

Stewardship #7

From Eternity to Eternity
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Heavenly Father, we want to thank You again for the privilege of coming into this house that You have given us, Lord, as our home office, or base, of worship. And we invite You here that we might be in Your presence and, also, that You might teach us Your Word more accurately and within greater depth. And may It penetrate every cell of our being, especially deep down into the soul, into the mind, Lord, into the spirit, so that we might be truly sanctified in our soul and in our spirit, in our hearts and minds, and even in our bodies as vessels of the Holy Ghost, temple, sons of God.

So Father we just commend ourselves to You in our study and, praying for Your help and knowing if You give us help then all is well. And we believe even as John said, "If we ask anything concerning Your Will, You hear us. And, if we know You hear us, we know we have the petition we desired of You." So Lord, we know we have the desire of our hearts answer tonight. That You will show us clearly Your way and an understanding, in a way, Lord, that will penetrate in the darkest recesses, if we have any recesses of darkness within our lives, bringing us into real great and beautiful light as we serve and worship You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now into the subject of "Stewardship", we're going to be, actually, not digressing, (It's still a part of our study.) but we're going to be looking at what I might term as "from eternity to eternity." And, of course, we're looking at the fact in the beginning, when God was Holy Spirit by Himself, all alone, He was, as you could say, "All and in all," on the grounds, of course, of the potentiality that, if anything were to come forth, it would have to come forth from God and by God. And, then, at the end time, of course, we have the omega where God becomes "All and in all."

And, of course, that "All and in all," would be the fruition and complete harvest of the seed that lay within God Himself, because God is definitely a Sower and a Reaper. Remember, in the parables we found that out. It said, "You reap where you don't even sow." In other words God would be exacting a judgment. So there's nothing that's really away from God and apart from God. God is very tremendously and marvelously sovereign.

2. So as we think, then, "from eternity to eternity," there is a time within that. And that time, of course, goes way back to the place, which is pre-Ps 2:7. And we are all familiar with it. It's strange--actually not so strange--but it's right in the book of Psalms, written by David. And, of course, you understand that David is a type of the prophet king, King Jesus. And so, it's not strange, on the grounds, then, that we actually have this in Psalm 2, because Psalm 1 is talking, "Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly." [Ps 1:1] That's a real, tremendous son of God. Even as John said, "A son of God cannot sin, because he's born of God, and His seed remaineth in him." [1 Jn 3:9]

And then, in here, of course, we find in this Psalm 2 [] this tremendous generation, which is also said in the Psalms concerning Jesus, referring to Isaiah, who said, "He didn't have an earthly seed, but he shall see his seed," and It says, "A generation shall be given him for a seed." And this is this tremendous generation that actually keeps coming down, down, down, as the children of God. So Ps 2:7: "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee."

3. Now, just before that was said, there was nothing but God. Now, of course, you say, “Nothing but God...”

We don’t mean that God is inferior, or by Himself was sort of a non-entity. We don’t mean that. We just simply mean that God—period. And you have no place to go, no place to run, no place to hide, nothing to come from, nothing to think. It’s just God, right there, all alone, “All and in all.” He was everything.

4. Now just at a certain moment comes forth this Son. And the Son, born of God, because he’s a part of God, God says, “Thou art My son, this day have I started My generations in thee.” Now I don’t like the Scripture translation that simply says, “This day have I begotten thee.” Well the point is: what did He beget him for? See? What is it all about? It’s, “This day have I started My generations in thee.” And you read your Bible and, if you can’t see generations, you’ve got worse cataracts on your eyes spiritually than I’ve got on mine physically. Because generation, generation, generation taken from Jesus, goes all the way back to Adam. [It] goes all the way back to God. Where does that come from? Comes right down from the Son. And we’ll get to that as we get into Ephesians.

So you see here, “This day have I begun My generation.” Now this is the start of time. Before that, there was actually no time, because God is eternal. Even though Jesus himself is eternal, he was not separate, as you and I were not separate, even from Adam way back, and even from Christ, bringing on down till our time of separation and manifestation, which Bro. Branham said that a normal birth, which is based upon predestination, election, and predestination, is a whole lot tougher to fathom and understand than just a virgin birth, where the created seed and egg was there and—no time at all—nine months, period of gestation, [a] son comes forth. That’s just as simple as A-B-C. It’s just like cloning, you can...

Actually, do you realize that cloning is much simpler than a birth, because these people just manipulate the DNA and the egg and stuff and—whoop-de-do—they got it. The Bible distinctly says that one of the greatest mysteries of all times is how a baby is formed in the womb. So we’re looking here at in... What I’m trying to show you, in my understanding, time begins right here, when... From the All and in all, began moving down, God into manifestation as to sons, creation, every single thing else, where it’s moving now in a cycle, until you go right back, [and] everything is handed back to the Father, and He become[s] “All and in all.” And with this, I say, this great manifestation of God’s particular children.

5. So all right, Ps 2:7 we go over here to Hebrews 1, which is one of my favorites. It’s so fabulous.

It says here, second verse, “Hath in these last days spoken unto to us in Son, (And that’s the Son of God.) whom he hath appointed heir of all things.” Notice He appointed him heir.

Now he just wasn’t heir of all things by virtue of being the Son of God, even though we later on find that the First-begotten is a joint heir with his Father, and he’s equal with Him. That’s what the Jews understood, when Jesus said he was the Son of God. They said, “Well, you make yourself God.” They understood the law of the birthright.

6. But, when you’re dealing with a person who is a testator, or he’s the owner of, in this case, the Universe (which wasn’t even there at that time, just God and the Son talking), He makes a declaration. And He actually makes an appointment of this one to be His heir. And right here you can see stewardship. Can’t you? It’s simple as A-B-C. There’s an appointment. He’s given an office; he’s given substance—great substance. The Bible often tells of the Son with great substance. So here we find him with this great substance. He’s appointed heir of all things by whom he made, not the ‘worlds,’ but the ‘ages.’

7. So right in here now, you can see where I'm coming from. "This day thou art My son, I have begotten you, you are the beginning of My generations and I have made it now so that you are heir of all things and by you also are the ages." Well eternity is not ages; eternity is eternity. [It] doesn't have a beginning and an end. Now, when you talk about ages, then, and these periods, you're talking about a time, where time and eternity are actually blended together, and time is taking precedence, because all eyes are now upon this particular period of time that we see that the birth of the Son to the end time, when it's handed all back and the Father [Who] becomes "All and in all." Do you see what I'm driving at? Ok, so we go a little further.

8. Now, this is not Col 1:13 where the... Well, we'll just look at it because, you know. I'm a very poor quoter of Scripture. I thank God I can know where it is. And it says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:" So now it's not the kingdom now at this time, he's heir to it all, but he actually comes in to the time of kingship which, you can't miss it, it's going on even now because he's on the Father's throne, but there has to come a time when he will be king, speaking of now from David, from thy flesh, descended now, the Son of God, and he will be King, the prophet King, that David typed.

So, It says right here now, we've been translated, brought over from Satan's kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of His dear Son. And also, we find over here in 16, where it says, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and in earth, invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities," [Col 1:16] and so on and so forth down the line. (I should have just read the whole thing together there, but it's all right.)

9. And then, also, with that we go into Eph 3:9, whatever It is. Yeah, "To make all men see the mystery of the fellowship... To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." So, it's what we were was not looking at the specific creation and the specific kingdom, we were simply looking at the fact that this one here, way back there, was foreordained as the Son of God to take this over. So that's the thing we're looking at.

And as I said a while ago, the same quoting [1 Cor 15:27-28:

(27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he said, all things are put under him (now he's talking about the son), it is manifest that he is left out that put all things under him. (So it's somebody's putting everything under the feet of Jesus.)

(28) And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

So, you see what we're looking at here.

10. Now it appears that Ps 2:7, "this day thou art my son," according to what we read in Colossians here, the first chapter, verse 13, is to have this kingdom of which we've already spoken, delivered us into the kingdom of His dear son. Now, you know, a king, of course, is a ruler and he's the head of the kingdom. Okay.

