

Stewardship #9

The Beginning of Gnosticism

The Trail of the Serpent

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Dear Heavenly Father, we're grateful for Your Presence. And, Lord, we're anxious to praise You on the very grounds that the prophet said that his ministry was to declare that You were here. And, of course, not in the way that many, many people think, and many, many people are even now preaching today, who do, in a manner, recognize that Bro. Branham's great message was the presence of Yourself, even Jehovah Elohim.

But we do thank You, Lord, that we know that to be true, that You are the One that descended with the Word to set Your Church in order, to give us the true and proper revelation that we might be fed of Your hand, because we are sheep of Your hand, the flock of Your very pasture, Lord.

We thank You for that, knowing that You're here also to raise the dead. [You're] here, also, to take away a Bride. And that Spirit, which is You, Lord, becomes incarnate to us to crown Him King of kings, Lord of lords, at that great celebration, the ceremony, the Wedding Supper. Knowing all things are ours, we appreciate that, and we are participating in it, Lord. And we thank You that You gave the invitation--that You stood at the door and knocked and the prophet heard and brought us the Word of revelation of this hour, the Word of our salvation, end time evangelism. All of it wrapped up in this Word, Lord, for perfection has come. We recognize that, Father, and we just pray that, not only in recognition, because we know that is here sure as two and two make four, and the Son is risen, the sun also setting, Lord, and the sun will rise again, the sun will set again...

We're interested, Lord, in a deep, deep revelation, which completely turns our hearts and minds and lives around, giving us a spiritual depth in unity with Your Own Soul, so You can have pleasure in our soul even as we have in Yours; and perfect revelation, Lord, a perfect unity. We're asking that tonight for Your honor and glory, because we love to honor Your name and glorify Your Name the way You want it done. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now, just before we continue on "Stewardship #9, for the people who have been so good to us during my wife's sickness, I want the people who hear the tape [to] know that we received the flowers and the cards, and we are very, very grateful, and above all, very grateful for your prayers.
2. Now I guess I'm a little bit of a nut (Well, not just a little bit of a nut, quite a bit of a nut.) when it comes to these weird things that people bring up in the practice of nature-opathy (And, not necessary homeopathy, it's more nature-opathy.) than anything else. And they go by various visible signs that the highly professional scientific mind--the medical doctors (MDs) and what-have-you--simply don't believe in.

And I was told many years ago that, if you look at the lobe of the ear (either ear) and you see a crease in there, that definitely signifies a heart problem. And, before my wife had this other heart attack, which was quite a bad one, I was sort of making a little mockery, I said, "Hey, you're the one's supposed to have the bad heart. You haven't got a crease there at all." And I said, "I'm the one with the creases." Well, if you'd a seen her in the hospital, when she was there this last time, the ear was just literally folded together in a crease. It is a sign of heart trouble, the very, very definite.

But, if you look at her ears now, and I don't really invite you to, the point is, you will see very small lines. So the Lord is healing her and helping her. And I'm very happy about that, because, although we both have to depart this life pretty soon, if that's the will of the Lord, or we're not supposed to be tarrying here, it's kind of nice to go without too much suffering and all. But she was in very great jeopardy of her life at that particular time, and the Lord really helped her out.

She was in intensive care, and they were telling me, "Well, we're going to keep you wife here a few more days, and she'll get her strength to walk," and what have you.

And then, I was home having a little rest and our daughter was there, and she phoned, "You better come and get Mother, because they're dismissing her." She said, "She's doing just fine, beyond expectation."

And so I appreciate everybody's prayers, the flowers, and everything they sent. And so I take this opportunity before I bring you the message.

3. Now also, I want to say again that we're living in very exciting hours. And I don't know how excited you are, you people here, and you who get the tapes and those who say they believe this message, to realize that just within the next month, you're going to see... supposed to see, and no doubt will see, the fifth vision come to pass, where people are sitting in a car and not driving, they can do what they want to do, play games, anything they want, and the car will go safely down the road just outside of San Diego. Now that was in the works according to the US News, not the magazine, but the US News that comes out five days a week. And also, Becky Smith put it in her paper, having got the article from Bro. Harold Marconda. I never saw it, because we seldom get that paper. But the fact is, you will be seeing vision number five, which means grace to the Gentiles, positively has run out.

Now remember, grace to Israel started when they became a nation. That's under five-five-five. I know people say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, the calendar isn't accurate." Hey, what calendar are you going by? Do you think God's giving us signs and all these things by some calendar we don't know anything about? Bro. Branham said, "*The signs in the heavens show before they show upon earth.*"

"Well, well, I don't know anything."

Hey, quit mumbling and grumbling and just get with it. In our calendar, which has been changed, and God would not allow to be changed, we know it's seven years out.

But the fact of the matter is Israel came under five-five-five [May ?, 1948]. Then, they foolishly signed a concord with Rome, which was not a concord of anything but, "Hey, you're all right; I'm all right. Hey, you made a mistake; we made a mistake. Hey, you're great, I'm great, you're great." They've entered into a fellowship union of religion under six-six-six [June ?, 1994]. This is not the concord that's coming up in the middle of the week that's going to be broken, I'm not saying that. But I want you to notice: six-six-six.

And so, it's run out now. Grace has run out. You're under six. And seven being revelation--it doesn't matter. When is He going to come? That's just part of the Seventh Seal. Who cares when He comes? What does it matter if the thief comes and the good man stands there with his sawed-off shotgun to blow his head off? The thief will wish he'd never stuck his head up.

4. Did you ever hear of a turkey shoot? Years ago they used to tie the turkey down behind a log. Guys stand there with their guns. Go 'gobble-gobble'—boom! Off goes the turkey's head, if you could get him. If he ducked too sudden you didn't get him. But you see, the turkey never had a chance. It was like shooting fish in a barrel. In other words I'm trying to bring it out as plain as I can: if we're ready what does it matter? Morning, noon, night, in between; that hasn't got a thing to do with it. It's whether you're ready. So what does it matter when He comes? If you miss the appearing you're going to miss the

coming. Scream all you want about the coming; pray all you want about the coming. It doesn't matter. You've missed it.

That's where Bro. Terry Sproule got a couple of black eyes. The people didn't understand what he was saying. They figured He's already come, and there's nothing more to it. But he stood the truth and the truth is this: if you missed that Presence, if you missed that Appearing, don't talk about the coming; don't talk about the coming. If you missed half a dozen steps on the ladder, don't pretend you can suddenly reach up and hit number seven step. I'd like to see anybody try to reach the seventh step of any ladder I've ever seen with all the rungs knocked out but number seven, screaming about the coming of the Lord, they missed the whole thing. Any way, let's get back to our subject.

5. And our subject is simple: it's a little message again on "Stewardship", and I'm going to go all the way back again. I'm going to have to kind of start over, because I've missed a couple of months with you. But we'll catch up here to where we really want to go. All right.

