thousands of dollars, because he tells them he knows how to get money from the IRS, it's all packed in there, and he's just waiting for the IRS to give the money up, and he sends these letters out, and people even in Canada fall for it, and it's nothing but a scam. Pete's [Klassen] nodding his head; he knows what I'm talking about. Yeah, just a scam. Say, "I can't believe it! I can't believe it!" With the wisdom of God, you wonder how people can believe, but they do. And they believe to destruction. Okay.

44. Now we showed you Ezekiel 28, and Genesis 3, and now we think of Matthew 7, the false prophets who appear, as Paul said in Acts 20:25-35, and distinctly Satan in 2 Cor 11:2-4. Now Acts 20 is where Paul calls the elders, and he warns them that men of themselves will rise up to get preeminent, and draw people after them, by perverting and changing the Gospel. And any perversion, one word off is Satan's kingdom, which means you're under the thralldom and the kingship and the power and the dictatorship and the whole panoply of whatever he has in his kingdom. You're under it. One word off, lock, stock, and barrel.

Now, what we have just read in 2 Cor 11:2-4 is gnosticism. And that's the subject under "Stewardship" that I've been talking of: gnosticism. Notice the Gospel of Paul. One: Jesus who was crucified. Where Paul said, "You've changed everything." He said, "All right, you've got another Jesus." Next he said, "You've got another spirit." Absolutely. Not the spirit of Acts 2:37-39, "Repent and be baptized every one in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and your children, and all that are afar off."

Now they certainly had gifts and anointing. Then, what spirit did they have? They had to have some kind of a religious spirit that came into them from Satan! They're certainly anointed by Satan even though he could manipulate the gifts. And Bro. Branham said, *"There isn't one gift of God that Satan can't manipulate and imitate and do something bad with it."* The third thing: they had another gospel. Another Jesus, another spirit, another God, another gospel.

45. Now notice carefully the words of Paul. He said, "Another Jesus;" not, "no Jesus." Right? Right? Now listen. He said, "Another." Is that correct? He didn't say, "no Jesus."

You say, "Well Bro. Vayle there's [not] another Jesus. There's no Jesus."

Now, just hold your horses. That's not the Bible. The Bible said another Jesus. So there's a real Jesus, and there's a wrong Jesus. Or to them there's no Jesus, period. Another Jesus. There's another spirit. Not a genuine baptism with the Holy Ghost. There's another gospel. Doesn't say there's no Jesus, no baptism, no gospel. It says another.

46. Now 'gnosticism': 'denial of truth as a once for all revelation from God with no change by adding or taking even a word', but exactly as given by the apostle Paul'. It is not the denial of the truth by changing its existence, or denying its existence. Truth is.

But it's the old familiar cry of Pilate, "What is truth?" "Hey, Paul, what's truth?" "Hey, William Branham, what's truth?" "You say you got it? Ah, I disagree. I don't believe you got it."

See? It's the old cry. They don't say there isn't any. In fact the joke today coming back from Sigmund Freud, and all the philosophers who call themselves psychiatrists and psychologists, who make studies and all, even your spiritists, your Christians, your non-Christians, everybody's going to tell you what truth is. Yeah, they're going to tell you what truth is. And they don't agree with us. But they got it.

See, now gnosticism does not deny—it does not deny—relevancy. It denies the point and what you might call the environment of relevancy. See, they admit to truth, but they cannot admit to what it is. They refuse the vindication of truth, and go on with the devil, the same as Eve did, because she didn't say, "There's no God." The devil didn't say there was no God. The devil didn't say, "God didn't say it," and Eve didn't say, "God didn't say it." They both agreed that what God said. God did not actually mean that there was another revelation or a depth of revelation to it, which, if you got to it, would supercede what you have, and thereby bypass any condemnation you're in! You understand what I'm saying? Okay, keep it in mind, then.

47. So, what I am saying is this, as Bro. Branham said it. Forget politics; forget communism. It is the church of God that Paul founded that you watch, that went into gnosticism and every sort of cult. Forget

Israel! Yeah, forget it. Oh, sure they're going back to the homeland. What's that got to do with you and me? Don't worry about it. Forget Mohammedism, Buddhism, and all religions that deny the Son. They that deny the Son have not the Father! And they don't have God, period. I'm quoting you the Bible. I'm not making this up. I'm just telling you from the Bible. They that deny the Son have no Father. And those that deny the Father have no Son, consequently no redemption, no nothing. God is not their God, they're gone, finished, out of the picture. Let them deny all three: Father, Son, Word, forget it. Get your eyes off of them.

Get your eyes on the Scripture that alone is the prophecy of God, and believe what God says as found in Revelation 17, which is the Roman Catholic prostitute church that believes in Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and has superseded the revelation of Paul by giving their own revelation and doing their own thing. And they are the children of the serpent seed. Their pastors, prophets, wise men, and scribes, are children of the devil, and they are totally under the kingdom of Satan. [Let them] say what they want. That's why she will be burned in her flesh, which means every one of human kind in that organization that does not deny the Father, does not deny the Son, does not deny the Holy Ghost, does not deny water baptism, but in every place they've got another one. They got a substitute, and that's what you're looking at. This has been vindicated by Bro. Branham to be the true revelation of chapter 17. All right.

48. We now realize that what is termed gnosticism is the religion of the devil that will lead to satanic worship. See how when he, Satan, perverted the Word, he presumptuously announced his position or office, and consequently went from his ministry, which he had by his position, which was a ministry of the worship of God, to a self-assumed, elected, non-office of God, and in competition with God!

You know, I hope these statements are rocking you, because I write these all down, as I'm lead by the Lord. Then, I sit and look at them before I bring them to you. And what I have read I claim to be a hundred percent authentic from this Message and the Word of Almighty God; because Satan said, "I will exalt myself above the most High," he came in direct competition to Almighty God and demanded worship. And [he] is getting worship in the very temple of God right today, the church. But it's the false church, of course. And he used an office, which contained a ministry, to begin to glorify himself, and to think that he could be what he was not supposed to be, and presumptuously went in, and he's still calling the bluff right today, until the day he is brought down by Almighty God, which he will.