Now with that we had Ephesians 3, which we read concerning the fact that he is the great Creator. Now to putting this together at the time that Ps 2:7 comes into being, "This day have I begotten thee, this day have I started my generations in thee, you are my son." Of course, Scripture tells he's the Only-begotten Son. He's the Son of God in a way that no other person is the son of Almighty God. And at that time, the door was now opened for him to be the creator and all those other things.

But at that particular time, in my estimation and understanding of Bro. Branham, he was that light that appeared. And that is all we know at that particular time. But in him and the plan of God was what we've already mentioned: creation, a kingdom, and all these other things, which play a part of time. See? Giving God a chance in his great drama to play the certain roles that He wants to play and bring them out the way He wants them to bring them out.

11. [] Also It tells us here that this one, according to Paul the Apostle, who understood these things from God Himself, that in him the fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily. Now he was that firstborn one. So now being a firstborn one, it would be necessary that he would, then, from this point on, bring forth all firstborn ones.

Now you say, "Well, if he's the firstborn, the others wouldn't be firstborn on the grounds that they're coming after him, because the firstborn means the first one that came out. The others, then, follow."

But you see, we're looking beyond that, we're looking beyond the fact that there is the truth that Jesus was not only the firstborn of Almighty God, called the Only-begotten, but he was the firstborn from the dead. And, when you're the firstborn from the dead, he became a first fruit. And a first fruit means there's a whole lot more just like him.

So all of these that were coming from him would have to go through a certain process that would elevate them to the same status as Jesus, because, on the grounds, we come forth with bodies exactly identical to him. Now that remains a mystery in a sense of the word, but it's no great mystery. Now I say these things because I look down the line from the viewpoint way back in eternity, the starting of time, trying to put them together so we can keep our thoughts in a proper order.

12. Now remember, when Jesus said, "Lo, a body hast thou prepared for me." When was that said? It could've been said... Well, if you prepared a body for me, it had to be spoken way, way before the time back in the Psalms, and certainly shown forth in the Book of Isaiah, and also other great references in the Scripture, that that was a prophetic utterance. And it was also, then, the dialogue and the conversation with the Father and the Son, as the Father shared His knowledge with the Son. And he said, "Lo, a body hast thou prepared for me." That's written hundreds of years before he ever had a body. So what are we looking at when we find that?

It is now also a part of time where this one will now have a body like unto ours, because that is what you're looking at. The body that came forth in the beginning, which was light; that is not it. The body, which came forth, that Jesus identified with and manifested through, Michael an archangel; that was not it. But you're looking at the body that was made for the suffering of death, the identification with these sons who were in him, and he the firstborn, the firstborn from the dead, we also coming from God and born, now come forth like him. So now you have a beautiful bride just like the husband, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we are looking at.

13. Now after all this takes place, of course, you understand, which we've already told you, that it's all going to be handed back to God with the full manifestation of what came forth with God in time and going on to eternity because there's nothing after the Rev 22:21¹ where you see the Holy City. And Bro. Branham capped it all off by saying the Lamb is on the throne, the Bride is all around it with the attendants, the foolish virgin all out there by the millions, for all we know, billions, who knows, we don't know, and the pillar of fire above the throne, and before they call He answers. And that's what we find in the book of Corinthians, He becomes all and in all, because everything was subjected to Jesus and put in subjection. And that's what's going on right now: everything is being put in line, in subjection, so that Jesus can reign through the millennium, come back, and be at the White Throne when all these other things are taking place. So ok...

¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

14. Now in eternity, then, there was a spirit being. Now we left a little time lag in here, from eternity into time, and time down to the end, swinging back into eternity; and Bro. Branham said they blended again. So therefore, if they've blended back there, that's alpha; and if they blend back here, it's omega. It's all over. Do you follow what I'm trying to get across? This is not easy, and I don't have two or three blackboards here to kind of help, so you've got to kind of visualize. Okay.

So then, back in eternity, we have eternal Spirit, who is omniscience, love, and omnipotence. And time begins with Ps 2:7. See? That's what we're looking at. Now looking, then, at a little resumé here: the faithful God, because here is where the faithfulness of God starts: this day have I started my generations in you; and, if I have started my generations in you, I will end them in you. And he does. There's only those seed of Adam that God placed in Adam coming through Jesus where the Scripture says, even as all died in Adam, in identical manner, they[re] made alive in Christ.

In other words it wasn't your choice and mine. Neither at the end is it our choice. It is the predestinating God, Who is love, Who is omniscient and omnipotent. And, as Paul said, they came against him when he preached predestination, and they said, "Why, who hath resisted His will?" [Rom 9:19] "Who cares? Who cares?" When you talk about God, you don't talk about resisting, you talk about bowing down. Satan was the guy that resisted. Anybody [that] resists is going to find themselves demortalized. I can tell you that. All right.

15. Now at this time of the covenant making and the covenant keeping God with His Son, certain things came forth, which, like, for instance, "I have sworn thou art a priest after the order of Melchisedec."

"Oh, just a minute now. A priest—what in the world is a priest?"

A priest is someone who stands before God and, accordingly, for himself and those that he represents, now representing them to God, stands before Him—between Him and them; and whatever is necessary, he is able to perform just exactly what God wants. And thereby, there is a beautiful picture of harmony and sympathy and love and everything's going to get worked out. See? Now that's your looking down; just that one thing.

Then he says, "I and the children that thou gavest me."

Well then, now, God must have given him all of His children. See? Then, Jesus himself said, in the Book of John, "All that the Father hath given me will come to me; and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out." [Jn 6:37] He said, "They're in my Father's hands." And he said, "There isn't anybody can pluck them out of my Father's hand." [Jn 10:29] And you know as well as I do, when you get it right down to brass tacks, that the Father's hand was Jesus. They came out of him [and] became beings, physical from spiritual entities; we've talked about that too.

16. Now they go right back again just as Jesus was in the bosom of the Father, which is the harbor, which is the love, which is the care. See? So, it is that you and I also are carried in the bosom of God. Absolutely. Harm cannot touch us—physical things, yes. We could starve; we could die; we could have our heads taken off; we could be boiled in oil; we could die with cancer. It doesn't matter what happens. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, and the love of God is predestinating love.

How you going to miss it? If you and I miss it, then, God missed it. Come on; let's be honest. You think God's got some little stupid target practice going on? Oh God have pity. It's no way that God will ever miss. Then again, as It says, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ all are made alive." [1 Cor 15:22] See? That goes back to the Book of Isaiah, chapter 53, and other varied points of Scripture.

17. So you can see here the first thing we're looking at, when it comes to time, is complete stewardship of God, the faithful God. Now just a minute here now, let's understand what 'faithful God' means. God

cannot be faithful to God as though, "...?... I'm God, and I'm looking at myself to keep myself God. Oh, I got to see this part is God and that part is God, the other part is God. I got to see this action is God and that action is God." Forget it: God is God.

So the faithful God is not being faithful to Himself, it's what He sets forth from Himself which is the Word, "This day thou art My son, I have started My generations in you." And He finishes those generations in him. Are we not the body of Jesus Christ and everyone put in there? You can see you cannot misunderstand these things.

So He is the covenant keeping, He is the faithful God, and all things are going to be put under the feet of Jesus in this time element of eternity and then it's all going to be handled back to the Father.

18. So, we begin to make some notes here. I hope I can get at least half way through. I don't know. Now, at the beginning of time... Number one is Ps 2:7 [and] other Scriptures such as Heb 1:2. "This day I have begotten thee. You are the beginning of My generation." And in Philippians 1, [Bro. Vayle then reads Eph 1:3-4]

- (3) Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ:
- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world.

Now therefore, even before there was a speck of stardust, and the foundation of the world, before there was any of these things, the covenant already was true: "I begun My generations in you." Therefore he must have contained all the generations. He had to. Well didn't Adam as far as the human seed is concerned? What about serpent? What about dogs and cats? See? According to nature and God, nature runs in continuity, everything must go in continuity. So all right.

