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Heavenly Father, it's so wonderful to hear the songs of Zion and know that we are singing them unto you, that we have a part of You, Yourself, and a part in Your great predestinated plan; so one day it's going to be God, All in all, when the Son hands over everything to the Father, Who now we know you, Great Jehovah-Elohim, standing here somewhere amongst the Bride, somewhere adjudicating, somewhere blessing, somewhere helping. You are here, Lord, to bring us this Word as You want it to be to a people worshipping you in Spirit and in Truth to bring forth a Resurrection and a Rapture. We know that to be true.

What a golden hour in which we live! What a wonderful time. We are rejoicing this morning and have our doubts settled and any fear we might have put aside, because you have not given us a spirit of fear but of love. And You, Yourself, Love, are here giving us courage and a sound mind.

May each one realize that, not only have we passed from death unto life, but into that life for which there is a true sanity, which is the mind of God; even as Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ." We know, Father, that is true. We know this is a mind age; we know it is your age. We know we're a part of it. May we never forget it. May we always confess it according to Truth.

Heal the sick amongst us we pray, Lord. May they be healed during this service. May there not be one sick one among us, oh God, we pray, because Thou art God, and You are helping us today with all your blessing. As Bro. Branham said, "You came down to curry favor with the Bride, how much more then, now that the Bride knows your union, are you blessing her as the husband and Father of that dear one. May we realize that, Lord. May we confess it, and may we live it as the Spirit of God moves in us, and we yield ourselves to you yourself, Lord. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now last night we were into the question which was asked concerning active and passive faith. And, as I mentioned to you, that's my own terminology. It is not Bro. Branham's, and it is not Scriptural. But it is given in the sense that you must understand that when something is passive, such as when you receive an injection and you're comatose, you're passive, which means you are entirely at the will of that person.

It's been seen in the case of hypnotism. Brother Branham mentioned that hypnotism was a trick of the mind wherein a person could use the old pendulum idea, and they talk to you until you can go under. Now if you think hypnotism is not actually a trance, I've got news for you: it is. One time I submitted myself to a man, because I wanted some help, and I instantly started to go under right into a trance. I cut myself back; I said, "Uh, uh, uh uh. This isn't the way to go."

2. So what I'm telling you and why I use these the words—and simply not a revealed faith... Now don't think I'm contradicting the Bible or Bro. Branham. I am using twentieth century language to a people who must understand what it's all about, because centuries ago they understood this language. It's the same language; but you have to understand, under the conditions of your education, what you've been taught, what you've been told.

So passive faith is what I've been saying. You have nothing whatever to do with it, even to the receiving of it. It's somebody in control, and that somebody is God.

That's why Bro. Branham absolutely said, "You need your brains baptized." He said that if ten people were in a room or one place at one time thinking the same thoughts; as Paul said in Phillipians, "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ" and also "Be of one mind, and say the same thing." When the Bride says the same thing, and Bro. Branham said, "Say what I say, because I'm saying what God said." This is what I am talking about!

You only come into the picture when you realize you have been given the revelation, and therefore that revelation, you can use it revelation with your worship; you can use it with your conversation; you use it with your mind. It's in your heart; you're feeding the man within you by it. That's what you're doing. It's the manna sent from heaven. It's the bread of life given to you and me. And this revelation is the Word of God wherein God Himself dwells, because He is the Word. Bro. Branham kept using that phraseology. So you cannot get away from revelation.

But what I am trying to show you is this: This is predestination. Now, you as a vessel can say, "Well, Lord, why am I chosen?" Well, come on, you know why you're chosen, because, election is not simply, as Bro. Branham said, "I'll take this one; I'll take that one."

3. Now remember the little joke I told about the little kids talking. One of the little girls said to the other little girl, "You know, I could see why it is the doctor and his wife have all the beautiful children. It's because he takes his pick." You see what I mean.