49. Now make note that from ministering to a position that was not of God—see now notice—from ministering to a position, which is not of God, whereas a true servant of God, a faithful servant goes from a position and place or gift to ministering what he has been given. See Satan wouldn't minister to God and lead in worship. He said, "I'm going to have it."

Now listen carefully to what I am saying, because I'm giving you a chronology here. And this chronology is very important, because it's difficult to understand to a degree. That is a reverse from Satan. He left his position because of a ministry. In other words he put such stock in the ministry, what he was able to do, what he could perform, what he had. He put such stock in it that he fell from it! He left it! But he, then, took another position unwarrantedly, stole it, bamboozled it, which was not his, a fake and a phony, and bringing people in.

50. Okay, let's go to Jude. And in Jude, verse 6... Now:

- (6) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the (day of) judgment.

So their estate, which was their position, they left, because they were able to minister. They figured they had a better and a higher ministry! Yeah, fooled by the devil. So did Eve! And so did Adam! And so today in the omega of the alpha. To see this, we go to 1 Cor 4:1-2.

- (1) Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Now that's it. That's it. That's what Paul was given. He was given copyright. Yeah, copyright to the Word of God. That's why I turned back copyright on the Seven Church Ages Book, that is getting money for it, because I felt bad in my soul. And I gave it all back, and then some. In my own way I did it. Because I said, if you can copyright anything of this prophet, I'm going to have a séance, and call up the Apostle Paul, and get a copyright on his.

Paul had a copyright. And so does every true minister of Christ. And that's given to him of God, sealed in, because it's the vindicated Word of Almighty God, and he better be faithful to that copyright—that privilege of being the minister. And, when you got a copyright and a franchise, you can go to court and beat the spots off of anybody who tries to take your position. And God will back you up. Huh? Moses, Paul. Oh, that's great; but what about a five-fold ministry? "Ah, five-fold ministries, hah." You better look out.

51. There's a certain guy, as far as I know, he's nowhere today. He smarted off at me in a meeting many years ago, and like the same voice that said, "Your ministry in the West is over, and your brother will die," said to me, "You can tell him, if you want to, that he's forgiven, if he accepts your forgiveness." And I walked off.

You say, "Bro. Vayle you make something of yourself."

Just maybe I don't. What if I have a copyright? What if I should have a ministry? What if I should be teaching and handling the Word of God the way I'm supposed to?

"But oh Bro. Vayle, he's just mechanical."

My prophet told me, that's the man right there, [Bro. Vayle points to the picture of the Pillar of Fire with Bro. Branham.] told me that God only puts the dynamics on the true mechanics. What are you going to do now? What if I should be right? The Bible's still open. I challenge any man living who gets this tape, come and stand before me with my notes and prove me wrong. Can't do it. I don't take one word. I take every word, like that pie, ...?... or straight up, and I'm not boasting, I'm just telling you how my ministry works, which is nothing to anybody but me, as far as I care. I don't care. It's my business. You've been given a copyright—been given a franchise? Then, you better be faithful. You better not think above yourself. You don't need to argue, fight, or anything else. It will be self-evident, it's there.

52. Now, let's go to 1 Corinthians 12, because this is the same book by the same Holy Ghost, the same Paul writing everything he's supposed to write.

- (4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (You bet there are. Several kinds of them. All kinds of them.)
- (5) Differences of administrations, but the same Lord. (God works those gifts in those positions, everything the way He wants them, to different people, the way he wants it done.)
- (6) There are diversities of operations, (Sure that's right. Same gift manifested different ways in different people. But it's the same God working all in all.)
- (7) But the manifestation of Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Now, let's go to Romans 12, see what It says. In Rom 12:3-8:

- (3) For I say, through the grace (of God) given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Now watch what that measure of faith is in every single member.)
- (4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- (5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- (6) Having then gifts differing (everybody just alike, but everybody different.) according to the grace that is given, whether prophecy, let us prophecy according to the proportion of faith;
- (7) Ministry, wait on our ministering: teach(ing), on teaching;
- (8) He that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Hundreds of gifts in the body of Christ, hundreds of gifts, hundreds and hundreds. They're there. Every one according to the proportion of faith. And every one members of each other, like the cells in our body, pulling together, every one working under the Spirit of the living God. No conflicts, no fooling, no "Big I's," no "little you's." "Look at me; man, you've got nothing, I've got it all."

See, Paul said, "Look, why do you boast as though if you received it as though you didn't receive it? Then, if it's given you, why do you boast at all?" If it's given, then you become a faithful servant, or what? The dispensation is against you. Grace turns to disgrace. That's a pitiful thing, but it's true. And what about Eph 4:16? There you got it again. Ignore the light; the light is shining at the Bible, not that little thing up here.

53. Okay, It tells you in Ephesians 4:

- (4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, through all, and in you all.
- (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

He tells you that; it's the same thing he said in Romans.

- (8) Wherefore he saith, (now he's going into something different here. He's beginning to personify this to the extent that he begins naming rigid offices.) When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, gave gifts unto men. (And so on. And then he says, verse 11.)
- (11) And he gave, apostles; prophets; evangelists; pastors and teachers; (five-fold ministry. What for?)

- (12) For the (perfection or the equipping) of the saints, work of the ministry, edify the body of Christ:
- (13) Till all come in the unity of the faith, (even) the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of Christ: (Yup.)

Now listen what he says here, “the knowledge of the Son of God.” Now that’s meaningful, because that’s referring to the Holy Spirit coming in this day and bringing us to a complete Headship.

54. Now what I want you to look at is verse 8.

- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

And, if you know that’s taken from Psalms 68:18. Now there’s nobody that doesn’t know that, because most people have a concordance or a Scofield Bible or something, that refers you there. So, it’s not hard to come across that one. Not something I found on my own. Now:

- (18) Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell (and they say) among them.