19. Now the next thing we remember is creation comes on the scene. In creation, we find that according to Col 1:13, rather 16, "All things were created by him," every single one. "For by him were created all things, no matter visible, invisible, thrones, principalities." That's why he said in there, by him, he created the ages. So, as Bro. Branham said, when you open the whole picture up panoramically, "*It's been Christ all the time.*" See? The unveiling of him in understanding is the unveiling of God. God's not manifesting through cherubims now. He left that a long time ago. For two thousand years now to the Gentile church, he's been manifesting right down through the Word of the living God; and thousands of years before that he was doing it also.

20. So now, also, we mentioned in Ephesians 3, we also have the fact that he was the creator of all these things upon earth, and nothing was made without him. And then also, in Colossians 1... say I don't think I need that one there. In Heb 2:8, I think we've got one back in here. Yeah, "Thou has put all things un... all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet the all things under him." So we see here, that by reason of creation, which God did through him and he is heir to all things, we have to realize that it's at creation that, at this particular time following Ps 2:7, creation comes in, and we have the beginning of what we now see into full manifestation, what we know to have transpired in covenant and promise with the Son, because there's no such thing as a plan that was not in God. There is no such thing.

21. So all right. Creation takes place. The heavens and the earth begin to form, according to Bro. Branham, after the chaos that was seen there. He describes it, how that Jesus, the light—the Son—playing around like the Father's throne, created the great whirling mass of the sun, universes up there; a part flew off the sun, came here, became our earth, cooled down. Then, you see the glacial ages and all the things that Bro. Branham talked about, even relating some of it to America.

Now, at the time of creation, all creatures known as spirit beings are created. And we don't have any problem understanding that God, through Christ Jesus, made every single thing at that time. So all right.

22. The next thing we notice that the spirit of love, omniscience and omnipotence, has become Elohim. It become Elohim, which means the great Self-Existent One, because He is very definitely Almighty God and beside Him there was not any. He was the "All in all" and, as I say again, once all this transition is gone through this period, He becomes "All in all" again. In other words, although all this is here and everything in Divine Order from the New Jerusalem into the very eternities, there is no way that you can ever bypass God.

And this is one thing that the Trinitarians just don't seem to understand: that Lamb on the Throne is not God. He never was, and he never will be. He's a god in the sense that he can be worshipped, like Bro. Branham said, "*You can worship a piano.*" Now, not comparing a piano to Jesus, just trying to show you a play on words. See? But he is worthy of praise and worship and adoration.

And in the Resurrection, when they held him by the feet, he never said you can't worship me. It isn't as though he can't be worshipped, and only in that sense is he God. But remember, it's always, "Blessed be the God a Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." And the term 'God' always precedes the term of 'Father.' In other words, there's no way... You can do what you want about it but, let's face it, the God of Adam supercedes and was over Adam. And even right today, you can see the head of the woman is man, and the head of man is Christ, and the head of Christ is God. And Jesus is the head of the church, physically and totally in the respect of what God wanted, but above him is God.

Like you see over the Lamb on the Throne of New Jerusalem and over the Lamb the Pillar of Fire. You can't get away from it. There is no vague and stupid terminology in the Bible. It is merely the stupidity of people who let their eyes be blinded by Satan. And that's exactly what the Bible said, "They're blind." And they're using their fingers for Braille, their senses, and they're completely out of the picture entirely. No, they're blind, just like what the Pharisee said to Jesus: "Are we blind?"

He said, "If you hadn't of said, "we see," I'd a forgiven you. But now your sin remaineth." In other words a blind man telling you he can see when he stepped off a curb and get hit by a car? He['s] got a white cane or a seeing-eye dog or somebody leading him, [and] he says, "Well I'm fine, I can see."

You know, it shows you the terrible height of depravity.

23. Now, next you want to realize this: in Elohim was hidden, but not revealed, even in Scripture back there at that first few chapters of Genesis, came later on down at the time of Abraham, and then later on at the time of Moses. In Elohim was hidden Jehovah. And at the times of the Son's birth Jehovah is declared, but it wasn't declared in the knowledge as it was declared in Revelation 13, where It tells you the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. So all right.

Already now we have, though not revealed at that particular moment... Remember Abraham called Him Jehovah. Then God said to Moses, "By My name Jehovah was I not known." [Ex 6:3] So in Him was the name Jehovah. And when you find Jehovah, which means 'Jehovah-Savior', (It was 'Joshua' in the Hebrew and 'Jesus' in the Greek.) is 'Jehovah-Savior'. So Jehovah has several complex titles in there, and one of them is the healer, is the savior. He's peace and these others--our sanctification and those various ones.

So now He has to be known at that time as Jehovah, because redemption is already outlined and there hasn't been one single person who has fallen. Now not even Satan; he's a spirit being. He's a Cherubim. So now, at the time before Gen 1:2,² where we're talking about the earthly creation—we have in heaven a

² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

government or a theocracy where God is ruling. That's why Jesus said, Pray that the kingdom of God come to earth, and thy will would be done in earth as it is in heaven. And remember, after Satan was kicked out and only the good angels and the beings were there, the Will of God was done perfectly in perfect harmony.

24. So all right. In the heavenly Government of theocracy there's, number one: Elohim. Number two is the Son which is born of God and a part of God. Number three; there are spirit creations as a product of omniscience and omnipotence. So these creatures were made absolutely according to wisdom and not just strength. And they're made also in the understanding of love.

So all right now, then, at that time, we have worship instituted. And the worship is in heaven by the angelic creations that God has made.

25. So [], at that particular time, then, God is manifested in and through the Seraphim and Cherubim. That's the first ones we look at. Then, the order would appear as follows: Cherubim and Seraphim. Now the reason I believe that the Seraphim, though mentioned in Isaiah, are not inferior to, but below status of the Cherubim, is because Satan was a cherub, and he was the highest order of all outside of the Son. So therefore, in ranking with God, would be the Son of God, and in ranking would be: Lucifer, then the Seraphim, then the archangels, and then the angels.

26. So, now we see worship is constituted as (a) the Son, (b) the created creatures--the spirit beings. Under Son, we find the Son is manifested through the archangel Michael. And we see Lucifer, on the other hand, is a cherub. And they're leading in the heavenly worship of all the hosts at that particular time.

Now, under the Son, and at the same time, at that particular period, it would be under the joint leadership of Michael and Lucifer. And under them at that time then, will be what Bro. Branham said, *"We came just like Jesus,"* or *"He came just like us, except for one thing."* And that was, we cannot remember our spirit or Word bodies, which Jesus well remembered, which, according to the Book of John you see it thoroughly outlined that he did remember the glory that he had at that time. I think that's perhaps, in John 12.

27. So, if you go to the Book of Job 38:7, and he says, "When the morning stars sang together, (In other words, where were you?) and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Okay, the word 'sons' leave no doubt whatsoever. We have no problem there at all. That is, when you talk about just sons, they're sons [].

When you come to the word 'stars', of course, you can have a little more of a problem. But, if you go to Heb 11:12, you can find a little bit about those stars. And it says in verse 12, "Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and the sands by the seashore innumerable." So you can't count the actual descendants. And those descendants, of course, (And never forget.) are absolutely typed in two people that came from the loins of Abraham: one was Isaac and the other was Ishmael, though Ishmael came forth first. And he was the wrong seed. Just the same as the Garden of Eden; Eve had to stick her nose in and mess things up, so Sarah had to do the same thing. And we'll get to 'stewardship' on that question a little later on.

[] That's one of my problems. I was studying so hard on that this afternoon, having made my notes up yesterday, it's very hard for me to get my thinking together, because I'm trying to go two sermons at one time and it's not easy, believe me. If you don't believe it, try it sometime. Okay.

28. Now the pre-existent sons absolutely are there. Let's go again to 1 Corinthians 15 and find out if it is not so. And certainly it's so, not because I'm telling you; but the fact is, it's right here in the Bible. All right, in 1 Cor 15:41. []

- (41) There is one glory of the sun, another of the moon, another the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.
- (42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption:

In other words, coming from the earthly body, and we can be numbered as the sands of the sea physically, there is within each child of God the Divine Life of God Himself to be one of those stars. So you see, we are looking at the stars.