6. Now in our study of stewardship we have found a very profound principle that, though God honors us greatly by entrusting us with gifts and positions that are freely given to us by grace, we are required of Him to be responsible to Him in their usage according to the purposes for which they were given and the manner of their usage as we are using them.

For God to deliberately predestinate a people which He has foreknown, and then through election... And Bro. Branham said, "*Election is not: 'I take this one and leave that one,' that's ridiculous, because God will never lose one of His children because each child is a part of Himself.*" So, if you want to see a god that's going around that's part god and missing something, like an arm or a leg, then you can believe in falling away. You can believe in ridiculous doctrine. Be my guest. I'm not here to make you believe anything. I'm simply here to teach, and I love doing it, because I help myself and my wife and some of you folk too. So it's all right; be my guest.

7. But the thing is, people simply do not have a clue as to proper election. See? The election lies in the fact where it [] has to be on the grounds that there's a mixed carrier of serpent seed and the seed of God. It can be in the same human vessel as it was in Isaac, positively, who brought forth two children from the same wife.

Now remember, when you go back to the day of Abraham and Sarah, which was Isaac's father and mother, there was no way that Ishmael, though a child of Abraham, could inherit the kingdom; a wrong woman, it had to be Sarah. So, she had to be brought back to where she was about sixteen/eighteen years of age in order to bear that child. And, of course, Abraham was brought back to being a youth again in order to be a father.

8. So, we're seeing here that God in His goodness, didn't only predestinate children or bring forth children, He gave those children an amplitude of those things which were necessary for Him to live a vital Christian life and be a vital participant in the things of God, mainly of which was the worship of Almighty God. A special conduct--a special life was there in order to bring this out.

Now, when I say that, I want to refer you right back to everything that Bro. Branham taught. And Bro. Branham taught—encapsulated—this; forget Government, forget politics, forget everything but religion, because this is religion we're dealing with. And you're dealing from the top down. You're dealing with God, Who brought forth the truth in reality, Who even had truth and reality in Satan, (which we'll bring out and show you) Who deliberately allowed iniquity, which is a perverting of the Word, to enter in. And thereby, Satan wanted leadership to set up his own kingdom and his own church. So the whole thing has to do with religion. Nothing else, forget your politics.

9. When Bro. Branham said, "*Forget communism, it is nothing; it is merely politics. It is not religion; look at religion.*" Of course, the world went merrily down the road to hell, and now it's on the broad

way, and there's no turning back. And now how frustrated they are that communism suddenly died, the Berlin wall came down, communism fell down, religion is back in there, and how much talk do you hear now of true evangelism in Russia? You don't hear anything; it's dead, dead, dead, the way it was in the beginning. Because let me tell you this, I don't care how many people are in the world and how many people think they're Christians, my Bible still says eight people made the ark, and that's the way it is today. Now, if you want fifteen billion, be my guest. I just got one word for you: I'm not getting in your ark. It's going to sink. It's going to burn up. I want an ark that gets out of here, and it's going to get out of here. So all right.

10. In our study of stewardship we found the very profound principle that, though God honors us greatly... And remember, to be a steward is a great honor, because you're getting something from God. Not only are you a child of God, but you're richly endowed by God. So, you receive these gifts from God, He's entrusted us with gifts and positions--not merely gifts but positions, and not merely positions but gifts. That's why Bro. Branham categorically said that the gifts could be in every church, (That's a true church.) and they could have all nine gifts, and they'd be complimentary to the ministry of the pastor or the five-fold ministry. Positions. Gifts. See? Everything. God entrusting that. And we show later on in Ephesians 4 how that brings you right into a perfection before the Resurrection, at the time of it, and the time of the Rapture. So okay.

11. He's given us gifts and positions that are freely given to us by grace. We are required of Him to be responsible to Him in their usage according to the purposes for which they were given and the manner of their use according to how they're to be used. Now this is where Bro. Branham was repudiated, the same as Paul. Absolutely repudiated. Here was just a smart type of, categorically, not well-educated little hillbilly guy, born in Kentucky, now in Indiana, a great gift manifested from God, and now he becomes too big for his britches. Now he becomes a guy that doesn't know doctrine. He's a man you listen to when he tells you diseases and certain things that pertain to this life here, but, when it comes to the Word, why he's off. Oh, brother/sister. And the people that said that were using positions of ministries and gifts.

And right in a meeting when he stood up, and he said that Demos Shakarian's sister (I think her name was Rose. I'm not sure. One of them anyway.) would be dead by two in the morning. And somebody rose up and screamed a prophetic utterance, "She's my daughter. My daughter shall live, hallelujah."

And they all screamed, and they put Bro. Branham down.

So Billy Paul came and said, "Daddy, what about it?"

He said, "*Son, all I know is that God said, 'Two o'clock in the morning.' Watch the clock.*"

She was dead. Did they repent? No they didn't repent; they didn't intend to repent.

Now, why they were justified and glorified and hallelujah-fied when Bro. Branham got smeared across the road, according to what one guy said. Yeah.

"That man that judged, now he's judged."

Hey, let it sink in. The man that said that had a position in the church. The man that said that had gifts. Do you know what I'm saying? Let it soak in. Come on, take your time. Get the crud out of your heart that's in there that wants to stop that. Say, I believe, that's right. I know those guys. I know those preachers--of them. I knew them personally. I had conversation with them. [You] say I'm an old timer. I'm not eighty-two, going on eighty-three (in a hurry) for nothing. They said it. I've heard their words. I've seen their words in print. They had gifts, offices, prestige, honor, influence, affluence--the whole ball of wax.

12. Now, never ever forget that, whenever stewardship comes to mind, so does responsibility. And we instantly think of the fact we will have to account for God for whatever He has given us according to how we employ it and to what end. So let's go to the Scripture now. I never leave you hanging in the air without Scripture. That would be the most ridiculous thing in the world to tell you what I think. I'm building right here from Scripture.

Now we're going to go the Scripture. So, we go to 1 Cor 4:2. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Now I don't care what the man has. It doesn't matter. The point is: is he faithful? See? That's the big thing. Is he faithful? Now faithful to whatever God gave him would absolutely mean that he knows what he has, and he knows how to use it; and he does it reliably, because he knows what he has from God, and he knows from God how he's supposed to use it.

Now, just stop and think for one split-second. The Pentecostal churches, where the women are getting up and down and dancing in the spirit, clowning around as it were, speaking in tongues as they were, they think it is, and prophesying and interpreting, and they hope it's so... But in my books it ain't. Now all of those gifts are genuine. Don't ever say the devil gives a gift of tongues, although he can speak in tongues. Don't worry; he can do that all right. And he can prophesy. Don't worry. But don't blame anything on the devil for this specific reason: that these gifts come from God, absolutely of Him, they're merely gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit and not indicative of the Spirit of God Himself, because it's merely gifts, or derivatives of something the Holy Spirit can produce. Just the same as God can produce this tie indirectly by the fibers that He put upon earth here. Or God can produce that plant, if it's a living plant, because He took it out of some seed somewhere. He made that seed. So, the Holy Spirit can produce whatsoever that Holy Spirit, which these things resident in Him, [is] to do, because that Spirit is God. He'll see that that is produced. But it doesn't mean they got the Producer. You see?