So, at the time of the dwelling of God, God has given gifts to men, five-fold ministry, and to those outside waiting, because they will be deceived, he has given men with gifts. Of the Holy Ghost. And that goes right back to the Book of Numbers, Numbers 16, where you find Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, with a gift of prophecy rising up against Moses and say, “Listen Moses, don’t think that you’ve got everything from God, we’ve got some too. And we’re going to be made known in this bunch, and people are going to listen to us, because we can prophesy.”

55. And I ask you one question: how many that listened to Balaam, who really had a gift, got to the Promised Land? None. They died in adultery, fornication, idolatry, manifested as to what they were. And when gifts come along, it will manifest to all the Branhamites. Who wants gifts just to talk about them? Men will come into their churches and they’ll just talk, and they haven’t got a thing. What they’ve got would even make a spiritist vomit. Because they can produce.

I’ve never seen one person that came to Branhamite meeting, who can do what the great ...?... down in Florida. You might not have seen him, Frank [Proctor], but way back in our day down there, the great ...?... was a spiritist. And he had a big fish bowl. And everybody just dropped in a piece of paper with a question. And he’d dip in the bowl, and hold it here, and read the question, and tell you the answer. And very accurate. Oh, he was fascinating. I loved it. I knew where it was coming from. Come on you guys out there. Do something. I thought my God could beat the spots off the devil. I saw William Branham outperform the devil every day of the week.

56. How about the man up there in Oregon, I guess it was, that fell across Bro. Branham. He came spitting at him... and he was going to annihilate Bro. Branham. Everybody ran, and the cops came running to Bro. Branham. He said, “*Just stand back.*” And he said, “*Satan you’ve challenged the servant of the most High God, you’ll fall across my feet,*” and the man spitting and hissing just wound down like a serpent, and they had to pull him off Bro. Branham’s feet. [End of side two of the first audio tape.]

What about the guy, his name was Whits something. A little fellow that was a Baptist, to my knowledge, or a Presbyterian. I’m not sure. He went to Africa. And he saw the witch doctor. Now this is true, as far as I know. I don’t understand everything. No strings and no gimmicks. To my knowledge he had a person suspended in air, and this person was literally living there. Tommy Tipcock. And so, he was

going to be bold. You bet he was bold. And he went and laid hands. He said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ I loose you; cast out devil." And he withered, his body shrunk, as though he was completely dehydrated. And he snuck away. But he said, "God can not be defeated. I am His servant." And he prayed and fasted. And he went back and laid hands again. The power of Satan was broke, and the person came out.

57. Come on you guys out there: let's see something! That's enough right there. I'm not interested in seeing any more. I just want to believe, because that's the work. And that's where faith lies. Yeah. God's among us today, lots of gifts, everything. Where's God? Well, He's amongst the Bride somewhere; I got no trouble there. But this is the manifestation of the presence of God: gifts. Where there's a true five-fold ministry with the Word of God, and gifts in order as they should be.

Every true member of the body of Christ is a gifted member for ministering. Each is a Word member son of God, and ministers works or manifests or serves only according to the Word, and within its framework as set forth by the prophets as in 1 Cor 12:13-14. Now in chapter 12, Paul tells the Corinthians all that whole church is in confusion. He does not fault any gift, but its misuse as to time and place, which we know is rectified by Bro. Branham in our day. Now notice how modern Corinthians of the Laodicean Pentecostal Church did the same and bred confusion, even to the extent of denying 1 Cor 14:35.

58. Now we pretty well got to know what that is. 1 Cor 14:35, and It says, concerning women:

- (34) (Now) let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as saith the law.
- (35) And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
- (36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?
- (37) (And if you think you got the Holy Ghost or you're a prophet, you'd better superimpose what I'm telling you upon any knowledge you think you have, because you're wrong and I'm right.)

Now with that we also go to 1 Tim 2:11-15:

- (11) Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- (12) But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- (13) For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- (14) And [Adam] was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- (15) Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and (chastity) and holiness with sobriety.

The trouble with Eve was she opened her mouth! And out of her mouth did not come the Word of God. That's what should have come in faith. She said, "Yeah, God said it, but I just wonder."

[She] listened to reason. She substituted Satan's word for the Word of God. Now notice, he didn't say that God did not have His Word. He just said, "I've got a higher and better revelation. I've got more than you've got. I'm going to lead you now."

And he took her right away from God. And when the Pentecostal church is a full women preachers...

59. Now emphatically and indelibly notice, use of gifts out of order gave them self-appointed offices, and left the Word by means of a perversion. If this chronology is difficult to see, we go back to Satan. Number one: anointed cherub that covered. Number two: priestly vestments. Number three: the highest position of cherub next to the throne. Number four: this ministry gave him the leverage of the Word. He was the one to listen to; he was gifted. So he leaves his God-given ministry—see, based on what he could produce in it—changes the Word of God, presumes and assumes a position, and uses the anointed ministry to gain power over the angels and people! This is gnosticism in full force. And this is today in America and in the whole world.

Now watch what happened in Corinth. This is almost utterly unbelievable. But in a gifted church caught up in the thrall and excitement of church worship and worshipping God, they allowed the devil to so take over that people denied the lordship of Jesus, and even called him accursed, all the while using spiritual gifts. Okay, let's go back and see it.

60/ Now this is what I wanted to bring to your attention that I didn't bring last time. I didn't really bring it out that this is gnosticism. And when you find a rule and a law in the Bible, which is Gnosticism, you take the Alpha and you take it all the way to the Omega. And this is a law. This is a principle. This is a product from the wrong vine. So, It says in 1 Corinthians 12:

Okay. Now here we got:

- (1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, (that's the energies,) brethren, I would not have you (to be) ignorant.
- (2) Ye know ye were Gentiles carried away unto these dumb idols, even as (you) were led.

Now that let's you know that these people actually were under the thrall of spirits. And many times they had to work themselves up or do certain things in order to get into a position whereby that the spirit would come in, or if already in, would move. Now you understand what I'm saying?

61. Now remember, Bro. Branham said that Balaam had a key. I asked him one time, talked to him: I said, "Bro. Branham, isn't it so that Balaam had a way of getting into his ministry, like his trance? He had a key?"