There is also a place in one of the Old Testament books, and you'll find there also mentioned that the children of Israel were called stars. I can't quite place it, it could be in the Book of Exodus, I'm not sure, I could look it up for you though. It's definitely there.

29. Now, let's go and look at something else now. And we're going to find this, and this is going to be really the same thing that Bro. Branham said. When he talked about pre-existence, he also talked of angels and certain other things. In Jude 13, "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out there own shame; wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." The blackness of darkness, wandering stars.

Let's go to 2 Pet 2:12.

- (12) But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things they understand not, shall utterly com... perish in their own corruption;
- (13) And receive the reward of unrighteousness.

Now, when you're looking at all of these, you're still looking at 'stewardship'. You're still looking at sons with responsibilities. You're looking at other creation forms with responsibility. Even as God took on responsibility to His Own stewardship, Jesus the same, every single entity—bar none—has had a place in this universe, and every one responsible--every one. Stewardship is a very tough subject; it takes us all.

30. That's what we see back there in the [] days of creation, before man was put upon earth here, and the earth itself was also completely... the universe and all, started... to bring in to being... [End of side one of the first audio tape.]

Now, next you'll see war in the heavens because of Lucifer. And remember the word 'Lucifer' means 'light,' comes from the word 'lux', meaning 'light'. He was a light holder, and he perverted the light.

Now Michael put Satan to rout. He's cast out of heaven. Then in Gen 1:26, God says to Jesus, "Let's make man in our image." And so now He has Adam and Eve in the garden. The next thing, Lucifer comes down to Eden and causes the downfall of the two sons of God, or the two children of God, the born ones of God. So now you have a split. You have the same vine; one with it's roots in God, one with its roots in creation, both in offices, both here to worship.

31. Now let's begin to understand this. This is why Bro. Branham categorically said, "*Communism is not a religion.*" What you're dealing with is religion. And you can't turn anywhere without finding religion. As I said on more than one occasion, you simply don't find atheists. You find a few idiots that claim they're atheists.

32. By the way, have you noticed. I think it's in Time; there's a little article there. They've got Adam and Eve there with a little fig leaves on them--little vines on them. And now they've found [] that what

they thought was a little salamander discovered in Israel a long time ago, a doctor of science from Edmonton, Alberta and another person took a further look, and it wasn't a salamander; it was a serpent with legs. And so they're now making a little light of the Bible, "I guess it was a serpent then..."

Oh God have pity; little legs on a stupid little serpent... That's not it at all. God took the legs plumb off the serpent. It was a boa constrictor, he's got remnants of hips right now. My, my. But you see, everything Bro. Branham said is being proven by science to their own folly, because they're not paying attention to anything.

And the same thing about that car I was telling you about, how they're just waiting for the road for that egg-shaped car, uncontrolled, no driver, just controlled outside. I got little Becky Branham-Smith's article the other day. And she found an article I didn't know existed. I told you the road was being prepared, but she said the road is all but prepared, and it's near San Diego. And in August, they're going to have the car on it, completely controlled.

That gives two visions left, and you don't care two bits about the burning over of America any more than I do. And you don't care two bits either about the fact that that woman is going to rise up, because she's already here. By the grace of God we're going to be out of here. So, five-five-five, six-six-six, we're getting out (and not in one of those cars or flying saucers with the, you know, the Hale-Bopp [comet]).

33. So, Lucifer in Eden caused the downfall of the born ones of God. So now you have the two divisions coming down, down, down, all the way. We have the Adamic race, or the seed of God, as outlined in Matthew 13, and [they] are called sheep. Then you have the serpent race, which is animal seed, as in Matthew 13.

Now here's the beautiful thing you're looking at. That serpent beast, that Bro. Branham said was so close to a human being, could cross breed with the human, bring forth a hybrid that could actually reproduce itself, because it was just that close, perfectly. Hybrids usually are the end of the trail. But when you begin to consider this, that right today, you can be eating a tomato with a fish gene. (And don't throw up please, because you didn't even know it.) The stores are full of engineered products, and there's nothing you and I can do about it except pray as we've never prayed before over our food. And, if you do taste a fishy tomato, you know where it came from. [Laughter.] Don't blame somebody else.

But anyway, this hybrid came forth, and he came forth as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Religious. Religious. Imitator. Make believer; yet he was a believer, because the devils also believe and tremble.

"Thou believest in God. Forget it. The devils believe, and they tremble, which you don't do. You want to kill me and cut my throat," said Jesus. See?

34. Now note, this beast, a serpent, was like Satan. As Satan was the highest order he went to the highest order of animal. Now Bro. Branham correctly said, "We're mammalian." But we're not animals in the accepted sense of animals, because animals have not the power to reason and do the things we do, prepare for the future, everything. Most things they do by instinct. They can learn a few things, but they can't write their books, communicate. They don't have what we have. So don't pretend for one minute that we're animal in the sense of animal. See? We're mammalian. We're a high order.

So Satan goes to the highest order, the highest form of animal, and he didn't have a soul. He was upright, and he spoke, and he reasoned, and he could quote the Scripture. He actually handled the Word of God. And he was a gnostic. He had a further and a better revelation. And gnosticism has always been the worm in the apple, "*the hair in the biscuit*," as Bro. Branham would say.

35. Now this takes us to a comment from a brother in South Africa, a preacher, who said that Bro. Branham actually said, "Satan was one of the cherubims over the arc of the covenant on the mercy seat."

Well, I decided to check it out, and the man that I figured would know more than anybody, because he does all the tapes, (He goes over every sermon point by point; looks it all up.) is Kenny Andes. And he said, "Lee, I don't know anything of that."

I talked to [] Brother Bailey, he studied Hebrews, the Book of Hebrews, as Bro. Branham wrote it, and he can't find it. So I can't go by hearsay just because one preacher said it, but I'm not saying it couldn't have been said. So let's see something. We go to Heb 8:4-5.

- (4) For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:
- (5) Who serve unto the example and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: See, saith he, thou make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount.

So therefore, whatever Moses did in the tabernacle and the arc of the covenant with the cherubim over the mercy seat, that was already in heaven. No argument, no problem.

36. So, let's go to Ex 25:10-22. Oh, here we are. Okay, beginning at verse 10:

- (10) And thou shall make an arc of acacia wood: two cubits and a half... and so on...
- (11) Overlay it with gold and put staves of acacia wood overlay them with gold, and you put the staves in the rings to bear the arc, and they're going to never be taken away from it. (Then verse ten... sixteen;)
- (16) Thou shall put into the arc the testimony which I shall give thee.
- (17) And thou shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two cubits and a half the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
- (18) And thou shall make two cherubim of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.
- (19) And one... and make one cherub on the one end, the other on the other, even of the mercy seat, thou shalt make two cherubims on the ends thereof.
- (20) And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high covering the mercy seat with their wings and their face look to one another toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. And so on...

Now just a minute. If Satan and Michael both led in the worship, and Michael's not an archangel, how could he be a cherubim here? Unless he was a cherubim, and then, his descent to man, becoming a man, he was a cherub, then he went to being an archangel. He never went to an angel now, huh-uh, no. Then he came down, because thou has made a little lower than the angels. That's the ordinary ones in there. So there could be something, a possibility, there.

37. But let's go to Heb 9:1-5.

- (1) For then verily the first come ... ordinances divine service and a wordly sanctuary.

- (2) For there was a tabernacle made the first wherein was the candlestick, the table, the shewbread, which is called the sanctuary.
- (3) And after the second veil the tabernacle, called the holiest of all;
- (4) Which had the golden censer and the arc of the covenant over around... overlaid around with gold wherein was the golden pot that had manna (that wasn't in heaven) and Aaron's rod that budded (that wasn't there either. What was there?) the tables of the covenant.

So, I doubt very much that Satan had a thing to do with it. But let's just stop and say, "What if he did?" Well what if he did—no problem. How zealous was he at guarding the Word? How good did he keep it? He just took the Word and all the power of God to destroy the worship in the kingdom of God. A perverter of the Word indeed.