13. That's the whole thing. People don't realize the Baptizer's here. They're falling back on the baptism. See? We're not falling back on the baptism. Bro. Branham said you could be baptized with the Holy Ghost a thousand times a day, Pentecostal style, and still be lost. We're not talking about that. We're talking about genuine presence of Almighty God, the Baptizer Himself here.

Do you realize the Baptizer Himself baptized Paul with Himself and, then, came down and met him face-to-face? Of course, He knocked him down before He came and met him face-to-face the desert of Arabia. Just the same as Peter had seen God face-to-face. As Bro. Branham said, "*You're looking at me aren't you?*" "You seen me, you've seen the Father."

People don't want to realize that all these things... The same as Jesus turned water into wine. As Bro. Branham said, "He just simply bypassed the rootage which was normally the turning into a grape, the water from the soil into the grape, and the grape into wine. He just bypassed it. See? The Holy Spirit does these things. Don't get mixed up in your thinking. Don't call things of the devil that aren't of the devil.

Actually, there's nothing that is not of God. Let's face it. All power, all authority, is of God. And that's what we're going to talk about again tonight, how He gave that to the devil, and the devil abused it, and how it's being abused right today in the church. [I] want to get these things all caught up to you.

14. Now listen, he said right here, "It's required in stewards that a man be found faithful." Now let's get the context, verse 1: [1 Cor 4:1]

- (1) Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and the stewards of the mysteries of God.
- (2) Moreover it's required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (And Paul was faithful to what God gave him face-to-face, word-by-word. And Bro. Branham was too.)

- (3) But with me it's a very small thing I should be judged of you, of a 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 judges me is the Lord.

Now what's he trying to tell you there? He's trying to tell you plain and simple what he's been telling all along in Corinthians: "I am vindicated." Anybody can say, "Well I never got this by myself. I got this from God."

15. So did Joe Smith, the Mormons, four wagon loads of sheer idiocy, baloney. Might as well call their book of Moroni, 'the Book of Baloney', for all I care, because it's the same junk. Tell the Mormons that, and they're offended. But the Mormon's are revisionists. When they get smacked in the face with the true history of Mormonism, they duck, and they throw you out of the church.

And, if we were in a church that is proclaiming the truth as it is today, vindicated by William Branham, who was a duplicate of Paul, they'd kick us out. Thank God we got out. We heard the voice. "For I know nothing of myself; yet I'm not hereby justified; but he that judges me is the Lord." [He] said God judges him. Now watch, you see this man is talking of his stewardship. "I'm accountable to God, and God's holding me accountable. And I'm right now being held accountable by God."

Isn't that what he's saying? If he's saying something different, I'd like to know what he's saying. He's talking about his stewardship, of the mysteries of God, the Word of God, given to him. He's got to be faithful to it, and he's judged by God.

16. "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will 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." [1 Cor 4:5] Well he's telling you right there, "You better take what I said based on vindication. That's carte blanche. And wait until the end time. We'll see who's right." Let's see who you're here standing with. If you're standing with Paul, you're standing with God. If you're standing with William Branham, you're standing with God. I don't care what anybody says. He's vindicated. How much do we want anyway?

Hey, years ago a girl said to me, "Lee, there's one thing I like about you."

I said, "What's that?" I knew it wasn't my big nose.

She said, "Because you're always so enthusiastic. Even if a person gives you an ice cream cone, you're appreciative, and you're enthusiastic."

Well, if I was enthusiastic about an ice cream cone, what about this? This is the end time, open door to the millennium brother/sister, whether people know it or not.

Now, he says here; 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 men's hearts: then every man shall have praise of God." That happened under William Branham in Heb 4:12, right? ["Amen."] Oh thank you, let's get some big 'Amens' going. I'm accused of you people being dead, because I've made you dead. Let's have a hallelujah march and get real blessed of God tonight. Amen. Whoop her up. I don't care what you do, just don't mess my tape up.

17. So, let me read It for you. [Heb 4:12]

- (12) For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even dividing asunder soul and spirit, and the

joint and marrow, and have discerned the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- (13) Neither is any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

When? At the end time! I don't know about you guys, but I'm so happy, I could do a little dance. And the camera catch me. Then they'd say, "Look at that crazy Lee Vayle." I mustn't get too happy.

18. Now: [1 Cor 4:6]

- (6) And these things, brethren, have I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sake; that you might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.
- (7) (Now watch.) 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?

"Oh I speak in tongues, I've prophesied, I've done this and I've done that; look at me!" Ain't that the way it goes, Frank [Proctor], way back in the days gone by? Hey, the big B-G comes strutting his stuff, and he was one hundred million miles off the Word, even in sin and adultery and everything else. Wish I could see, then I could see what reaction I'm getting on your faces. Maybe it's good I can't see too well. Yeah.

Oh, a guy in Africa just said, "Oh," he said, "Who is this guy Ernie Bailey? He ain't nothing from nowhere. And Lee Vayle, what's he ever done? Why," he said, "I've raised three people from the dead."

He's a liar! He's a liar! He's a liar! I've put it three times; he's a liar. Do you know why? No man can raise the dead; only God can raise the dead. [Amen.] And, if you take the power of God and the things of God and use it against God, you're in the devil's pew not in God's pew. Let's not kid ourselves brother/sister. You want to challenge me? I'll take your challenge any day of the week; I don't care where you're born and where you come from. Let's get Word for it.

I'm not finished yet, we'll be two hours yet tonight, sorry to say. I hope not. So let's keep reading.

19. Why do you glory? I thought we gloried in God. Even the Old Testament's full of that. Now, "Now you are full, now you are rich, you have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God you did reign, that we may also reign with you." [1 Cor 4:8]

Paul didn't have any trouble knowing he was reigning--God reigning in him. These guys, puffed up, were coming against him. They always come against authority. And don't you for one minute think they won't. If the devil came against God, the devil came against God. God, Supreme Being of creation; we'll look at him. He came against God. Don't think for one minute these little tiddily-winks are afraid to come against God. They're not afraid to speak evil of those in authority, dignities, [or] anything else.

- (9) For I think that God has sent forth us apostles last, appointed to death: we are made a spectacle unto the world, unto angels, unto men.
- (10) We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we're weak, but you're strong; you're honorable, we're despised.

He's saying right here, "*I'm thoroughly vindicated by God Himself.*" If William Branham said, "*You're looking at me aren't you?*"

And they say, “Ha, ha, boy, puffed up bunch of birds. Don’t tell me. I got the Holy Ghost, because I spoke in tongues.”