God the Doctor, didn't have to take His pick. He took what he got. Now that's the same with the elect of God. God doesn't have to pick and choose. They are already chosen. They're His children; they're a part of Him. When the doctor's wife chose to have a child, that did it. How the kid came forth... You can't say, "Well I wish I'd been from a lawyer's family, because I'm always going out and getting drunk. At least the lawyer could have got me off the hook." No. You don't have a choice. You don't have a thing to say about it. You are simply in a pipe.

4. Now, to recognize that, then, is to recognize your calling—your vocation. There's a vocation and an avocation. And I don't care what your avocation is. You could be the most wonderful person in the world, a surgeon, a electrician, a plumber, a teacher, a preacher, an orator, a composer. I don't care what that is. Those are natural bents. But there is a vocation, as Paul mentioned, which is your calling, called of God, created unto good words, a seed which is anointed, positioned to be that child to listen to the Father.

So in all of our lives we should put the Word of God ahead of every single thing, no matter what it is. If it looks like you're going bankrupt, go bankrupt and trust God. Don't try to pull a deal. If you're going to go down, go down. "A righteous man will fall seven times, and the Lord will raise him up."

5. See, you've got to understand that "I am predestinated; I am not in control; I am a vessel that cannot say to the Father, 'I want this and I want that.'" The Scripture goes so far to say, "Do not say I will go to town tomorrow, I will do this, or I will do that." "If the Lord wills"—Dius volens, the old Latin phrase. A woman says to her kids "DV". Well what is DV? That's 'God willing'.

Submitting to the will of God is the only thing that's worthwhile. Believe me, I talk from experience. When I shunned the will of God as a minister... Let's face it. My mother had an apparition appear: "You're going to have a son who is going to be a preacher." Oh God! Who wants to be? I fought it; I didn't want it. I quit it. I'm going to tell you one thing: God doesn't quit you. You know the old song that says: "He doesn't compel them to go against their will; He just makes them willing to go." That's when God sent hornets one time, and Israel took flight in a hurry. So I went back to preaching. And I said, "God, if I die, if I starve, there's no way out." And there wasn't. And I'm here today with a very, very satisfied life—miniscule, yes—a drop in the ocean of God's grace. Just the same as a drop.

You don't have control; you just think you have. That's what I'm talking about. It's over here in Romans. It says here: I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it's the power of God unto salvation; everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed." The Gospel is a revelation. It's God speaking to you that you are a part of His Word; that you are a part of Him.

6. Now you never understood these things. You, as it were, fell into it. It's just like as a child grows from birth. A little older he falls into raising his head. A child almost instantly... You should never lay a child on his stomach. For heavens sake, put it on its back. You know where you get your flabby gut from? It's because you lie on your stomach. Lie on your back where you can exercise the muscles of your abdomen through your system. Anybody knows that that knows anything about physiology. But the child rolls around. That's necessary, because that gets the lymph glands going, to pump the impurities out. Then the next thing, the child begins to crawl a little bit and then tries to get up on his feet and stagger around a little bit. The child does that because that's in the child. It's inherent. Those are the genes of the human body and the human structure.

So it is with the child of God. "The deep calling unto the Deep," as Bro. Branham said. There must be a passivity. And the passivity is, first of all, to receive the revelation. The next passivity is to obey the revelation, because there is somebody higher than you telling you to do it. When you get there, you are walking as a Christian.

7. It says right here, "...it's revealed." So this is a revealed faith, but the revealed faith you have nothing to do with entirely, anymore than your birth. You are the recipient of it. You are not only the recipient of it, you are an agent. And furthermore, I am going to put a very crass term to it: you are a victim. I am using that word, because most Christians for much of their lives feel they are in a pipe.