38. Now, as I said, if Satan were one of the cherubim, he would have had to be one before his fall. Also, the other cherub could not be Michael, as he was an archangel and, therefore, not Jesus, unless even before he was, as I said, a cherubim, and then in his descent down into the flesh he became; number one, Son of God; number two, cherub; and then, still lower, archangel; and then finally became a man.

And we do not know this is so, but that's just a thought as I'm saying. If something was said by Bro. Branham which I sincerely doubt anything whatsoever was, I can place it right now and tell you, if he took advantage, once more, of his office to come against God. He did the things he's known for: "thou was perfect until I found you perverting my Word. You were the sum of it all. You were my great creation, the beauty, the glory. You had it all. You led all the angels in worship. You were right there on one side with Michael and the sons, Michael showing himself, manifesting. Your group, cherubims, I manifested through them, and the seraphim; you just threw it all away."

39. Hey, I want to read you something. This is not in my notes, but it just struck me. Hebrews 6.

- (4) For it's impossible for those that were once for all enlightened, taste the heavenly gift, partake the Holy Ghost,
- (5) Taste the good Word of God, the powers of the world to come,
- (6) Fall away, pervert it, and walk off.

Say, "How can they do it?" Son of God won't do it. The beast, he will. The serpent race will. That's the way they do things. See?

40. So finally he became a man. However, let us make our point that Satan was the highest order of creation amongst spirit beings. He led in the worship of God, and, if he was indeed over the arc of the testament... And he must have, then, been a steward to keep and defend, undefiled, unperverted, in it's pure state, the Word of God as a faithful officer in the worship. I don't have to believe that he was over the mercy seat to do that because, I can tell you right now, it was his job in the leading of worship to be Word-perfect, and he perverted it.

That's why Jesus said; "In vain do you worship me having for traditions the doctrine of men or the teaching of the Word of God." He said, "Your worship is entirely vain." And he put them right with the serpent seed, which they really were.

41. How many Jews are in the world today? Some say six million, some nine, say fifteen; God only knows. I don't, and I don't care. But, if they're serpent seed back there, then you can understand why

there's only going to be 144,000 make it at the end time. And they are not going to be Bride; they are going to be the virgins who care for the Bride. See? Okay.

42. But he perverted the Word. And in so doing, he certainly turned the Word to himself and his advantage and caused others to follow him and thereby, a large number of the heavenly host—I think two-thirds—fell with him; and with him as leader, he thereby gained worship, because he was acknowledged as their master in the leading of worship. So, therefore, he wouldn't have any problem directing it to himself, because they would be looking to him. And he would be their prophet. And as their prophet, he would be God to them, because the prophet is God to the people. So way back there it started.

Now then, the highest animal order, the serpent, takes the Word, as did Satan, and persuades Eve to change or pervert the Word; and then Adam. And now the beast is leading them. Now come on, go on back, and say, "Who led them?" If you think God was leading them, and they were going by the Word, you're missing something. They were being led by the beast. Now at the end time, we're getting ready for the beast and have to worship him. He's going to lead them. See? Where did it come from?

43. Satan is actually worshipped in the churches today, as Bro. Branham said, "*For he was a leader of worship by creation and in a created office.*" So how can he still not be? He was created to be a leader. A dog's to be a dog, a horse is a horse, a pig is a pig, a cow is a cow, an elm tree is an elm tree, an oak tree is an oak tree, but ...?... suddenly, we just go screwy when it comes to these other.

Forget it. He was and he is, because all nature's in continuity. He actually orchestrated the worship of God and he, himself, as Bro. Branham said, is worshipped in the churches, in the organizations, and don't you forget it. You just believe it and flee for your life. So how can he still not be what he was created for? because all nature and creation runs in continuity.

44. Now notice carefully, man is deceived, Eve, the church, into accepting Satan as revealer or prophet. See? Even headship, by leaving the Word, going to organization, Eve left her husband for the beast, who perverted the Word. The virgin church, under Paul, did the same in 2 Corinthians, and a whole false church of deceived people [] now have a devilish ministry which developed.

So let's go to 2 Corinthians. [] Okay, he says here; "I've espoused you to Christ, but the chaste virgin. But I fear you've been beguiled the same as Eve was." [2 Cor 11:2-3] And then, now, way over, down below, he says here in verse 13:

(13) For such are false apostles, (they're apostles, but they're false) deceitful workers, (they're workers, but they're deceitful) transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (Wolves in sheep's clothing.)

(14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into what appears to be a legitimate prophet, setting the people in order in worship and taking them right away from God.

Like foxy-loxy. When Henny-penny had the revelation, when an acorn fell on her head, the sky had fallen, she got all the [chickens] running after her, and foxy-loxy took them right in the pen and ate them all up. Other picture of Aesop's fable, I guess, but there you see it.

(15) Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers be transformed as ministers of righteousness whose end shall be according to their works, deceitful workers, receive the wages of deceit, which is death.

And the higher they pile their works of unrighteousness, the longer will be their time in the Lake of Fire.

45. Now, our subject is still “Stewardship”. We are looking at true stewardship as that is our part. Stewards hold offices. We know what a steward is. But he [] he also has other names that designate position and privilege.

One: we looked at born ones, common denomination, neither male nor female in Christ. How can people talk about a [] female holy ghost? Listen, if there’s neither male nor female in Jesus Christ right now, then that’s the way it was in the beginning, or there’s something wrong. Alpha’s omega; how can it be? It’s not ‘male and female’; it’s ‘life’.

And Bro. Branham said, “*That is a spirit that He created for the purpose of propagation.*” And remember, in heaven, and we were there, there is no “marriage and giving in marriage.” And the giving in marriage is for one purpose, that’s for sexual intercourse and the bringing forth of children. I don’t care what you put on the act and think about it. We’ll talk about it tomorrow, if I get that far. But, that’s what it’s for. Another office gone to hell, as it were.

Listen, this world’s in a mess. I’m in a mess. You’re in a mess. But it’s time to repent and get out of it. I would to God I knew the things I’m teaching you. I had nobody to teach me, nobody to help me, except all error, gross error. Thank God I knew there was a prophet in the land, ...?... I can understand, if you ever listen to any man, that’s the man you listen to, and he laid it on the table, brother/sister.

46. Now they’re born ones. Also, they’re called bond slaves, which are servants. See? But they’re bond slaves, not to the flesh and to what they were born in to, because of Adam and successive generations and perversion, but what they’re now in according to the Word of God. And we go to Col 1:12-13.

(12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Now that inheritance has to come through Jesus because he’s got it and he’s sharing it. He’s sharing his name with us too. Sharing the Word. Watch it, thirteen:)

(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us (picked us up and put us) into the kingdom of his dear Son:

47. Over here in Rev 2:9, “I know thy works, and thy tribulation, and poverty, (thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.” They belong to Satan’s church, all the time claiming God. That’s the way it is tonight. I don’t care if you’re Trinitarian or Oneness, if you don’t understand the great revelation of this hour--which Bro. Branham only fully exposed in 1965 in Jeffersonville, when he preached on “Who Is This Melchisedec?” and laid it all bare under the Seventh Seal, the great revelation--you still are out there in Satan’s synagogue and his kingdom, because one word off is Satan’s kingdom.

Now let’s get the thing flat and straight. “Narrow’s the way, straight is the gate, few there be that find it.” [Mt 7:14] [That’s right.] Why? Because they won’t take time to look.

48. Notice how this ends. In 2 Th 2:3-4, “Let no man deceive any means: for that day shall not come, except there be a falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” Now listen, that can’t happen till the last day. He becomes the son of perdition though revealed in a minimal sense and here manifested minimal sense for centuries. We’re talking now about this last day.

This follows Hebrews 6, the once for all revelation, where people taste the good Word of God, the power of the Holy Ghost, the world to come, and they manifest gifts of healing. They manifest great gifts; even raise the dead. They are just like Judas with offices and power. And they are anointed to those offices by the power of the Holy Ghost coming forth in energies called gifts. And they’re blaspheming the very name of God, yet using the name of Jesus even to raise the dead.