He said, "*Sure Lee. I got one too.*"

He took up a parable. And then you'll hear him say on a tape that he says words he's faster, faster, faster, faster, faster, faster, it clicks in. Will you believe that that's the same way the devil can work? Would you believe by the powers of concentration, calling on God, that you could swing into a trance and a vision? Frank nods his head. The rest of you don't dare, because you don't even know what I'm talking about. I've done it. By the powers of concentration and moving. Like the old Ford ...?..., click, click, click, click, click... suddenly I'm zoom, right into it. And, if I'd have continued to do that, I might have ended up a desperate, desperate individual, way away from God. Because what followed I cannot say was of God for any way, because I do not know. Carried away means just what it says: carried away. Now you can be just as carried away by manipulation, and by trance, vision, some force and power can carry you away, but you can be carried away even further without any of that, by just disbelieving the Word of God.

62. Now these people here knew the difference between spirit power and the power of God. What I have today is so different from what was years ago in Pentecost. I've got a patience that Bro. Branham speaks of, which is in the Bible; I can wait for my answers—not to get rushed into anything. I'm in no hurry. If you knew how it operated, you'd understand. It's no big deal, it's just that's how my nature is. Maybe in life I'm erratic, frustrated, nervous; but not with this. I've nothing to do with the world outside; this is what is on the inside.

- (2) (You know you) were carried away (by) dumb idols, (now a dumb idol couldn't carry anybody so it had to be a spirit. Now,)
- (3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit...

Now these people were speaking by the spirit, and they were calling Jesus accursed. Now 'gnosticism'. What is it? It's not denying It. It's taking the truth, the revelation, adding, subtracting, modifying, presenting, and say, "This is it."

63. You want to look with me? How about we go to Gal 3:13.

- (13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: (There it is. That's Old Testament.) Cursed is every one that hangeth (upon) a tree:
- (14) (Notice,) that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;

So, now they're taking a Scripture, and by some either implied or actually demonstrated factor of force, have perpetrated upon many people another gospel, whereby they're now calling Jesus accursed. Now get this. That is a true Scripture; He's cursed hanging upon a tree. But He's not cursed of Himself! He took it on Himself! No longer under the curse; risen to be what? Lord! Now under the Holy Ghost you'll never call Him cursed, because He's not. He's entered into the glory and beyond the glory He ever had, and He's a High Priest for us, and He's on the right hand of the Majesty on High, and in this hour He's on the very throne of God. But, neither can you call Him Lord without the Holy Ghost! You get Him all mixed up. "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit thou on my right hand'." The head of woman is man, male, female. (Now, put her in the head of the church!) There's neither male nor female in Christ. If there's none in Christ now, there never was back there. So, forget about that other stuff. Right? So, now we've got the head of the Bride is what? Jesus, the Son of God, Christ. Who's the head of Christ? God. Neither can you know Godhead and understand your position, the great mystery, the great One out of the Seven Seals, unless you're full of the Holy Ghost.

64. I may be sort of twisting this, but I'm not too worried about it. Because I'm going to tell you one thing: I wouldn't have a clue, except for "Who Is This Melchisedec?," and watching every word Bro. Branham said, that I would know the truth of God, Who is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I and you and all of us are brethren. And we're one great family. And the Omega of the Pillar of Fire above the throne, God, the Lamb on the throne, and the Bride, and the other virgins outside, I would never have known that to be the truth. I would never have figured it. I would never of my own understood that Bro. Branham said that God gave birth to that Son, because the light formed, and only God was there to form from it. And like a child playing around the Father's throne, the act of creation began: God creating through Christ Jesus. God manifesting through Him so that all things bodily that ever came would have to come through Him. Why did God do it? That's God's business. That's the wisdom of God. It's only my job to see it and to believe it.

Now he said right here that these people are not in the Holy Ghost to deny or to pervert. Just the same as John said, "If you don't have the Son, you don't have the Father, and, if you don't have the Father, you don't have the Son."

65. So, what are all these Mohammedans, and all these people out there, the Buddhists all saying, "Oh, we've got God, Ramah; we've got Mohammed; we've got this; we've got Allah; we've got that."

The Son? Forget it. There's no light.

You see they have all changed the Word of God. We know that this is gnosticism. We know that this is what is going on. And therefore, we do not destroy the Word of God. We stick to the truth of the Word of God. And where an illustration is there, as Bro. Branham said, "*I must be careful lest I pervert the Word of God through illustration,*" we are able to know the truth in spite of what other men say about it.

66. Now, let's go, and let's go to the Bible. 1 Corinthians 13.

- (1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not (love),  
I become as sounding brass, (and) tinkling cymbal.

Bro. Branham was categorically asked, "What is this love?"

He said, "*That's the Holy Ghost.*" Did he not, or did he?

Now you know the tapes as well as I do, maybe even better. Many a time I've told you, God in threes. Bro. Branham used to say for a while, "*Omniscience omnipotence, omnipresence.*" He said, "*Nope, He's not omnipresent. He's omnipresent by omniscience and omnipotence.*" But God's in threes! Now the Bible says God is love! Bro. Branham said, "*It's Holy Ghost.*" I forget what tape it is. You'll find it. Don't even worry about your computers. They're so bogged down, it's pitiful. You can't find half the things you want to find. Maybe that ought to tell you something.

67. Now, let's read it.

- (1) Though I speak with the tongue of men and angels, and have not (the Holy Ghost), I am as sounding brass, (and) tinkling cymbal.
- (2) Though I have the gift of prophecy, understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and have all faith, (and can) remove mountains, and have not (the Holy Ghost) I am nothing.
- (3) Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my body to be burned, and have not (the Holy Ghost), it profit(s) me nothing.
- (4) (The Holy Ghost) suffer(s) long, (he's) kind; (the Holy Ghost) envie(s) not; (the Holy Ghost) vaunt(s) not itself, (he's) not puffed up,
- (5) (He) doth not behave (himself) unseemly, (doesn't even seek his own...)

Now he said, "her own." No problem there. He's also talking about the way people act as a Bride. When you got the Holy Ghost you're not going to seek your own. [The] church doesn't seek her own. She's not out there wanting this and wanting that. In other words she doesn't take a rigid position and stand up and cause a fight and a brawl and everything else, and takes a sword or anything. She just stands there, and says, "Well."