Young people raised in a home with Christian parents feel their victims, because the parents say, "Don't do this; don't do that. Do this. Do this." Oh, you're victims. Even your grown kids are pulling deals. See why? Because they think that constitutes a freedom of choice. You and I don't have a choice. We don't have a think; we don't have a thought. But look what you get for it—the New Jerusalem around the Lamb, eternity. You and I, brother/sister, are missing nothing except a mess, when we listen to God. Freedom is not your idea of you and me doing what we want, so everybody does what he and she wants—which ends in riot, mayhem, abuse, and God knows what. Freedom is doing right. A free person is a right person.

8. Women's freedom, women's lib. What did it give them? It gave them shackles and chains and degradation until today, Bro. Branham said very sternly, more than thirty years ago, "Woman is the most deceived and deceiving creature in the universe." That's what he said. He's right, because she represents the church. And she can't get away from it. So don't try. Don't try to gloss. Don't try to equivocate. Face it. Because if you don't, you'll wish you had. So will every man who doesn't understand what his authority in Christ is.

And don't worry, every man that wants to be right will be looked square in the face by the women who don't understand and don't want to. Like the Promise-Keepers, the women are very, very sure that the Promise-Keepers are out to put them back (who are in rebellion); to put them in the kitchen again, barefoot and pregnant, to take away every liberty. But all they want to do is to be right and keep the women right. And the women don't want it, because they represent the church. And the men represent God helping them, the denomination. They're just as rotten then as the women. And the whole thing is a seething cauldron of the devil's ideas—machinations, connotations and victimizations.

9. Passive faith is a revealed faith. You have nothing to do with it. If you asked for it, you couldn't get it, if you're not seed. The best you could do would be to memorize it, to set under a preaching ministry and go word by word, line by line, down the road, and you would still be a failure. Now notice what It

says there in Rom 1:17: "Therein is the righteousness of God revealed, as it is written from faith to faith." In other words, revelation to revelation.

What is the last revelation of the Bride? It is the Rapture. And the Rapture includes three things. Number 1: the Message, which as I showed you last night in the Book of Revelation, "... like unto a Son of man", which is a prophet, the Word of God manifested in human flesh,..., which is the conduit that Jesus Christ himself uses, manifesting himself within the church, identifying himself. Because, if he was a prophet, he hasn't ceased to be prophet.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, he's been elevated to priesthood."

What has that got to do with it? He's still prophet. Well now he's mediator. That's above that. Well, does that take away his priesthood? He's not just a priest now. A priest could meditate, but not like this one. This one presented his own Blood. He has authority over it. This one is joint heirs with Almighty God. He has half the inheritance. This one's name is equal with the Father's on the check. This one's in the adoption. You're not dealing with a sensibility...go to the law. You're not dealing with just the law back here. It's faith to faith, my brother/sister.

10. Now today, at the end time, the end time revelation which is required, absolutely guarantees you that are a part of the Bride. You are a part of the Rapture. You are a part of the First Resurrection. You'll be there in the Millennium for one thousand years when the temple is built, when there is a worship that you and I know not of, guaranteed to be at the White Throne as attorneys, as Bro. Branham said, and guaranteed to be wherever God takes us at that time after the dissolution of the heavens and the earth, and then brings us back in the New Jerusalem, where the plan of God goes on. Revelation. Revelation.

You and I have nothing to do with it, but, because we are a part of God, we have it. That is exactly why your language and your confession is so necessary. That's why if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth... And if you do not confess with your mouth and cannot confess, and you forbid others to do the same, because you want a cover-up, that's okay by me. You go ahead. I will not shut my mouth; I will not cover up; I will go ahead. You see; I can't anyway.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, I know you could."

You're a liar. I couldn't. When Macarthur trapped the Japanese, he found they couldn't say the letter 'r'. The shibboleth, you know? But I'm going to tell you, if you are a true born-again Christian, you will betray yourself. You can't help it. And if you're not, you'll fizzle.