20. What about this fellow’s church in Montreal? I told you many times about him. It could’ve been Dr. Smith. Dr. Cliff went there, a linguist, Doctor of Science, knew five or seven different languages. He heard five people speaking in tongues. I could have the figures reversed. I’m not quite sure. It could’ve been three cursing God horribly, and two praising God beautifully. And everybody, “Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.”

No wonder Bro. Branham said, “*Don’t you dare have gifts in the church until, first of all, you got someone with the gift of discerning of spirits.*” And all saying that’s the evidence of the Holy Ghost, “I spoke in tongues.”

I don’t think you people ever had Dr. Cliff’s book or heard him on tape. I did. I wish I’d a met him. You talk about a ministry. He believed in the communion of saints, which is fellowshipping with dead people. Yet in Canada, he had people praying on the hour every noon or morning or night; three times they’d pray. And he had thousands of healings and thousands of so-called conversions. Think it over. Come on. I want you... Now we’re through laughing, and we’re through being a little bit riotous and want to run around. Now we’re getting right down to the cold sober, somber facts. What about it? Stewardship. Stewardship. Responsibility.

Outside the framework of God, stewardship is condemnation and utter destruction, (Which I’ll show you later.) when it’s meant to be unto edification and commendation and to the glory of Almighty God. To take the very tools that God gave us, and Himself apart, and tear down the structure of the kingdom of God. You think it’s not being done? Come on, brother/sister. We’re not ignorant. We’re stupid, if we believe otherwise.

21. [1 Cor 4:10]

- (10) We’re fools for Christ’s sake, you’re strong so.
- (11) Even unto this present hour we hunger and thirst. We’re naked and buffeted. Have no certain dwelling place. (And these guys all did.)
- (12) Labor, and work with our own hands: we’re reviled, we bless; persecuted, we suffer it.
- (13) Defamed, we entreat: made the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things unto this day.
- (14) I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. (Look out, you’re being taught wrong about God and the things of God. You’re being led astray.)
- (15) For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet ye have had not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I’ve begotten you through the gospel. (That’s how we come this end time, through Bro. Branham, the vindicated man.)
- (16) Therefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. (And right down, verse 13. [18])
- (18) But some of you now are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

- (19) But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them that are puffed up, but the power.

In other words he's going to stand right there and challenge them, "*Bring forth your vindication. Come on now.*" Once more there was going to be a Mt. Carmel. Once more the gauntlet would be cast down. Let the fire fall, see who gets answered by God. See who is on God's side. Let's find out whether you're of Baa,l or whether you're of God.

Hey, we had the same kind of man; this man Paul was a regular Elijah. William Branham was the real Elijah, because this man had his own office right there, not categorized with Elijah. But he had a showdown right there. They didn't take him up.

22. Bro. Branham in India, they didn't take him up on it. About a half million people saw the man with just eye sockets, the sun had burned them out worshipping the sun-god. Come one, he said, "*Pray in the name of your god, 'Give this man his eyes.'*" Nobody did. He said, "*What about if I pray in the name of my God?*" And the man had eyes. He saw perfectly. And they grabbed William Branham, recognizing what? That God was in that man. And all the people in America didn't recognize God--yes Jehovah Elohim—was in William Branham, "*You're looking at me aren't you? Same thing.*"

Oh, now we can start running and jumping again. See, I feel real good. Do you know why? Because I don't have to talk about Lee Vayle. I haven't said one thing about Lee Vayle raising the dead or killing anybody. What's the difference? What if I raised the dead or killed somebody? What's the difference? What's the got to do with it? What's that got to do with it? I'm not a vindicated prophet. Let's get this Message down pat!

That's why I have them come to me and say, "Bro. Vayle, I've heard preachers preach for fifteen years but for the first time, having heard you, I understand vindication."

Where are they coming from? I want to know. They're not coming from the same place I'm coming from, I can tell you that.

23. Okay, counted... [You] must be faithful to be a steward. Let's go to Rom 12:3-8. Let's hear a little bit more about this thing.

- (3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that's among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; (Look at that again.) but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Every one has something from God, dealt by God. You've got it. I've got it. We've all got it. That's basic. Bro. Branham put that in "The Stature of Perfect Man" from Peter.

- (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 member one of another.
- (6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, (gifts by grace) whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion...

Now we got the proportion of faith—not just faith; [but] a proportion of faith. So therefore, if I have a gift of prophecy, I don't have to worry. It's going to come out of me, because I've got exactly what is necessary to bring it forth, and it will come forth, and it's of God. Why? Because the gift is of God, and

the faith is of God, and I'm of God. That's three in one. What more do you want? Well, let's keep reading.

24. "...Or on ministry, let us wait on ministry: or he that teaches, on teaching." [Rom 12:7] I'm trying to show you that every single person in the body of Christ is interrelated. Every single one has a measure of faith, even a proportion of faith. Every one has some status, Every one has some gift. Every one is pertinent.

"Oh, bless God, you just talk in tongues, but I can interpret. I'm greater than you."

You're a liar, in a measure of the word, because how do you know you're really interpreting.

Bro. Branham put it down to the real nitty-gritty, he said, "*You speak in tongues, someone interprets, and the thing must come to pass,*" because he equated it to prophecy the way Paul did.

"Oh, I don't see it that way."

Well, of course you don't. You're eyes are blinded. You don't see the Scripture. Now let's stick with it. See? I'm not trying to be mean to anybody except just hard on the devil I hope.

25. "Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, (Now watch, giving is a gift.) do it in simplicity. Ruling is a gift, be diligent. Show mercy, do it with cheerfulness." [Rom 12:8]

Iraneaus correctly said, "There are hundreds of gifts in the body of Christ," and this proves it, because it doesn't enumerate. It actually is suggesting. And [the reason] I use the word 'suggesting' is because I believe there's many, many more things could've been said by Paul. But he said enough to let you know the five-fold ministry's in here, the nine supernatural gifts are in here, and there's a lot of other things in here, such as being merciful. And that's in the Bible. We should show mercy and even turn the other cheek and everything else. And he's putting it all down as something which God has given us, individually: something real, something precious, something that's complimentary to the head, even God Himself. All right.

26. Let's go to 1 Cor 14:12. It says; "Even so ye, for as much as you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church." Now, then, we're putting in a proper focus. If I do anything for self-aggrandizement, or if I even do anything, and I say, "Lord, I'm looking to You, because I want to be a fine Christian, I want to be a gifted person, Lord, I want to manifest Lord that I have something from You," even that is wrong.

"Lord, use me to help somebody." Now you're getting somewhere.

"Give me that which helps me to lift somebody up." We're having too much fun putting people down. Why should we ask God to help us to put somebody up? It's a good question.

27. Well, let's stop here and go back to the beginning, back to heaven itself. We go back to heaven itself, I've taken you back there before, but I'm going to do it again with a little more insight. And in Ezek 28:13 and 18 It says--this is concerning Satan:

(13) Thou has been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and so on and so on. And it says, and the pipes... and of thy pipes... the tabrets of thy pipes prepared in thee in the day thou wast created.