Look at that Benny Hinn. Did you ever see such ridiculous stuff in your life? Just blow on them, snap at them; they fall over. Scores of them get healed. They forget even psychology teaches us that you can work your emotions up till you swing into faith. People want to dance around the floor and scream, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,” and start shaking and getting yourself revved up, a dozen of you could get healed. Don’t tell me; I’ve been all through it. I’ve seen the masters manipulate the people.

But Bro. Branham came on the scene and even what little he did demonstrated the angel of God came down and said, “You’ve made a circus out of it.” Let’s get to the nitty-gritty, where the Word is everything, because the Word is God, the complete delineation. Bro. Branham said, “*This is God in print.*” That’s good enough for me. See?

49. Now, “Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God.” [2 Th 2:4] In other words, he’s right there being worshipped, because he opposes everything from God. Then, if he opposes everything, and they believe, and he’s got their attention, who is God to them? But it’s going to be where he really demands that he is God. Look at what the pope’s pulling off right now. It’s hard to understand isn’t it, you see?

50. Now the next thing we realize, not only bond slaves with the headship of Christ, we’re also stewards required to be faithful. Faithful ministers, and they are ministering another’s goods. Therefore, they must be informed and endowed and trusted. Look at 1 Corinthians 4: “Let a man so account of us, as the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.” [1 Cor 4:1] He’s a steward. It was committed to him, and he’s got to minister it one hundred percent as God gave it--not one word off. If an angel from heaven came down and tried to change one word, he said, “Let him be accursed.” See? Not one word could be changed.

51. Now notice there’s something else though. We’re also called friends. I didn’t bring that to your attention, so I’ll bring it to your attention tonight. In Jn 15:13-15;

(14) You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.

(15) Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: (now he doesn’t call them that but they still are, don’t worry; they’ve got to worship and serve God. That’s the Bible said, that’s our great commandment, that’s the Ten Commandments.) for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Now, notice in here these people now are being given the revelation of Almighty God by the Holy Ghost so that they’re not just simply servants, they are servants of a highest order where the servant is now a confidant of the master.

52. Now let’s go a little further, and we go to Jas 2:23, somewhere in there, we’ll see. “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and was called the friend of God.”

Now, if you want to know what it is to be the friend of God, you go to Gen 18:17-18, just the same as Bro. Branham took us back to Genesis 18 when it came to what is Heb 13:8.³ So now we go to that beautiful chapter of Gen 18:17-18, and It says:

(17) The lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

³ Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

- (18) Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

All right, put that right in this hour here, the hour before Sodom. Did not Bro. Branham, the prophet of God, and God through him, make us all friends of God, because we know the hour in which we live and those things that obtain in this hour, so we're not deceived? We know the secrets, even the Seven Thunders under the Seven Seals. See? Now, when you have that type of special privilege with Almighty God through the prophet, you have certainly become, marvelously, a friend of the Lord and also, you have become into the prophet class.

53. Now, with that, we go and read Heb 3:1-6.

- (1) Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession. (Now we're saying the same things that Jesus says.)
- (2) Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house.
- (3) For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who builded the house has more honor than the house.
- (4) For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

Now what you're looking at right here again, is stewardship, the stewardship of Jesus; the faithful one filling his stewardship. See? Stewardship is all through the Bible, the same as sowing and reaping. You can't get away from it.

- (5) And Moses was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for as the testimony of those things which were spoken after;
- (6) But Christ is the Son over his own house, whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Which is what? Confessing what he said and saying what he said; we're in conversation. That's why at the end time in Malachi, we're saying the very words of the prophet. He said, "*Say what I say.*" We've believe what he believed, talking what he says, and here we are, and God listening. He said, "There are my jewels. They're the ones." Now you can say what you want, but I'm going to tell you, the Bible all comes together.

54. Now, in 1 Cor 3:10-11:

- (10) According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder (steward), I have laid the foundation, another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon.
- (11) For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

There's your stewardship again, see, right down the line all the way through.

55. Now let's go into something really interesting. We're going to go now to Revelation 10. We all know the first ten verses, if we don't there's really something wrong with us, but I don't think there is anything really wrong with us. And It tells you here:

- (1) The mighty messenger came down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, rainbows upon his head, face as it were the sun, feet as pillars of fire.
- (2) He had in his hand a little book open: (That's the seals all ripped off.) and he set his right foot upon the sea, and left foot on the earth.
- (3) Cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- (4) Seven thunders uttered their voices... I was going to write... (and so on, right down the line. And It said)
- (7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Remember, Christ is the mystery of God revealed. So under the seals came forth all the revelation of what God was doing all through time, which started at this: "This day have I begotten thee. I started my generations in you." God was "All in all," preached just before; then, now here's the Son. Now all these others come in, and then finally, its handed back, after the White Throne, the New Jerusalem, after the thousand years, Millennium, so on, whatever long it takes, "All and in all" again. See? You're looking at that period of time. It's winding up.

56. Now, with that, we go to Hebrews 3. And I'm not going to take time to read this, because it's going to take too long. But says here, beginning at Heb 3:7:

- (7) Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if you will hear his voice,
- (8) Harden not your hearts... (And they wouldn't listen. Joshua could not take them in. [He] could not give them rest.)
- (17) But (It says) with whom was he grieved forty years? It was those that sinned, (Why? The sin of unbelief, that's the only sin there is.) whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? (They're just called carcasses. That's 'tomah'—talmine poisoning. Ours is 'soma'. We're going to get a glorified body.)
- (18) And to whom did he swear they should not enter into his rest, but them that believed not,
- (19) So we see they could not enter in because of unbelief.
- (4:1) Let us therefore fear, lest, the promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you seem to come short of it.

Now that promise is the time of his presence. And everybody's wondering, "When's it going to be?" Well, what do you care when it's going to be as long as you're ready? Didn't he say if the good man had known the hour the thief was going to come, he'd a been prepared and bonked him on the head? Who gives a rip when it comes, as long as you're ready?

Oh, they're getting weary; they're getting carried away. I worry sometime. I hear women talking: you can name every actor, you can name every movie, and I'm wondering, "My God, where do they get it?" You must be looking at picture shows you shouldn't be looking at. Is that how to bring the families up? Carried away in these last days said Bro. Branham; getting too careless. I'm getting too careless. I should

be preaching more, working harder, but I've... Well, in my old age, I feel tired, my heads goofy... I've got excuses too. But I know one thing; I haven't got any excuses before God. Stewardship.

57. Moses didn't like his for a while. I've got to bear with these like a bunch of babies. Stewardship. Well, you know what I'm talking about. Right on down here, all the way down. "There remaineth a rest," [Heb 4:9] and there's a rest right today when we've heard the voice from heaven according to Hebrews 12. He has spoken, ready for New Jerusalem at this time.

They said, "What is the sign of thy presence?" They didn't even know, they said though everybody calls it the sign of thy coming—they didn't even know about a first coming, they didn't know he was going to die. When he died they didn't know he'd raise from the dead. And he rose from the dead they didn't know he was going to go away. They didn't know what was going to happen, they knew nothing. What is the sign of it all? He said these false prophets, all these things going on, with God Himself standing there in the midst showing who is God. Thank God we had a faithful steward in Bro. Branham. Now we need some faithful preachers and a bunch of faithful people.

Now this true vine will have a counter, false vine, the twins, up to the very end: born ones, slaves, stewards, friends, and all the enemies of Christ.

58. Let's go to Phil 3:15-19, and It says, "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect..." We've come to perfection, the perfect word. Those that knew the secret, Paul said, as many as are perfect. He had brought them perfection in the first Church Age, the truly revealed Word of Almighty God, demonstrated to be the perfect Word of God by vindication. They had it.

The rest of them were gnostics, and they said, "We've got the perfect word." Oh, Paul went so far, [but] "We're going to take you all the way." That's what Satan said, takes them all the way to hell; then [they] can't get back. Yeah.

- (15) Let us therefore be perfect, be thus minded, say the same thing. If anything be otherwise minded God should reveal this unto you.
- (16) Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.
- (17) Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk, so ye have us for an example.
- (18) (For many walk, of whom I've told you often, and now tell you weeping, they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
- (19) Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, whose glory is their shame, and they mind earthly things.)