11. I like what Lloyd said, it's the best illustration I ever heard. When he was told to go to Dallas and fix some electrical errors in a machine, the guy handed him a book and said read this on the way out. When Lloyd got there, he fixed it. The expert that should have known how to do it, stood by and said, "How in the world could you do that?" Lloyd knew he had the guy tripped. He came back and he said, "You can fool anybody," but you can't fool anybody if you're born again and have this message, because you can't get away from that Word. You will betray yourself. You can't help it. You'll come to the place where you're a believer or a make-believer.

I'm going to tell you something. You can defend yourself; you can defend your family; you can defend your parents; you can defend your friends; you can defend anybody. But you are an attorney for a lost cause. And you will stand before God for having taken sides against Him. And He is the Word.

12. Now I am warning you this morning. You'd better be very careful, because it's all over. You haven't got a chance anymore to play in the ballpark of the devil. You're either in God's ballpark, or you're in the devil's: one of the two. You are no longer sitting on a fence; you are no longer turning corners. You

are now suspended between life and death; the gravitation pull of upward and the gravitation pull of downward. You're suspended.

If you don't believe it, you wait until the next few months for what is going to happen in this world, because it's got to happen. Yes, it bothers me. I know it bothers me. But you know something. If He wants me here, then I am well-equipped, I am well able. It's for my glory as well as His, because He wants to give me some of His glory. Do I want it? I stand still now with my vindicated faith and take the next step. The next step is a passive faith going on to active faith.

13. We go to Hebrews 11 and read about the passive faith. And I use passive or revealed faith. If you prefer, use revealed faith as against unrevealed faith. "Now faith is a substance, the giving substance to things hoped for (That's earnest expectation.) the evidence of things that are not seen." Now notice what It says here. "Now faith is the giving of substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report." In other words Paul is telling you here, I'm going to list the elders and the report given because of faith, that which was revealed to them, because it's a revealed faith. It's what gave them reality.

Now everybody hopes to go to heaven. [Bro. Vayle describes situations involving Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono. There's a report. Now what's the report. The report is concerning the revealed faith.

14. Notice, It says here [Heb 11:3] "Through faith we understand the worlds were framed by the Word of God. So that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Now that's a revelation right there. So the rest of the Scripture will go on and tell you that, because of the revelation which God gave, which was due to these people, because they were the children of God, then watch the response because of this passive faith. It spurred them into an activity.

So revealed faith is the basis for your actions, if indeed you will rely upon the revelation which has been given you.

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." It doesn't say that Cain's sacrifice wasn't excellent. It says it was excellent. It had to be, because it was literally a first-fruit offering. But the first-fruit offering denied what? Serpent seed. He denied he was a child of the serpent. Abel didn't have any problem. He knew his mother and father were in sin. He knew that he was conceived in sin, shaped in iniquity. He says, "I need it."

Cain said, "Don't tell me I need it. I'm a son of God."

Now if you've never, ever heard a preacher preach this way, where have you been? I heard them preach this way in my twenties. One preacher in Canada said, "Don't you dare tell that person he's a sinner. Don't you dare tell that person he needs some kind of a sacrifice or blood or anything. Why he's a child of God." We see old Cain right there, and that preacher was a child of the devil, a son of Cain, son of the serpent, an animal. Nothing in there from God.

15. [Heb 11:4] "By which he obtained witness that was righteous." By which he obtained that he was righteous. Now listen, faith prompted him to shed blood, the action proved that he believed God in the shedding of blood. Right? So therefore, that showed his action righteous; it was based upon the Word.

Now why did you take communion last night? Because you knew it took Blood to get rid of your sins. That's how simple this is—what I'm talking about. It's no big mystery. Why do you sing praises unto God? It's in the Bible.

16. Now this is good for you and me. [Heb 11:5] "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found, because God translated him; for before his translation, he had this testimony—that he pleased God."

Revelation 3: "Oh, we're rich, increased in goods, and don't lack a thing." Oh shut up and sit down. He said "You're filthy. You're naked. You're destitute. You're rotten to the core." And you're lifting your voice like Cain and coming against me and saying, "Oh, I can see; I am rich, increased in goods; I don't need a thing?" Not pleasing to God at all.