(14) Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

That's where you could maybe get that. They thought Bro. Branham said that Satan was a cherubim that was one of the cherubs over the ark of the covenant, over the mercy seat. I don't know.

- (15) Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created, until iniquity was found in thee.
- (16) By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee out as profane out of the mountain of God, and will destroy thee, (That's eventually.) O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- (17) Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou has corrupted thy wisdom by reason thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, and so on and so on in there.

28. Now you notice that Satan here had a stewardship. And he had a multiplicity of good things from God in order to be able to work out his stewardship to the satisfaction of God in the entire assembly, because, as the Bible said, if one suffers, all suffer; if one rejoice, all rejoice. So therefore, he had a ministry before God in the heavens that encompassed everything in the program and the kingdom of God. It had to be that way. That's all there is to it. Because he was 'perfect', and everything was set in order. And he had abundance of attributes like you simply could not believe.

29. Now, in verse 15 It says; "Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day thou was created." And that's exactly true. He was perfect in his ways from the days he was created. And notice what he had. He said he had wisdom, he had brightness, and he had beauty. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, perfect in beauty. He had this tremendous priestly garment like the ephod only it wasn't that. He had a position: [the] anointed cherub that covereth. He was set that way in the holy mountain of God.

He was allowed to walk up and down in the perfections that God had created there: [a] beautiful city no doubt, whatever it was. And he was perfect in all his ways. In other words there wasn't one thing that God gave him that wasn't absolutely perfect. Now it has to be that way, because you're dealing with God in perfection. All things are pure in heart to the children of God, and those that are pure in heart. "All things are pure to the pure in heart." And then, there's other verses of Scripture that bear out the fact that all things are of God, and there's nothing evil in itself. [There is] no way God makes things evil in themselves. It's what they do with it.

30. And you'll notice what happened was by reason of the mind and the power to think and reason. The word 'imaginings' in the Bible is not 'imagine', although that's true. It's an imaging that you shouldn't be doing, it means 'to reason'. And the reasoning is, they begin to look at things and say, "Oh, my, this being this and that being that."

"Hey, if I put that together, this would happen here; and, if I did this over here, I'd have a consequence over here. Aha!"

That's what I'm looking at is this consequence. See? [Blank spot on tape.]

Now that's what the devil did. And the Bible said he had all these perfections here and everything was very wonderful and everything was in divine order, until iniquity, which means 'the perverting of the Word' was found in [him]. [End of side one of the audio tape.] So now, if he had every single thing here, which was one hundred percent exactly right, there is nothing there in itself that can be perverted. Do you understand what I'm saying? There's nothing there that could be perverted. Then, it's what you do with it, and how you do it, that brings a perversion! You follow me? That's what you're looking at.

31. Now, keep that in mind when we go into further lessons. And we'll go into further lessons on the daily walk in life of our stewardship. And, when I'm through preaching I hope, in spite of all my failures, all my wrongdoings and everything that's bad about me, someone will take up the challenge and walk in the light. Where my generation, I have failed, as in the Exodus, I hope someone can take up the challenge, like a Joshua and Caleb, and walk right into the Kingdom of God, while others stand outside.

32. So, it couldn't have been anything wrong, basically, with what the individual was and what he had from God. It's what he began to think of, and do, with what was there according to himself and apart from the Most High. Because that's what He says right here: "You were perfect." He had to be, "until you began perverting the Word." That's why Bro. Branham brought out what Larkin brought out. You don't violate the Word by resting it; you don't apply it over here, when it belongs here and so on. You got to be careful. Well Satan did that, "till iniquity was found in thee."

33. Now, watch what happens to this guy. We go over here to the Book of Revelation 20, and I'm going to show you [that] he's accountable for what he did. And It says right here [verse 10]: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, to be tormented day and night for ever and ever." See? You're responsible. Very responsible. So am I.

34. Now, let's go. I read here Ezek 28:15, "...iniquity was found in thee." Then later, we don't know how much later, I don't have any idea, but in Ezek 28:13, "Thou has been in Eden, the garden of God." And you know what he went down there as? The same bird he was in the beginning, leading in the worship, talking about God. You don't think he was? Come on. "Every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, the diamond, the beryl." The ephod—the office of a priest.

Here he was, leading in worship. The High Priest entered once a year with blood. Is that right? You couldn't get to God without the High Priest. Here he's almost a High Priest. He's in the garden. He hasn't forgotten who he was. He hasn't changed one little bit. So what's he going to do when he comes down? Come on, [it's] simple as A-B-C. What's he going to do? Pervert the Word. Well, come on. What do you expect him to do? He's not going to come down and kill them. He's not going to come down and do anything but lead them in the worship of God. Huh? Well, come on.

Can you see it all fall in place where Bro. Branham said, "*Forget politics. Forget communism. Forget fascism. Forget everything. It's religion.*" All right.

35. What does Malachi Martin say? And he's one of the main mouthpieces of the pope. He said, "Politics have failed. There's no statesmen left. There's nothing left--nowhere." He said, "The church has to step in and take over."

Right Brian [Kocourek]? That's exactly what he said. And that's exactly what's going to be happening.

The Jews went to the Pope. Reagan went to the Pope. He and the Pope knocked down communism in Poland. That's what they say. Hogwash. Does Satan cast out Satan? Pfft. Put that in writing on the tape. That shows my abject [] despising of this stuff that people try to put out? Come on. God did it in the fullness of time, because He's been working on Satan to bring him down; and is He going to bring him down before it's all over. See?

36. Now, "Thou wast in Eden..." Let's go back to where he was in Eden. Genesis 3 tells you all about it. That's the fellow who was in Eden. Now, what did Jesus say? "I and my Father are one." [Jn 10:30] "He that seeth me, seeth the Father. How come therefore you say 'Show us the Father?'" [Jn 14:9]

They say, "William Branham, what did he mean?"

He said, "*You're looking at me, aren't you?*"

All right, let's apply this to the devil. Huh? Huh? Oh come on, get with me and get your brains moving. Jesus said, "I have chosen you twelve, and one of you is the devil." [Jn 6:70] Who were they looking at? Judas. Then were they seeing the devil? Okay.

When Eve looked at the beast, who was she seeing? The devil.

"Oh, I don't think so, Bro. Vayle."

Well hey, your thoughts aren't as good as mine. I'll stick with mine. You think what you want. I'm not really interested, because I'm telling you the truth. See? I've been puzzling this, and it's just broke to me now, because I had to have a break.

37. "The serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field." [Gen 3:1a] A subtil beast? Hah, come on. Come on face it; 'a subtil beast' my foot. Who was the brightest star in the kingdom of God with wisdom and honor and glory? The cherubim call Satan or Lucifer, son of the morning. So, who is the wise bird here, and where does he get his wisdom? He's getting it from Satan. He's the smartest of the field. []

- (1b) He said to the woman, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- (2) The woman said, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- (3) But the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall not eat of it, unless... nor touch it, lest ye die.
- (4) And the serpent said, You shall not surely die:

Aha! He is now interpreting the Word to this woman. So what is he? He's now a teacher. But you can't have a single teacher anywhere under high heaven, until first there's a prophet. Prophets got to be first; apostles, then teachers.