It's like when Bro. Branham said to Jack Plummer, "*Jack don't keep asking God for things. Just live the life and be a Christian. He'll give it to you.*"

I had a guy, one fellow says he really prayed to God—He wouldn't have had to send Bro. Branham. We didn't have to pray to God to send Bro. Branham. We didn't have to seek him. God just sent him. Tell me when Rebecca was out looking for Isaac. Or Rachel and Leah came hunting down Jacob. I can see the harlot on the corner doing it. But I can't see the sheep looking for the shepherd; I can see the shepherd looking for the sheep.

68. Now he says here:

- (6) (The Holy Ghost does not rejoice) in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;  
(Now that's sure the truth there.)
- (7) (He bears) all things, believe(s) all thing, hope(s) all things, endure(d) all things.
- (8) (The Holy Ghost can) never fail:

Now you can use that as an illustration, and that's fine. And you can relate it to people, that's very good. And you can have a lot of truth there. But I want to show you here that when you get to the definitive, you better realize that there is a principle with the definitive, and, if any time an illustration is used, it could lead you vastly astray and destroy you. That's what Bro. Branham was very worried about. What about the parables of Jesus? He explained them all. So, when a man has the Holy Ghost, a woman has the Holy Ghost, that person will act out, should act out and will act out, if he brings under his body, stands right there holding it up, as a sacrifice to God, that person will act out the Holy Ghost. And, when he does, he will not rejoice in iniquity, he'll only rejoice in truth; [he] will bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things, never fail, no matter what comes.

69. Now, watch:

- (8) ...whether (it) be prophecies, (they'll) fail; tongues, (will fail, they're going to) cease; knowledge, (will) vanish away.

Why? Because we have just a part. We have just a part. Now watch.

- (9) We know in part...
- (10) But when that which is perfect is come, (maturity, ripeness, complete fullness, finishing, it's all over, complete, the Alpha made Omega a hundred percent) then that which is in part (is) done away.

Seven Church Ages, seven Messages, all things are gone at the end time, because He Who is all things is here, and we have it all. And they said, "Well, what does it mean Bro. Branham 'That which is perfect is come'?"

He said, *"Who is perfect but God, and what is God but the Word? And by His grace we have the perfect revelation of the Word for this hour."* And Bro. Branham said, *"If God ever sends His power back in the church, it will be by grace and not by works. And it won't be by faith."*

70. So, what about praying for Bro. Branham? Or praying and God would have not had to send him? Tell me he didn't bring the power back in? Shall I read you Hebrews 6 over again; let you know what we had in this hour? Tasted of the good world to come, the heavenly gift, and the power of the ages, and that which is to come. We have it; we're in it. Gnosticism pervades and prevails in every church in the world where the Name of Jesus Christ, as Son of God, and God the Father, is recognized and spoken of to any degree whatsoever, except at the end time a little tiny Bride. And she is not gnostic; she is not agnostic. She is a believer. And they're the only ones that have Him. See?

Now, so it is almost utterly unbelievable. But in a gifted church, caught up in the thrall and excitement and church worship, worshipping God, they allowed the devil to so take over the people; they denied the lordship of Jesus, even called Him accursed, while all the while using spiritual gifts. See?

71. Now, let me try to finish it up. Satan in the midst of the church is still perverting Scripture, using the reasoning's to appeal to men as to what the Word really does mean. What I mean by that is Satan appeals to the senses as he did with Eve, in other words reasoning and these things that are out here, that you're going to observe, and say, "Well, if this is so that should be so." And they try to work it from the Bible. They try to get a revelation and a working system within their lives and their worship and say, "Well this is my tie post. This has got to be it." But every generation sees a drift, and there is no tie post there. See? So it was with Eve. The fruit was good to see. Makes one wise, opens one eyes, etcetera, etcetera. And so men today will take a Scripture that is foundational, and disregard it in favor of an illustration that comes out of it, and apply the illustration to life, and forget the basic premise.

Now that's what I did here in this chapter of 1 Corinthians, just to impress upon you that Bro. Branham said that "*God is love.*" and backed it with 1 Corinthians 13. I brought this out many times to you, other times. I can't remember exactly where it came from. But here you find it here God is love. And He brings us to this particular position.

But people will take what has been used as illustrative—that which has been derived from the original principle—and put within men, showing them that these are the ways of life and the conduct that is expected, because this is in the Holy Spirit, this is in God, then will be reproduced in a measure. Now remember, Bro. Branham said we sin a thousand times a day; we backslide; and so on. I appreciate that. I understand all these things. But there is in there, as Bro. Branham told us, Word upon Word until we become the stature of Christ, living and moving by God, as the Apostle Paul said, and William Branham could say, "I've been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I," see? "And the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me," and mentioning that every move that he made, in his ministry as a gifted ministry, was moved upon by God in order to be all of God.

(16) See, these people don't go that far. And in their production they have fooled people, and they're being fooled at this moment. Bro. Branham spoke concerning himself in illustrations. Paul used an allegory, but made sure the allegory was not doctrine, but simply an illustration. And when Jesus used parables, every time he dropped the... you know, the Word of God to the people, He would then hammer out the truth to them. In Matthew 13 we can see that. All right. And I can give you an example, which I just did, in 1 Corinthians 13, and in the last service, I brought you a portion of James 3. And in James 3, and I know you're getting impatient, and so am I. So we'll try to finish this to show you what I'm driving at here. In James 3, and I could take the whole Book and show you where there's a complete misunderstanding, and why even Luther called this the straw book. And it wasn't meant to be. Because men begin to take what is basic to people's conduct, and what should come out of a Christian's life. Not going back to the complete principles of Almighty God as to what is foundational, and then that which can come out of it, and whereby there's any perversion of your understanding, you'll drift right away from the basic understanding and take an illustration. Now I hope you're understanding what I'm saying. If you're not, we'll get to it.

(17) So, let's talk about it. Jas 3:8:

(8) But the tongue can no man tame; (it's) an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

(9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith (we) curse men, which are made after the similitude of God.