17. What is the message to Laodicea? Repent; change your mind. Have a change of mind. Get your brain anointed. Get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which you think you've got, and you don't have. Bro. Branham preached to a bunch of tongue talkers—Pentecostals. And they're still in the same mold in this Branham Message. They don't realize that he said, "The baptism with the Holy Ghost is without evidence or any sensitivity."

And they asked, "Bro. Branham, can one be baptized with the Holy Ghost and not know it?"

He answered, "Can a woman have a baby and not know it, unless she's anesthetized?"

Then there's a knowledge there.

"Well, I can't see it. I can't feel it. I can't smell it. Doesn't come this way, that way. What is it anyway? Hah, you forgot it! "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth" the revelation. There's how you know. There's how we know each other. Now we're getting passive faith into the active faith. I want to ask you a question. If anybody begins talking to you about what we believe, and you declared yourself, or it was brought up and would you not declare yourself? And you want to get into a 'jim-dandy' fight, you begin talking, "There's one God, and it's not three-in-one, like machine oil on the shelf. There's one God, period, Who had a Son, Who is not God" (We'll answer that question too, in a bit more.) "but the Son of God, the great Son, who became flesh." I don't know any Scripture where God Himself actually became flesh. He indwelt the flesh of the Son. Just the same as 'by the Son He created all things and now redeemed all things.' And Jesus being the Blood of God, thereby God shedding His Blood, which was the Blood of Jesus. And you can put it down to the blood of God, then you can put it down to this, that the egg and the sperm created by God, that life of God and nothing but that life was in there, and that had to be that body then, bearing the life and the blood being the carrier, that had to be the Blood of God. There's no way you can get around that.

See, there's no great mysteries in the Bible anymore, unless you want to make It that way and fumble around and say, "I can't see this, and I can't see that." If you just keep confessing that, you never will. You have to open your heart and say, "The mysteries are all revealed. Well, Bro. Branham said I know I can understand. It's in the Word. I'm a born-again child of God. And I speak the truth and the truth is in me, and I can only speak the truth, for that's all I know to speak. So therefore, I am in it, and I am it." Don't worry about your body. That's not the big thing. That's a minor. We're getting to the major.

18. Okay. So Enoch had this testimony: he pleased God. Therefore, the Bride at the end time has got to please God. How do you do it? Get your brains baptized with the Holy Ghost—repent, which has a change of mind. You'll have people argue that, because they want you to have a change of feeling. Well fine. Let's have a change of feeling. You full of the Holy Ghost? Want to change your feeling? Put your hand on a red hot stove. It's not nice of me, is it, to talk this way? But I must so you get the point. Look, it's got to come down to the nitty-gritty. It's got to come down to 'is you is or is you ain't'. Is it or isn't it? It's going to come down to: is a horse a horse or is it a cow after all?

Now, so you want to please God? Without faith you can't please Him. And the Laodicean church does not have faith. I'm sorry. Without faith you cannot please God, and faith starts in the mind. Faith starts with getting that vindicated Word of God. If you don't believe it, we'll go over it again and over and over again till you won't forget.

- I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (Now this is not the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is simply the Gospel of Christ, and this is the Gospel of God. You say, "Bro. Vayle, why?" Because Jesus said, "I don't have a word of my own." This is the Word of God Himself.) for it is the power of God (It doesn't say It's the power of Jesus Christ. It's the power of the cross. This is the power of God. This is the 'dutamis' of God, which means that this is the creative Word. This is the powerful Word. This is the Word that gets things done. This is also the authoritative Word.) unto salvation to everyone that believeth (But not to those don't. Who don't believe what? Who don't believe the revelation; who don't believe the Word as It's given. You say, but Bro. Vayle, it's in the book, it's given... Oh, come on! Come on! Didn't Cain and Abel have the same Word? Don't play the fool!)
- (17) For therein (the Word of Almighty God) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.