38. So here's this devil, acting the high priest, acting the prophet, acting Jesus Christ, acting God. Do what you want to call it, the Son and God, wouldn't matter what. He's down there in the full panoply. He's all of it. Now:

- (5) For God doth know in the day ye eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- (6) The woman saw the tree was good for food, and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat.

Now you notice that this woman here, she wanted that fruit, because she wanted to be wise. And that's what the devil offered her was this wisdom. This wisdom is the beginning of... what? Gnosticism. Gnosticism. Right here. He knew something she didn't know. He knew something that God didn't tell. So he has a better and a further revelation. He knows more than Adam or anybody. And he doesn't deny God. Oh no, no, no, no. He doesn't deny God. He even knows that there is a God; he's a theist from the ground up. So, he is the first gnostic.

39. So now, am I right when I teach gnosticism to be the thing you've got worry about, or am I wrong? So the whole world's in gnosticism. Mohammed had a better one. Confucius had a better one. Buddha had a better one. Joe Smith had a better one, Joe Smith. Mary Baker Eddy had a better one. Mrs. White had a better one. Everybody had a better one. And I don't want one of the better ones. I want one of the old ones, because it's the best one. Because every one is gnosticism.

Remember, Rome entered into gnosticism and there isn't one church that didn't come out of Rome. Well the Baptists try to tell you they came from John the Baptist. If that's the case, that's the funniest thing I ever heard in my life. Poor old Dr. Carroll, he died. How that poor old fellow could believe that kind of nonsense is more than I know.

40. "The eyes were both opened, they knew they were naked." [Gen 3:7a] See? They got a knowledge all right. Then, they got very practical: they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. But you know all their righteousness fadeth as a leaf. There's you first fading leaf. That's why I can't stand faded clothes that come fresh from the manufacturer when you got these stone bleached, or whatever you call them, garments. Mine has no bleached spots on it. I don't want even a thought of that. I know my typing isn't too great, but its better than most peoples, so I won't worry about it.

41. Satan lied in Gen 3:4: "Thou shalt not surely die." But notice, and be very, very careful here that you don't run with this and make some foolish mistake, because I want you to know he evidently did not lie in Gen 3:5, when he said, "You shall be as gods, knowing good and evil and your eyes shall be opened," because what did God say in Gen 3:22? "And the Lord God said, 'Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil.'" So now the devil tells one lie, and he doesn't tell another lie. Oh he's slick!

Hey! Isn't that the way marriage and these women are fooled and all these stupid women, they get a guy; why, he tells he a lie; then, he tells her the truth then, he tells a lie, and he tells her the truth, and she shakes back and forth. She's got a lie; she's got the truth. She's got a lie; she's got the truth. But, "Oh I love him, because I got to be some good, because he told me the truth."

So he beats you up and knocks you down, gets drunk, violates you.

"But I—I—I love him."

You've got to be sick. If we've got any sisters like that here please come and consult with me and Bro. John, and we'll see if we can shake the living daylights out of you and get some good daylights in you or do something. I don't know how we're going to do it, but you need help, because you're under the devil. And that's the way the church is: they're under the devils.

Oh, they tell some truth and they tell some lie. Do you know what the devil did way back there? He used one Scripture, and then, he used another Scripture, because, you see, he knew Scripture that they didn't even know yet. Oh yeah, and he twisted it, and he's still doing it.

42. Do you know the rapture doctrine came out in an Irvingite meeting where a woman on the floor, speaking in tongues, interpreting in a dark room, told about—told about the mysterious rapture to take place, the secret rapture. And everybody fell for it. And I was very critical when Bro. Branham preached that "Rapture", you know, the way about the saints going in—up before the tribulation. I hit pretty hard, and I said, "Well, Bro. Branham, what about this woman saying so and so?"

And he said, "*Lee,*" he said, "*I don't care who said it, where it was said. It's the truth.*"

And the devil came right along here in the beginning, and he fed her a lie, and he fed her the truth. He changed one word and made it a lie, and he gave the truth. But the truth turned into a lie, and that's what the Bible said they do: they turn the truth into a lie [Rom 1:25]. And he did it right here. Oh yeah. Oh, listen, I think I'm on a real hot trail here.

43. Now, if you like, I just might go over here to Matthew 4, and we just might see something that's really, really interesting; to make you to know that the devil hasn't changed in the presence of the Son of God manifest in flesh, and God in him, manifesting through his flesh. For It says right here in Mat 4:2-3; "And Jesus was an hungered, the devil came to him to tempt him." And It tells you, [] the tempter said: (That's the devil, Satan.)

(3b) If thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be made bread.

(4) And Jesus said, Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Now you see, the fact of the matter is that Jesus, later on said, “God can raise up of these stones children unto Abraham” [Mt 3:9, Lk 3:8], so the devil was on solid ground.

And he said, “Hey you can turn this into bread, go ahead and do it.”

And Jesus said, “It’s also... It’s written here, over here... Jesus used the Word right.

(5) The devil takes him to the holy city, sets him on the temple,

(6) And said, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He give his angels charge concerning thee: bear thee up, and so on, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

(7) And Jesus said, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

44. People used to say to me, “Bro. Branham said it.”

I said, “Hold it. But Bro. Branham also said.”

Oh they loved me, they said, “Bro. Vayle, you’re the best guy in the world.”

Oh did they? Ha ha ha. When I ducked my head in the sand, they filled me so full of buckshot, I didn’t dare look up in case they blew my head off.

45. The spirit of God, brother/sister, never changes. “It is also written. It is also written.” “It is also written: thou shalt obey the laws of the land.”

Yet one man said, “Polygamy is fine,” but he wouldn’t go and get papers from the authority. See? “I’m going to be polygamist, because I believe in my God that make me polygamist.” So therefore... What did he do? He had a mock ceremony and his wife had to sit by, because the poor thing was destitute.

And I see these preachers marrying women, divorcing wives. And they got to be nice, because the poor women are destitute, having born their children, having loved them and provided, cast them aside like a dirty thing. You women that are preparing to get married, you make sure you marry a man of God and know him, or you will get what’s coming to you. And I’ll laugh at you. And you men the same way.

I’ve seen women, right before me and other preachers, lie—lie!—before God, when they had the vow. They knew they didn’t care for a vow. The vow was never there. That marriage has to be illegal as far as I’m concerned. Except Bro. Branham did say, “*You made a vow. Then where’s this leave the women? She made a vow, she’d better do something about it.*”

Yeah, he just shifted the Word of God around any way he wanted it. See? That’s what he did.