- (10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be.
- (11) Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
- (12) Can (a) fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
- (13) Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of (his) good (behavior) his works with meekness of wisdom.
- (14) But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

Now, hold it. He's right on Paul's ground. Paul in 1 Corinthians found them striving. There was bitterness. There was division. They were off the truth. This man is quoting Jesus, and illustrating from Matthew 7. Brambles can't produce figs, and figs don't produce brambles. Corrupt tree does not produce anything but corruption, and a good tree will produce that which is good. And there is a division there.

Now this man is showing you what a dual is; he's a hypocrite. Out of one side of his mouth he says the Word of God; the other side he's against the Word of God. Because that's the original precept given by Jesus that Paul called the wholesome, healthy words of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now this is what I'm preaching: Lee Vayle's understanding from principle. See?

74. So now:

- (15) (But) this wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
- (16) For where (there is) envying and strife, there is confusion and every evil work.

Isn't that the Corinthian Church? Where did it get it? It got it through gnosticism. Then don't tell me this is anything but gnosticism. The illustration is still there, like in 1 Corinthians 13. Certainly as people that belong to Jesus Christ, and having the Holy Spirit, we should be producing that which lies within the Holy Spirit as we give ourselves over to Him. And let Him operate through us whatever ministry lies within us. Now does Satan allow God to operate his ministry? He did for a while; he went from it. Did Jesus allow? Every single time He allowed it. Do you and I? I hope so all the time, but maybe a lot of times we don't. But there is this muddiness.

75. Now watch:

- (17) But the wisdom that is from above is pure...

And we went into that one time, showing that there is absolutely a purity—chemically pure! Now he's telling you: how can you have a mouth that's full of sensuality from the devil, and a mouth that's chemically pure? You can't do it. Then, I want to ask you tonight, how can you sitting here say anything but the Word of God that Bro. Branham brought us concerning any subject concerning anything? And tell me that you haven't got a dual mouth? I want to know why whole churches are dedicated to speaking in tongues and everything on the floor, and they're not dedicated to church condition as Bro. Branham brought it. How can people sit in pews where preachers lie to them?

76. Now It tells you. Here's a man that's doing both. James calls him a double-souled man. In "Spoken Word Is The Original Seed," Bro. Branham calls him a dual, which is a hypocrite.

So one guy's mouthing the Word, like the devil, at one time. "Yea hath God said you eat of this tree, and you'll die?" Perfect! Out of the right hand side of the mouth, there comes the perfect Word of God.

She said, "Yea, God hath said we can eat of every tree, but that tree there—die."

"Ah," he said, "God surely told you a lie." Other side of his mouth.

Do you believe Bro. Branham is a vindicated prophet and believe all this junk out there in the world? And you talk all that junk out there in the world? And it comes down to pinning the Word of God down—you don't know what Bro. Branham said. Like a woman sitting here some time ago. I told her to get out of the church. I'll be honest with you. Bro. Branham said, "*Lee*," he said, "*you're too tough*." He said, "*You'll uproot the wheat with the tares*," he said. That's why I'm not a pastor.

I'm going to tell you one thing: I don't believe I uprooted that tare, that root, that wheat. Because I said, "Bro. Branham said so and so."

She said, "I don't care what Bro. Branham said!"

Now, if that's wheat, I'm a tare, because I do care. And Bro. Branham's a tare. She didn't care what he said. But she, oh, believes Bro. Branham—believes Bro. Branham. She believes when it's convenient.

77. I'm going to tell you something. You don't know, but you're just one breath from death tonight; so am I. I want to ask you one question. How do you feel about it? Are you scared? Doesn't do any good to be scared. You're going to try to get better? Forget it. How are you going to get better? Can you get better than the part of God that's in you? Bro. Branham already told us, "*One day you're going to find that you always were saved. You never were lost*." What are you going to do about it? One time you speak the sensual things the devil puts in your mouth, like Eve, the next time it's the things of God. The Word of God says, "By your words you're justified, and by your words you're condemned." Not something I'm making up. See?

So, you can see right here, we can say, "Now just a minute, let me tell you something." You know, you've got a mighty big tongue, and you're boasting. One time you lie, even look people in the eye and lie. "Oh, I wouldn't do it, oh, no, no, no, no. ...?... Look you." That doesn't mean a thing. Turn right around and do something else. Now I'm going to tell you something. Nobody should do that. There shouldn't be bitter and sweet water in our mouth concerning a mouth of hypocrisy that says nice things about a person to his face, and rotten things behind his back. I admit that we shouldn't say that. That's illustrating what we're talking about here. I'm getting down to principle. See? I'm getting to principle. See? How can you being evil give good gifts? How could you and I being evil ever do anything but what the devil did? Talk out of both sides of the mouth: "Sure, God said it! Amen God said it! But I'm going to tell you about this. Hey, look, I know what God said, but I don't have to do it."

78. How many people don't pay tithes? They'll go back and tell you, "Tithes is under the law. I don't have to pay a nickel."

Bro. Branham said, "*If a man's born again, he will pay tithes*." And that's just a simple stupid thing anybody can do. One cent on every ten cents, every ten cents on every dollar belongs to God. It's not yours. It's not mine. It's God's! Both corners of the mouth. [Can the] man [be] full of the Holy Ghost? Forget it.

See, when you begin putting the ultimate definitive that Bro. Branham brought us, that's in the Word of God, where Bro. Branham brought out against his own former teaching, Matthew 7, where he said the evidence was love, that isn't so, because the evidence is not love. The Holy Ghost Himself is love. That's not evidence; that's essentiality. And he said, "*I was wrong*." And he used my name from the blue board

where he had the conversation. And he said, “*He showed me the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost was believing the Word for the hour.*”

And in my heart I was so happy, I said, “Amen.” And I was so happy that I forgot that he didn’t give us any Scripture. And I forgot he had nothing to stand on, and I was happy for standing on nothing. And one day I’m going down the road in my old Buick, and I said, “Oh I like that. That’s exactly true,” but it’s... Hold it, hold it. Where is the Scripture? And I, being sarcastic, heard a sweet little sarcastic voice inside of me say, “It’s in the Bible. Why don’t you look for it?” The very same thing Bro. Branham told me. He said, this, that, I said, “Bro. Branham, where is it in the Bible?”