Started way back in Eden, and it ends in this age, when the prophet said he himself would reveal the things that were not known from before the foundation of the world. Oh, you say, "That's too much. That's too much." It's not too much for me. That's the only way I ever understood Godhead. If he had not told me about the Son coming forth, I would not have understood Godhead. I would have been still crossed up between Jesus-Only and the Trinitarians.

- (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold back the truth in unrighteousness. (What do they do? They deliberately hold it back and do opposite, muddle It, mess It up, and thoroughly confuse you) because that which may be known of God is manifest in them for God has showed it unto them.
- 20. In other words, by even within themselves, creation and the vindicated Word, God absolutely pinned It down. And what did they do? They threw It away. They refused It.

Yet there was a seed, like Abel, that took It and went on and on and on—until today, we not only have It all, we have more than all, because God has shown us those things that He has shown nobody else: things not known from before the foundation of the world. So now if any people have the mind of God, we do. We have the revelation.

So It says here then, that Enoch pleased God. And what was his testimony? His testimony had to be what God gave him, because God will accept nothing else. Even as one person said concerning prayer, "Prayer is giving back to God what He gave you to say to Him." So everything is Word.

21. Let me tell you something; we'll get philosophical. There are only two things in this world. One is mathematics and one is word. When I'm saying that, I am saying that mathematics and word are measurements of every single thing, and there is nothing else but those two measurements. And you can go to the atom, and you get right down to content, to valence, naming every little thing, until you get down to... I can't remember all those things that are in atom, all the things astronomers, chemists and scientists have found out. But you will find this: there's nothing without measurement. Nothing.

Even life is measure. We are allowed seventy years, and if beyond that, by reason of strength, you live... But you will die. And you will find a lot more troubles. When I turned seventy, the bottom fell out; when I turned eighty, the second bottom fell out. Every year another bottom falls out. The point is this: everything is measured.

22. Now when you measure something, you have to have words to describe it. Now God is infinite. And God is not only infinite, He is omnipotent, and He is omniscient. So therefore, He is measured, and only words can describe It. So therefore, when you have God describing to you, you have the ultimate of God and the universe. That's why this Word is so utterly positive.

And if it weren't for this Word, measurement would be useless. Everything you knew that you could measure would die with you, because you couldn't tell anybody. And if you couldn't tell anybody, there would be no society. There would be no families. Even your emotions are measured—highs and lows. So you are brought down to two things. The simplicity!

23. So therefore, Enoch pleased God, because his testimony was concerning the revelation God gave him. Now without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for "He that cometh to God must believe that He is." Now notice: "Must believe that He is." Is what? You say, "I believe God is." Well hey, I believe there's a door knob out there too! I believe, without seeing, there's an airplane flying and landing or taking off right there at Dayton airport. Is what? God is. Well you see? Just a minute. God! Now you've got to know what is God.

The definition of God is a sovereign being Who does anything He wants at to His Own will and nobody can stop Him. That's a kind of a blanket, poor definition, but it's still true. Well what about it? What does he do, if he does what he wants? Does he really do everything he wants? Sure he does. I should just find out what he wants, because, you see, He never changes. So that's why this verse [Heb 11:6] follows the testimony of Enoch because there was the revelation of God in perfection. There had to be; the same as it is the great revelation of this hour. As Bro. Branham said, under the Seals came forth the major revelation, the great one, which is: there is one God.

That's why I can't figure out why the Trinitarians went Jesus-Only and the Jesus-Only bunch in this message say "Hey, we got it." because they're absolutely wrong.

24. Now It says,

(6) ...he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Now what is the 'diligent seeking'? The diligent seeking is staying diligent before God with your testimony, the Word of the Hour, as Bro. Branham told Jack Palmer, "Jack, don't ask God for all kind of things. You just live that life." Which means that if you testify, you bring out the truth, you walk before God, you will have it. The same as a child in maturation: starts as a baby, wiggles, wiggles, wiggles; turns over, turns over; turns over; all so vitally needed. Then pretty soon, he squirms around, gets on his knees and hands, then begins to crawl around, begins to walk around, begins to climb around, and first thing you know, he wants the keys to your car. [Laughter] It's just that simple. I want the keys to the Kingdom myself. [End of first side of the tape.]