46. Now Bro. Branham said, “*One word off is Satan’s kingdom.*” But Satan did the same thing to the Bride. Look what he did to the Bride in 2 Corinthians 11, which I’ve read many, many times to you. And he said [verse 2], “I’m jealous over you with a Godly jealousy: I have espoused you to one husband.” Oh, “one husband,” hallelujah. And how can you be married to Mr. Baptist and Mr. Presbyterian, Mr. Methodist, and Mr. This and Mr. That, and be married to Mr. Jesus Christ? I want to know.

- (2b) Espoused you to one husband, 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.
- (4) For he that cometh preacheth another Jesus... and so on and so on. (So there he was doing the same thing. Now let's go to verses 13-16,)
- (13) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

They weren't transformed by God, as you and I are transformed, and were already transformed, if we're in the body of Christ and each one of us, members of each other, and each one of us with a position in Christ and a part in Christ and every one with some kind of a ministry, with the prophet and the five-fold over it all. [And it's] not because I'm a five-fold; forget it. But at least I know to whom I'm responsible, and I try to fill my job. And believe me, I don't get this from the devil. How could I get it from the devil and go against the devil like I'm doing?

- (14) No marvel; Satan is transformed into an angel of light.
- (15) Therefore, it's no great thing if his ministers be transformed into ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Now listen, remember, the righteousness act of Abel was shedding the blood that God said, "You shed the blood." The evil act was where he—Cain—would not shed the blood but brought the first-fruit or the fruit offering, denying that he was serpent seed. Denying that he was different. He said, "I'm the same as Abel. Look what I'm doing." So they'll come in here and take you right off of that Word. That's what they're supposed to do.

47. Now listen, if one word off then is Satan's kingdom, what about those verses over there in Revelation 3 about the Laodicean Church that's wretched, miserable, naked, and blind? See? What about them? Where do they stand today? Let's go to 2 Corinthians 4 and just take a look at that. And in 2 Cor 4:4 It says; "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Now, if the eyes are blind, that's bad. What if the minds are blind? What if the minds have all those veils upon it, and they can't see the things of Almighty God? See?

48. Now, putting this in a clearer light, we saw Satan, a religious, spiritual being, a cherubim leading in worship, but getting out of order, getting off the Word, perverting it. Yet unchanging as to his being according to creation and, then, creation going astray. You see, he couldn't change being what he is. That's why he still will lead in worship and still attempt to exalt himself above God and will almost get to doing it; and he will in his own church, which is false. We saw him in Eden in Genesis 3. We saw him in the Bride Church in 2 Cor 2:11. Now we go to Acts 1:15-20.

Now, you notice, I'm sowing up for you every thing you need to know about the two spirits, about worship, what is going on. And you'll get what is a very dynamic understanding, when I read to you beginning in Acts 1:15.

- (15) And in those days, Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of days being an hundred and twenty,)

- (16) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spoke concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. (He... In other words, he was spoken of as the one who'd betrayed Jesus.)

- (17) For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

Now he was not a part of them, but he had a part of the ministry. Did you hear what I said? He was not a part of them. He was not a part of God, but he had a part of the very same ministry they had. So therefore, every thing Judas had was really fine and dandy. It was good. It was clean. It was ordained and produced by God. But he defiled it. He used it wrong. Iniquity was in him. He perverted it.

This is what we are looking at in stewardship that I have found as I studied the subject to bring us to what I consider the definitive understanding now of what Bro. Branham taught concerning the serpent. So you're getting tonight, whether you want to know it or not, a lot of "The Trail of the Serpent". And it's a religious trail. It's a trail of every good thing that God, Who is perfect, made perfect things, and is perverted by usage--perverted with a wrong understanding, a wrong desire to a wrong end.

49. Now let's go to Acts 5 just for a little bit here, and we might see something interesting: how far this can go. And it's Acts 5:1-5.

- (1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
- (2) And kept back part of the price, his wife being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid at the apostles' feet.
- (3) And Peter said, Annanias, why has Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?

See? There comes a time when you'll tip your hand as to who you are. I don't care what you have as gifts or anything else, when it comes to the Word, you're going to have to deny It. There's no way you'll go along with it. There's no way. You've got to come to the place where Paul was: if you're a prophet or full of the Holy Ghost, you will take every thing I say and superimpose It upon what you believe; so all yours is blotted out, and all you got is mine.

Well hallelujah Jesus, that's what I want with William Branham. I can tell you right now. That's all I want. Anybody can have anything he wants, gifts or anything else, raise the dead. That doesn't matter to me.

50. Satan is building a Christian era church, that's a New Testament church, even as he built a pre-Christian era church or the Old Testament church. And what we saw in 2 Cor 11:13-16 (That's about the false apostles and so on) is now a vast church in earth as compared to the true Church of Gal 4:19 to 5:1-26. Now I'm not going to read the whole thing, because our time is gone from u. But here's what we look at beginning at verse 9 [19]:

- (19) My little children, (verse 19) of whom I travail in birth again until 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, you that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

- (22) For it is written, (Now Paul goes right to the Word, check everything with the Word) Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the one by a free woman... the other by a free woman.
- (23) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; (absolutely) but he of the free woman was born by promise.

She had to get young again, and so did he, or there was no way to have Isaac. So, how [are] we ever going to get Jesus Christ in the honeymoon, the Wedding Supper, unless we're young again? You can't bring him back in flesh until the flesh is turned. You can't do it. [It] says right here can't do it. Now,

- (24) Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth the bondage, which is Agar (or Hagar).
- (25) And this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
- (26) But Jerusalem (That's Mount Zion.) which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
- (27) For it is written, Rejoice thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath a husband.

In other words, rejoice, there's just a few of you, one of you; and there's a whole bunch out there. "A million more in '54." "Billions more in '94." "Win the whole world for God, hallelujah."

Eight people make the ark. Don't be stupid.

"We're going to have two billion make the ark." Got it all figured out. Yep. Oh yeah, they got it all figured out--proof-text salvation.

- (28) Now we, brethren, as Isaac, are the children of promise. (Isaac was children of promise)
- (29) But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.
- (30) Nevertheless, what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

And what did Bro. Branham preach on? The shuck will not be heir with the seed, because the true Church comes out of that defiled miserable old rotten church. They're a coming-out Church. See?

51. Now, we could read all the rest of this, but I don't have time, and I want you to read Galatians 5. And in there, you will see what's in the church of Satan, in the world, and what's in the church of Jesus Christ in a great measure. But we've got to go on to other Scripture.

52. Now remember, New Jerusalem is from above. But Satan's church is from below. Now let's see how James parallels what Paul said in Jas 3:1-18.

- (1) Brethren, be not many teachers (Not masters, but teachers, because the teacher takes mastery, because the teacher in the school room is the

master. That's like Galatians speaks of the tutor.) knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

- (2) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, this same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- (3) Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; we turn around their whole body.
- (4) Also ships, and so on, where they... the little helm takes it where the governor wants to go.
- (5) Even so the tongue, a little member, boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles.
- (6) The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among many members, that defiles the whole body, sets on fire the course of nature; and is set on the fire of hell.