Oh, they'll tell you they're spiritual-minded. They'll tell you they've got this and they've got that. They're liars. They're just a bunch of dogs at every garbage tent. Their god's their belly.

59. I was appalled the other day to learn that they're looking into preachers now, because they've got more money than almost anybody else. I thought most preachers were kind of poor. I sure went through it myself, before I had a couple of nickels to rub together. And they're all getting rich, increased in goods, and don't lack anything, except God. And they claim they got Him. They've been entirely fooled.

Now they're the enemies of the cross. They're enemies of redemption. They're enemies of the strict and narrow life. They're enemies of those things that God prevails upon us to do in order to bring forth the character commensurate, somehow, to His.

60. Now the two systems: (We've got them. They're here today—one true, one false.) At the end, they are so close as to be razor-edged in their spirit. The big problem is Mark 16, taking the place of Acts 1:1, where Jesus began to do and to teach. This follows the teaching, Mark 16. What we had preceded the teaching, which is the vindication that proved the teaching was going to be from Almighty God. It's based upon Jn 14:7-11, the very presence of God in a human being. And at the end time ending in the same God in a human being, doing mightier works than even through the ministry of Jesus Christ.

As long as there are Judasses who will pray in Jesus' name and come under the anointing [] of a spiritual office, there will be a true church and a false church. So close only the very elect will not be deceived. Why won't they be deceived? There's no way they'll be deceived, because why? They had a vindicated prophet. Not somebody coming along like the Oral Roberts and Jack Coe and who... I don't know how many there are; just dozens of them. They came with Mark 16.

Now the church in Canada is going to put Mark 16 into business. I've had it for years. I have no problem. But let me tell you something: there's a time and a season for everything. And this is the hour of a teaching ministry, one pitted against another. And I'm set for the defense of the truth. I don't care what anybody says. I believe we know what it is. See?

But [] let us take heart in this hour. If we examine the worship of God in heaven as seen by John in Revelation 4 and 5, we learn something that is already in our day according to chapter 10, where worship of God by true sons is seen.

61. Now in Rev 4:9-10:

- (9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks unto him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
- (10) The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him who liveth forever and ever, cast their crowns before the throne saying,
- (11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honor and glory and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Now, notice nine and ten are different. In verse 9 It says 'beasts'. In verse ten It says 'elders'. In one the beasts are giving honor and glory and thanks. Down here in ten they are actually worshipping, because they are the sons of God.

62. Now then, if we read all of chapter 5, (which I will not read but you can read it for yourself; we just don't have time) but you go to verse 8:

- (8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the four elders fell down before the lamb, having every one of them harps and golden vials full of odors which are the prayers of the saints.
- (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book and open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and nation and people:
- (10) And made us unto our God, kings and priests: and we'll reign on the earth.

That is not said by the beasts, because they aren't redeemed, and they aren't a holy nation, and they aren't priests and kings unto God. So what you're looking at here are people worshipping the true and the

living God. Huh? That's the scene in heaven, right? Well let's find one that isn't. Let's go to Revelation 10. [End of side 2 of the first audio tape.]

And I was going to read a lot more but our time has sure gone on.

63. So all right, Revelation 10; and It said right down here:

- (1) The mighty messenger that came down. (Then It said... Verse 5:)
- (5) And the messenger which I saw stand upon the sea and earth lift up his hand to heaven,
- (6) And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven, and things that therein are, in earth... therein and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
- (7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared the good news of the gospel by his prophet... by his servants the prophets.

Now what I'm looking here is the Bible distinctly said, "Because God could swear by none other, he swore by himself." The swearing of...?... time, has run out. And there's only One that has any inkling concerning time in the heavens as far as I know Scripture, and that is God Himself. And He would have to pass that on to his Son, who is not omniscient nor omnipotent. Only as God gave him that actual talent to do those things at the right and proper time.

64. Now here's my estimation, my understanding: we now have in our midst the same One in Revelation 4 and 5. And I understand Bro. Branham did equate Rev 10:1 to Rev 5:1. And we're looking at the One, then, today in our midst, the only true God, and we are actually worshipping now as no other people can worship the true and the living God. And that is not Jesus the Son; that is God, Elohim, Jehovah Elohim, right down, Who has come down to restore the proper worship and the understanding, even as we already know, from the Word of Almighty God.

65. Now the faithful God had a faithful Son. Now, all stewards are faithful; that is what they are supposed to be. The Son, steward, became a bond-slave. He died for us to perfect us by his Blood. He arose a faithful high priest to his faithful God and standing for us who are the faithful children. He is standing now for us with all the power of the throne behind him, for all of us, not for himself. He prayed the Father and God came down to bring all the seed of God together. That is being done right by the message, 2 Th 2:1.⁴

68. Now... Then at this time, we are right back to a virgin church of Ephesus, which we surely are. Now we don't have time, but we read in Eph 1:1-14. It is the nutshell of from eternity to the place where time breaks off. It's from time breaking from eternity, a part of it, coming down to where the last ones are baptized with the Holy Ghost, which is what? The earnest of our redemption, which is the glorification of our bodies coming out of the ground or being glorified here.

Now, at that time, Paul prays that God Himself will come in our midst as the Holy Ghost and teach us. Jesus himself said, "I will pray the Father, and He will send the spirit." [Jn 14:16-17] Paul's prayer doesn't do it. And the guy that said, "If we'd only prayed, we wouldn't have had to have Bro. Branham come."

⁴ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him.

You can see the perversion that runs through the world and even the people that claim to believe this message. Let me assure you, to the best of my knowledge, the best of my understanding what Bro. Branham taught, we are looking at the God Who raised Jesus, [Who] has come down in order to reveal to us the deep secrets of God, the hour in which we live, and the things that we need to know in order to bring forth a resurrection and put us in a rapture. This is exactly 1 Th 4:16⁵ and many places in the Scripture that you and I can find. And this is what we're looking at.

67. Now Paul was a faithful steward to it. William Branham was a faithful steward to it. And we, in our turns, are also faithful to this Word and are stewards unto Almighty God though there are other stewardships in the sense of our conduct and what we should do and how we should do it.

But this is the major thing, because without the perfect faith imparted, which is revelation, it doesn't matter if you raise the dead and you go down the street and heal every blind person, empty the graveyards, have a revival that brings in thirty million people, if not five billion. It doesn't do one thing, if you're outside the Word of God, because you're in the perversion circle. You're not in the circle of Almighty God.

68. So all right. And because we know, back here in Ephesians, and Paul takes them right from foreknowledge, election, to predestination. And when they get that far, he says, "Now look, you were predestinated to the baptism of the Holy Ghost to seal you in for the resurrection."

What was it that the people fought Bro. Branham for as nothing else? They didn't fight him on one God. There are a lot of people that believe that. They didn't just understand. They fought him on predestination. And there's hardly a Pentecostal, there are no Catholics, there's hardly anybody that believes in predestination. And those that do, except for William Branham's teaching, do not have a clue to reality, because they don't know they were in him; they were there.

Now the Mormons have some little idea, but it's a perversion. That's why they got polygamy. They said, "All those souls are up there in heaven, and we've got to have all these wives to have intercourse with, and they're going to get pregnant; we'll bring all the souls down." That's a lie from the pit of hell. That's just another excuse for polygamy and indulging in the lust that God despises. And the waywardness and the cussedness of mankind in this hour who covers everything up with a show and a pretense. Listen, I'm going to tell you, the blanket... the veils, and the blankets, the curtains, and everything that obscures has been pulled away in the apocalypse, which is pulling back, and you can see what God did and what He's doing. So God today is right now bringing His church together, at last getting it ready for the Resurrection.

69. Now I'm covering much Scripture. I had to delete a lot, as I'm sorry I always have to do in these sermons, because they're too long. But since it is eternity-to-eternity, and alpha has an omega, and omega has an alpha, we go to Revelation 21, and we could read it. It's pretty hard. This is the New Jerusalem, and the glory thereof, and everything that pertains to it. This is an omega, what you're looking at. If this is an omega, then there had to have been an alpha. You can be [sure] about it.