(7) By faith Noah being warned of God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, (Now this is for your foolish virgin.) prepared an ark for the saving of his house by the which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

They'll come up in the second resurrection. They've got a revelation of some kind. Yes. They're children of God. They're going to make it. Now Noah was the only true human being. The rest of them were cluttered up. So you've got a people in there who are an admixture. They are in the church; they come out of it, but they're not Bride. They are part of the cloth. They're not part of the pattern.

25. Now I am looking at this as types, so don't take it too far. I'm typing this. But there is a foolish virgin, shot down likes dogs, hunted like dogs... They're killed. They are martyred in the great tribulation, because they will not worship Satan.

So you see Enoch is a type of the Rapture and Noah would be a type of the tribulation. Because, though Noah gets above it, he does not get out of it.

(8) By faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Now that's the way faith is. It's exactly what Spurgeon said, "It's my job to believe God for the impossible and leave the results up to Him." That's why twenty years after his death—and you'll never find anyone telling you but me, because I read the book by the minister of Grace Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia who knew Mr. Spurgeon very, very well. Twenty years after Spurgeon's death, they were still testifying to the grace of God—miraculous healings. He could go to an insane institution where they were wreaking havoc, screaming, everything else, and he would start to pray, and the solemnity of God strike the place, and they would quiet right down. Find me a man who could do that today outside of Bro. Branham. He (Spurgeon) wasn't just the silver-tongued orator and a great tremendous preacher teacher. He was a man of God with a revelation of revealed or passive faith, and he showed his faith by believing the Word of God and saying, this is my job to go right down that road. Whatever God does is His business. I just know I'm going down that road. I believe. I believe. I believe.

26. He's the man who understood predestination. And on that door of the church was written, "Whosoever will may come." But over the altar hung a sign: "Elect of God foreknown before the foundation of the world." Oh, that man really had it.

By faith Abraham went out. He came out—like you and me. We're coming out.

You say, "I don't know where I'm going, Bro. Vayle."

Neither did Abraham. "Well, I just know God said there was a city out there."

Now listen, that's what the Bible says: "He was looking for a city." He didn't know where he was going, but he sure would know when he would get there. And you know what? He knew he was going to get there. You and I are the same way. We're like the horse with blinders. He can't see any way but straight ahead. Bro. Branham talked about the little boy who rode the bicycle, remember? He just looked straight ahead. The rest just kept falling off. Look straight ahead!

27. "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise." You know that's about the stupidest place to live—a place of promise. Promises, promises, promises. That's why they sung the song, "A diamond is a girl's best friend." Anybody can promise. What do they say, "Promise her anything, but give her Chanel." perfume You get what I'm talking about? Promises don't mean anything, unless you know the promiser, and you really have a covenant that he's going to come through.

Abraham lived in the land of promise. You know something, he never did inherit the land. No. He came back in the first resurrection, and he said, "Wow, I'm stepping on it now, but I'll sure be happy when I really get it."

Marching, marching to Zion. Praise God. That's good. I'm part of Zion. I'm a city on the move. I'm one of the inhabitants. Promises.

The Bible says that Abraham did not inherit it [Acts 7]. He didn't have one piece of the land that his feet trod upon, but he's sure going to get it. And he had a teeny taste of it in the first part of the first resurrection. Isn't that nice?

28. Well you say, "But, Bro. Vayle, that's nice. But what about us?"

I'm glad you asked that question. I really am, because I want to answer it for you.

It says, "For it's impossible for those who are once for all enlightened" (the Laodicean church) "and have tasted of the heavenly gift" (oh, goody, goody) "and made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the world to come." That's us. That's the negative just about completely developed. And it is, because He is here. He is here! just like He was with Abraham—Heb 13:8.