“Oh,” he said, “*it’s in there, you can find it.*” ...?... I was mad. So God knew me, He took me at my own little stupidity. And he said, “*The Bible’s full of it. You can find it.*”

And I said, “Thank you, I’ll just do that. And the Bible’s full of it. Read the Book of John. You can’t miss it. START HERE 20SEP02#\$&\*#\$&#\*())\$&@\*()#\$

79. See, we’re looking at the ultimate. We’re looking at the definitive. And, when we do, every single thing must come to the definitive. As I showed you here, there’s no way that James can be in the Holy Ghost, and not somehow come to the same definitive that Jesus [did]. You cannot pick figs off of briars. Can’t do it. You’re dealing right there with a false prophet, with false god, you’re dealing with gnosticism; you’re dealing with death. You’re dealing with the devil. In the meantime it is true that we don’t spout lies and truth—nice, bad. We walk that line. But I’m trying to show you there is the highest of all. So, when I said the other day... Look, badmouthing is bad, because our conversation should always be polite and good, never commit ourselves beyond yea and nay. And that’s fine. I’m all for it. And we know that’s right, but I’m trying to show you what is behind it—what is behind it.

80. Now, when we see that, and let the Word of God as Bro. Branham said, “*Pile Word upon God,*” he said, “*You’ll be a living, moving statue of God.*” God help us to get there. I don’t know if I’m going to get there. I don’t know if you’re going to get there. I know one thing. By the grace of God we’ll get there through the perfection of the Blood of Jesus Christ, and the Word of Almighty God. Let those filled with the Holy Ghost receive a true revelation of the Word, and then, that Word fill their souls and minds and mouths. We will not be verses 15 and 16; that’s the sensual earthly wisdom. But we will be of the heavenly wisdom which comes from God. We have perverted all words, and they are just the end result of the original perversion. Thus, I say that as long as preachers simply preach against smoking, lying, stealing, etcetera, you are merely hitting at the attributes of sin and not sin itself, which is unbelief. And unbelief is against the Word of God. [It] ends in gnosticism, “Oh yeah, there’s a God, yeah. I believe this, oh that’s true,” and pervert the whole thing out of line, see? I’m grateful and happy for all of us to keep our lips and our tongues in a Christian-like way of life. And that’s good—the Christian-like way. Very good. But it is not eternal life; it is only good works. See?

81. The goal we have today as Christian believers not only is to attempt, as Luther called James the straw book, that we should bring ourselves under submission to a program of good works, a constant application of good behavior, a constant sifting of those things so that we can properly adjudicate(—Should we say it? Should we not say it?) Always being positive to lift up. Those things positively, my brother/sister, are true—absolutely true. But where are the people in Mal 3:16?

(16) Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: (They weren’t speaking to God! They were talking amongst themselves.) and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and thought upon his name.

(17) And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and (I’ll) spare them, as a man spare(s) his own son that serve(s) him.

- (18) Then shall ye return, and discern between righteous(ness) and wicked, (wickedness and righteousness, and those that serve God and those that don't serve him.)

And the returning is today under this Message. Are we constantly in line with this Message and this Word? [Are we] saying everything the prophet said, believing it, and at the same time walking in a meekness of spirit!? And a meekness of spirit, my brother/sister, is not the ultimate! That can be a wolf in sheep clothing! The ultimate is the Word! Then, out of that spirit comes forth that spirit of meekness, where Paul said, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And that moderation is that line that many people take, and they take as the ultimate. That is not the ultimate. That is a product of the ultimate. I want the ultimate—to have the product. I want Christ, the Holy Spirit, in my life, not a gift of the Holy Spirit. Not even nice manners, not even a gentle subdued way, looking like a sheep. I want to be essentially a sheep. And that's what we're talking about today, getting back to essentiality, which is your and my soul, which is a part of God, which will respond to this Word.

Now I've taken a long time. I'm sorry I did, but I'm not sorry, because I got this part finished. Because tomorrow morning, by the will of the Lord, we'll get on to what we want to get on to, but before we read a Scripture, let's bow our heads and pray.

Heavenly Father, I pray tonight that nothing has been said to disturb people to the extent that they are upset with themselves as though they were believing wrong, rather Lord, trying to establish what is right and going on in truth. And I pray Lord if anything was said, amiss or remiss, You'll give us the light to correct it so people will truly understand what we are dealing with, as principle of THUS SAITH THE LORD, and that which can come out of that, which is therein, and that which also can be misunderstood, as though it itself were the ultimate. And we pray Lord that this shall not be so, but we will begin to put our lives together in the order of which we see in the Word tonight, hopefully, and believing that this is the order that You desire, for those people that are truly reborn of the Spirit of Almighty God, and the seed of God, will come forth even as shown forth in this Word. And we know Lord that some will shine brighter than others, we understand that, because there are those who have become more submissive to Your Spirit, even as we saw in Bro. Branham. Help us to be submissive to the truth that the truth might come through us and we shine forth as gems in Your crown, that's what we want. That You hear our conversation and You are blessed by it, and You put Your mark upon us. O God this is what we desire above anything in the world, and unto You we give glory in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Communion Service

1. Well, the Scripture coming to my mind, of course, is over here in 1 Corinthians again, for the Lord's Supper, and we will be engaged in it, in a moment, and of course we also look at the Scripture here where Paul says, 1 Cor 11:23.

- (23) I received of the Lord that which I (also) delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
- (24) And when he had given thanks, he (broke) it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- (25) (And then he said,) the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

(26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew (forth) the Lord's death till he come(s).

And remember, Jesus also added to that that they would drink it anew with Him in the Kingdom.