Come on now, that's the stupidest thing I've ever heard in my life. That is the dumbest thing I heard in all my life. If James is not talking about what Paul and Jesus spoke about, which is the word of the devil and the false prophets and the false people. Huh? Well, come on. Come on. I don't care how vile your language is, and what you're saying. I don't care about Joe Stalin and all the rest of those buzzards. There's nothing they ever said or will say that's going to do this. Come on, you're giving yourself too much credit, you little fellow down there in your corner, just because you've got a wicked, rotten tongue worse than mine. Phhhhhh! Come on.

- (7) For every kind of beast, of birds, and serpent, things the sea, is tamed, hath been tamed of mankind:
- (8) But the tongue can no man tame; it's unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (Well, is that a fact? Let's go a little further.)
- (9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; therewith curse we 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 so. (And it isn't so in a certain group of people. There's a certain group of people that don't have one bit of trouble with this.)
- (11) Doth the fountain send forth the same place sweet water and bitter? (Now watch,)
- (12) Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt and fresh water.
- (13) Who is a wise man endued with knowledge among you? (Who's the guy that can get away from all this stuff and be the right guy, the wise man) let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness and wisdom.
- (14) But if you have bitter ending of strife and hearts, and glory not, and lie not against the truth.

- (15) For this wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. (So there's a bunch of people getting all of this stuff from the devil. Just like Eve got it.)
- (16) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion, every evil work. (He's saying what Paul said in Corinthians, he's got a Corinthian Church here. He's got a twentieth century Laodicean Church here.)
- (17) But the wisdom that is from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy, good fruits, without partiality, without hypocrisy. (Sure there's no partiality. Sure there's no hypocrisy. It comes straight from God--vindicated.)
- (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.

Okay, that's just part of it.

53. Let's go now to Matthew 7. I want to find something here. I want this whole Bible to line up; not just a few Scriptures [] to run with and pervert... People perverted James. Even poor old brother Luther couldn't understand James. He called it "the straw book." Straw book, my foot. It's the legitimate book in the Bible.

Okay, Mt 7:15:

- (15) Beware of false prophets, come to you in sheep clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- (16) Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Do men get figs off of grape vines and grapes off of fig trees?—is what James says. Huh? Now can James say different from Jesus? Oh, he can't do that. He claims he was Jesus' brother, oh yeah. Now, if he's a scribe is he going to quote God wrong?

Now, "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; and a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." [Mt 7:17] Who's he talking about? Prophets. What do prophets use? They use their mouths. And, if they're vindicated, they've got the mouth of God. And, if they're not vindicated you could have trouble listening to them, you'd better be careful. Mouths. Bro. Branham was the voice of God, so he was the mouth of God. Now he says:

- (18) A good tree can't bring forth evil fruit, or corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- (19) Every tree that bringeth forth good fruit is—not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (Why certainly that's where they're going, the Lake of Fire.)
- (20) Where by their fruits ye shall know them. (Whether they're on the vindicated Word or not. You...)

54. These people are all messed up that preach this any different way. As soon as Bro. Branham began to really let his hair down and teach the Word of God and said he's going to come back to Matthew . And you watch, he's going to change the teaching of the people on this Scripture right here. It is not going to be 'fruit', it's got to go back to the Word; he took it right back to the Word.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, that makes you a very smart person."

No, I'm just full of the Holy Ghost. What do you expect? Well come on, what do you expect of the Holy Ghost?

"Well, I want to talk in tongues. I want to do this. I want to do that."

I wouldn't take a chance. You could end up in hell. You could get a gift from God, abuse it, and have a lean soul and go to hell. Come on brother/sister; get with the Word. See?

(21) Not every man that saith, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven;
and he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

(22) Many will say in that day, Lord, we cast out devils and did so and so.

(23) Depart I never knew you, you that work iniquity.

You that perverted the Word; you had the gifts; you had everything; you're just like Satan. God said, "Do you think I made Satan imperfect? I told you I made him perfect, beauty, wisdom, office, embellishments; he had it." He got puffed up. Now James talks about puffed up. Paul talks about puffed up. Who got puffed up? The devil got puffed up. What are we looking at? Religion. We're looking at stewardship. Huh? And the church[es] are stewards, the Methodist Church is a steward, the Baptist Church is a steward. They all talk about God. They're all stewards. What's going to happen? All right.

55. Now listen:

(24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I
will liken to a wise man, that built his house upon a rock:

(25) And the rains descended, the floods came, the house couldn't fall. (Then
he said, the poor...)

(26) The stupid man, he built his house upon the sand.

(27) Waves came, floods came; the house fell.

(28) And they were astonished.

Didn't Bro. Branham say that though all of these people that think they have God are going to be astonished in heaven, while the prostitute, the rest end up in hell, and they're not astonished, because they knew what was coming to them? Oh listen, these guys building a house. Paul said, "Be careful, not what—how—what you build but how you build thereon." He said, "I've laid the foundation. I gave you the Word. Now be careful how you use it." Everything in the Word, the Word within the Word, the structure, the framework. Everything Word.

"See thou make all things and do all things according to the pattern which I shewed thee in the mountain," and gave you by vindication, the twentieth century by William Branham, prophet of God, Elijah of Malachi 4. And the people got astonished, yeah; they were astonished. All right. Okay, just another hour and a half to go. All right.

56. So you see, the end of the two churches. One's sand and gets completely washed out. One's upon the rock [and] goes to the headstone, Jesus Christ the righteous--to the reincarnation and the Wedding Supper.

Now, before we go further, we want to go back to 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul starts setting the church in order. Watch what he says in 1 Cor 12: 1-3. And you know what, that's a good place to stop.

How many minutes left, none? Five, that's great. See? Just perfect timing. So I make my notes here, and we'll go back, and we'll show you, here. I'll write right here so that no one is fooled, even particularly me. All right.

Let's bow our heads in a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our time of fellowship around the Word which we have. And not, Lord, that my emphasis and my shouting or the fine time I have in my soul means anything particular, but it is Your Word, Lord, and I trust it has been laid out here just absolutely Word upon Word and Word with Word.

And Lord, You know we went to three witnesses tonight, Paul and James and Jesus. And we don't even have to go to three where two were—was plenty, but Lord, we go to all three, we see it all line up, we see that perfect man, we see the perfect tongue, we see the perfect worship, everything in Divine order. Father, if there's one thing we pray tonight, keep us O God in church order, the Divine order of the scripture, lest we stray. So we're looking You for Your help tonight, believing we've received it; believing, Lord, we shall receive more as we have need thereof, established, strengthened in the path of righteousness.

Thank You, Lord, for giving us a part in it here in this church here. Thank You, Lord, we have brethren of the same minds and the same desires. We are fortunate indeed. And we thank You for it that we have the glorious company of believers that we have, who we believe, Lord, will not be shaken by no matter what anybody says or anybody does, because we know, Lord, it's already been vindicated.

Unto thee, the vindicating, true God, we give honor and glory, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.