This must be a scene from heaven or could not be on earth. And Bro. Branham said, "Every... *The heavens must declare it before it comes to the earth.*" It had its seed way back in eternity. John saw it, the omega, of what Jesus talked about in John 14, "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." In other words the blueprint was already there. It was already there in a spiritual substance in a certain way. It just needed to come into manifestation, and that's exactly what it is doing at this particular moment, and will come to the final conclusion.

⁵ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

70. Now this must be a scene from heaven or it could not be on earth. This is what Jesus talked about but Paul saw it too. And like John, who saw Satan's Jerusalem—Babylon—as well as the New Jerusalem, Paul told the Galatians about the two Jerusalems. One was heavenly, and one was earthly. Now, if you go to Galatians 4 and you start at verse 19, you can see it.

- (19) My little children, of whom I travail in birth again till Christ be formed in you,
- (20) I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.
- (21) Tell me, are you that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?
- (22) For it's written, that Abraham had two sons, one by a bondmaid, one by a freewoman. So...
- (23) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

What promise? Do you think the promise to Abraham was any great thing? Let me tell you something. If that promise had not been made, first of all to Jesus, this day have I started my generations in you, who cares about Abraham? Abraham blew it. He listened to Sarah.

She said, "Have a son by Hagar. [] God said you were supposed to have a son."

Oh, she blew it, just like Eve. She was supposed to have a baby, but not by a serpent; but she had it anyway.

Now remember, Abraham turns around and messes things up, too. But I know one thing for sure, Abraham could have believed God all he wanted, it wouldn't have meant one thing, unless first of all, that covenant, which was in Jesus, "In thee have I begun my generations," he was already predisposed, already cut to order. Like Bro. Branham said, the Bride comes out of a bolt of cloth. There's a pattern laid there, the [wise and] foolish virgin; they're all virgins. But this pattern's distinct; this is what God wanted. The others are fine. They're going to get there.

71. Then he said,

- (24) Which is an allegory: for these two covenants; the one of mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar.
- (25) And this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia in answer to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
- (26) But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

See? It was already up there. I can't tell you exactly how it was. I know it was in the mind of God and what's in there has to come to pass. But the pattern was there; it's the Word of God. And it's going to come to earth. And you're going to find that all of those that are in bondage, all of those are in Satan... Remember, we're not in bondage. We've been taken out of bondage. We've been set free. We were in the market place, sold under sin. We were bought in the market place; we were taken out of the market place. We were set free. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

But these are bound under Satan. And in there you've got your slaves; you've got your stewards. You've got your friends. You've got the whole system. It's an imitation of God. But there's a few people got realit. And I can tell you, Paul ends up by saying, "Many more are the children of the desolate than

she that hath a husband.” [Gal 4:27] New Jerusalem has a husband. That’s our mother. That’s where we belong. That’s our source. It was there in the mind of God before a speck of stardust.

And in the time that the Son came forth, and now, until the consummation, all these things in that pattern are coming together, and they’re here. And in it all you see the King’s stewardship; God, the Son, the faithful ministries, the faithful people of God.

72. Now in closing, just to get back to “Stewardship”. If Satan had not vaunted himself by his office, or Eve, her co-equality with Adam to the extent she acted apart from her head, we would not have had this false vine and all the sin and degradation and evil and sorrow and death. Satan perverted the Word. Eve took it. And Adam backed up her folly.

73. Our lesson in spiritual principles is this: be not deceived. God is not mocked. You and I are responsible to God for what He has given us, and what He has, and where He has placed us. There’s a certain office in there. So as the Bible said, be not high-minded, but let us keep our minds on God, to follow Christ, the Word, to perfection, knowing that even one word off is Satan’s kingdom and death.

But we have a privilege today of going all the way from the darkness of error to all the glorious light that there is at this moment. And this is the light, brother/sister, and a glory that will never fade. Now we’re stewards to it. Now where do we stand?

So many people can’t make their minds up. There’s so much indecision, even today. Wondering, in spite of what the prophet said, there’s no physical evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. No, you can duplicate everything today and still not be baptized with the Holy Ghost. There’s no way. He said, “*There’s no sensation;*” it comes without it. But how do you know that you’re saved? How do you know you’re born again? [You know] because you’re standing on a vindicated Word.

Notice that’s what Abraham finally had to come to. It took him twenty years to get there. He started with a faith, he knew God, he met with God. And God said, “Look, you’re going to have a son by Sarah. This is what’s going to happen.” And It said, “He regarded not his own body now dead, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb.” [Rom 4:19]

But I’m going to tell you one thing: that’s a beautiful testimony where God gives him way more credit than he deserved in my books, because he sure had his time with the whole problem. But God looked down upon that man’s heart, and he knew that down in there was that seed that must come forth. It must come forth, because the promise was given to him, and it...

74. Now listen, the Word of God cannot return void. It cannot bounce back, it cannot ricochet, it’s got to be fulfilled in whomsoever the fulfillment is. And there’s a Word of God in you and me tonight to be fulfilled. I don’t know what it’s all about. I don’t have to. I know my own calling. I know my ministry. I’ve got no problems with myself there. My problem is, it’s just one little thing that bugs me, and that is: am I doing enough, in the sense, am I doing those things for which I’m qualified, living up to expectations of God, living up to those things that is given into my hand? I don’t know. I feel like most of the time like a miserable failure.

But the point is this: that Word will not return void, there will be not one person that doesn’t go back to God. Now the big thing is this: are we really faithful?

75. Now I’ve done this tonight, tomorrow we go into “Stewardship”, and I want to go in basically and strong into those things where we have failed, but we must begin now to turn to a brighter light and a greater light and begin to walk in that light and our lives be regulated thereby. As Bro. Branham said so beautifully, when they challenged him on the fact that he stayed clean in the ministry, they said, “Yeah, you can talk, because you’re an old man.”

He said, *"I was this way as a youth. I've never changed my principles, my life, and my way."*

And Timothy stood there one day, and Paul said, "I know your grandma and your mother. They're in the faith, and I know you're that kind of a boy." And as I said sometime ago in a dedication, "We've had three generations now, the same as Paul did. And we're into a fourth generation, which is deliverance." There's got to be a Bride get out of here, brother/sister. In the meantime it may be our children are going to make that Rapture standing here. But you and I have a stewardship, and that is to have the principle and the morals in their lives and the guiding lights that they will not enter into the folly we entered into.

The world's all saying, "Look, I smoked pot. So what? Let the kids smoke pot. I lived in adultery, let the kids do it." Yeah, and they'll reap AIDS; they'll reap HIV; they'll reap the whirlwind; and they're going to do it, and you and I may be to blame. Think it over. There's a stewardship brother/sister.

Friends that let the master down? Friends that sell out the gifts to the goodness of God? Doesn't ring too good a bell, does it? But I'm going to tell you one thing: there's such a thing as turning to God in full repentance and making our lives count. There's only one person ever lived a perfect life, that was Jesus. But we can believe it, and we can strive, because that's our privilege.

Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Heavenly Father, closing off now, going into the Lord's Supper, You're Communion service. We just thank You for giving us enough mental impetus and enough energy, Lord, and those things necessary to attempt to bring forth what we had in mind. Believing, Lord, that it is fully in line with Your Word and what You wanted us to see at this time.

And now, Lord, as we come to the communion service, may it be a time of blessing, washing away every one of our sins, thoroughly repenting, thoroughly looking to within ourselves, Lord, in examination. And then, Lord God, taking a stand and not looking at our lives as though there was something in there that would either justify or not justify us, (That's not the point, but looking now to the Word and coming to that Word and admitting that Word, regardless of what anybody or anybody else has ever done or ever will do, but standing with it as true stewards, faithful, O God.

And walking in the light and being a blessing thereby to anybody whatsoever we can that others may have the light, the life, if perchance they be out there to receive it, knowing we cannot go beyond Your predestinating power. But help us, Lord, whatever predestinating You have done in us, may we fulfill it that we may see You at that time in joy, and we know the time is not far off. Unto Thee we give the glory in Jesus' Name. Amen.

[Bro. Vayle continues with the Communion service.]