2. Now this Scripture here that I read substantiates exactly what I talked about tonight. There is no change in the revealed Word of God. You can do what you want with It. You can say, "Well, this is the Blood of Jesus Christ. This is the body." It doesn't say that it is. That's wrong. It doesn't say that at all. You could say, "Well, I don't see any need to eat the bread, and drink the Blood or the wine, for this reason, we have the Holy Ghost, we have this Word, we don't need that."

Oh you could also go ahead and say, "Well I understand that the Rhema-Logos came down, Jehovah-Elohim came down. He's here; so now it's all over. We don't take it."

Or you say, "Well now, He's here, this is the Millennium."

You see what you can do? You can go... Like I've gone what? Five different ways already. About five different ways. And I've got no way to go except the right way! Take it, do it, and you'll do it later on again. Right? That's exactly what it is. Why fool with it?

3. So we're not gnostics. They were gnostics back there when they took it. They made a feast. "Oh," they said, "hey, we're going to have a love feast." Find that in the Bible! This is a feast unto death and resurrection! Well, come on. That's all; let's face it. That's no love feast. The love feast is yet to come. Sure, in the great marriage supper of the Lamb, crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. But they made a love feast. So what did they do? Why they brought in all kinds of food. The rich people dressed in their finery. With their great big pots of lovely... oh you know, beautiful food. Poor people come in, dressed humbly with a crust of bread, pretty soon the poor people felt they didn't belong. And the rich people were sure they didn't belong. Well you had a caste system. You had a defilement. Now, hey! They were talking about the blood and the body! Right? Sure, it's in the Bible. But they're all wrong. And they all came together, and when they did it, they left in worse shape than when they came. Wonderful. You go sit in the pew where they're against this Word, keep sitting there, every time you come, you go out in worse shape than when you came. Wonderful! You sit in the pew where the Word of God's being preached, you go out in better shape than when you came in. Better still.

4. Now don't tell me it doesn't work, because it does work. Come on, I know better than that. I know the Scripture. Hey, I've been preaching for roughly sixty years, come on kid. I've preached series that have been fabulous, not because I say so, because people could lay down their crutches, get out of wheelchair, walk off. Don't even pray for them. Let God do the work by His Word. No problem. Oh yeah, it says right here that Paul took what God gave him, and he didn't put any ifs, ands, or buts, or dress it up with embellishment, he didn't do what the Latter Rain do, take a loaf of bread and ... [End of side one of the second audio tape.] ...pass it around, break a piece off. And then, turn around and drink grape juice. Pfft. Grape juice spoils. Wine is the juice of the grape that comes to a state that is palatable and is right for the occasion. And old wine is what has the best savor. Wedding ...?... proves that.

5. So now, I ask you a question. Would you sooner have some new wine, that isn't really fit for consumption, all this talk about the communion, take a loaf of bread, break it, say it means this, say it means that? Or would you simply have the old wine that's the best of the works—the real good stuff: the mellow, the tested, the proven, the right. Well, it's right here. It says, "Hey, I want to tell you something. I got this straight from God."

The night Jesus was betrayed He instituted the Lord's Supper. He took some bread and broke it, and He said, "Here, take and eat this. This represents my broken body which will soon be broken." Now He said, "Drink this wine. This represents my Blood that is about to be shed. Now you do this till I come. It

represents my death, my resurrection, and all the other elements in the Word that belongs to it.” And He said, “Now you just do that.”

6. Now It says right here, “If you eat this bread and drink this unworthily, you’ll be guilty.” Now what’s an unworthy servant? An unfaithful steward. Right? That’s what he is; Bible says so. The unfaithful steward. The unfaithful servant. Now. Why was he unfaithful? Because he took what his master had and used it wrongly, either for himself, or against the master, or against the order of which it should have been done. He was a wastrel; there was something there that just didn’t jibe.

Now how can you and I, then, not simply take the elements for what the Bible says and believe it, and say, “This is it.” And everything that lies within it in the simplicity of this order is ours, we benefit. And remember no Word of God is without power, and no Word of God returns to Him void. How much then when a Word is fulfilled in you and me goes back to God and the pleasure of God is ours tonight.

7. So that’s what we’re looking at: Communion. Don’t change it. Don’t give it a meaning that’s not there. Just don’t do that. And examine yourself, and that examination Bro. Branham said, those that are full of the Holy Ghost take Communion. Do you believe that the Word of the hour is what you live on? That no message outside of this has any life. This is what counts. I know this narrows it down, but that’s not my responsibility. If I exclude myself by this Word of God, or this Word of God excludes me, I’m not part of It. That’s beyond my control. But by the grace of God, because we are so inured and so caught up in this Word, I believe we’re a part of It tonight. We have every right to partake of these emblems, calling ourself a part of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, worthily drinking, because we understand, have our faith, and exhibit it in the areas in which it can be exhibited by every man, because all men have not the same gifts—just where God has placed us. We’re faithful where He has placed us. We can drink unto ourself that which comes forth, healing and all those things which have been represented here. We are saying yes to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Shall we rise at this time and brethren come forth and serve the emblems, and we’re going to also have foot-washing. Shall we bow our heads, then, as we ask the Lord to bless these elements that are here before us.

Heavenly Father, as we partake of these elements we plead in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ that the perfection that comes by the Blood, scattering sin until there be no evidence thereof, be our portion this evening hour. And wherein, Lord, we have failed You in our conduct in many ways to give not place to the Holy Spirit in our lives, to be those servants of Yours, Lord, in the positions You’ve placed us, we pray You do forgive us, and by Your grace, Lord, with the help You give us, which we know You withhold not from us, to do better in the days to come. Help us, Lord, in our relationship to every person in this universe here, that we have grace and faith and goodness toward all men, and leave all judgment in Your hand, Lord, and keep our hands off of everyone, in any way concern Lord, unless we put our finger where You alone have the right to come.

So Father help us now to be isolated unto You and Your Word, Lord, in Your Word, so that we become now so moved by Your Spirit that we as a body, recognize the body, recognize the love, recognize our union, recognize You in our midst, recognize You as our head, and each one of us, Lord, as that special part of the Bride of Jesus Christ. We give You glory, Lord, as we partake. And may there not be any profanity or any profaning amongst us, but only the purity of the Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of Almighty God Himself. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.