29. Now notice, Noah condemned the world, and Abraham showed how to walk. And his son and grandson (not grandsons), Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise, looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

You know something? That's why Abraham is the father of the faithful, and the Gentiles are heirs under him, because we make New Jerusalem with the Old Testament saints. And remember, there are two dippers in the sky. One is the Big Dipper, and one is the Little Dipper. And it is only the Big Dipper, which is the Gentile fold, that points to the North Star, which is Christ, the fixed star. (Now, Bro. Branham said the stars were the first Bible. I'm just helping you a bit on that one.)

(11) Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed.

Well, would you believe it, and Sara is our mother, New Jerusalem. We are Sara today who received the seed of the Word in our minds and closed the womb, that's going to bring Christ down to earth after the dead rise in the resurrection.

30. Now, why aren't you screaming and running around. I'm amazed at you. Can you sit there and not scream and yell. I'm not bugging you, but those that may get this tape, because people who get this actually hate what I preach and what I say. But if this does not give you cause to awaken John the Baptist in your womb—who is dead—and leap for joy; if you don't feel the Christ in you, the John the Baptist, the Holy Ghost (and he was an emissary, the one who went before the actual presentation of God, Who was Jesus, Who would manifest God in flesh), if you can't feel that leaping in your spiritual womb—your mind, there's something wrong somewhere.

I can just tell you one thing. I believe people are screaming at the wrong thing. And maybe we are not screaming at the right thing and we should be. Perhaps that's what's wrong with us.

- 31. Abraham sojourned, a little journey. We have a little journey. That's all we have here. It'll soon be over. We are heirs of the promise, the City whose builder and maker is God. God using the timbers, that's you and me, and those who have gone before, to build this holy citidel, this great temple unto Almighty God. In other words it's all of God: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."
 - (11) Through faith Sara received strength to conceive, (Through this Word we have the strength to bring back Christ to this earth.) ...and was delivered of a child when she was past age...

If you think we are not past age, there's something wrong somewhere; because the first age could have brought Him back, but the Bride was not all in.

(12) Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars in the sky in multitude and as the sands which is by the seashore innumerable.

- 32. So there today, this conception, the Heavenly Jerusalem, Sarah our mother (this is an allegory), bringing forth Christ now in flesh, back to Genesis 18, bringing us all, as Bro. Branham presented it, shows here that there will be a first Resurrection and a second Resurrection where those that are the Bride are as the stars of the sky, and the foolish virgin which are as the sands of the seashore—billions for all we know.
 - (13) These all died in faith not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims of the earth.
 - (14) For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Then why are you silent about our faith? I know those who wants everybody to shut up. I feel sorry for them. Oh, you can't give a revelation. Did Paul give a revelation? No, he simply declared the revelation. I don't give a revelation. I teach on the revelation.

"Oh shut up, don't say a word." So 'they' can be free to tell everybody the hogwash.

When the Bible says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord;" and there's only one way to praise God, and that is to give back to Him His Own Word in the Spirit because you have to worship in Spirit and in Truth; so you give back the Truth in the Holy Ghost. Right? Then why do we keep our mouth shut? Why aren't you talking? God is listening to how you talk. "Thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus." And He is the Word.

33. You say, "How come?"

Because that's how you know about Him. His measurement is by definition. You only know what He is, and who He is, and how He is, and where He is, and what comes forth now, has, and will, by Word. Then your association with God is Word. And if you're off the Word, you're off God. Bro. Branham preached on "Presuming." He was one hundred percent right. Of course, how could he be wrong?

(15) And truly if they had been mindful...

"Oh Paul, I'm sorry for you. You're such an idiot. Why do you talk about the mind? Why do you talk about the brain? Why do you talk about talking? Why don't you shut up and be just like all these guys around us? Paul you said were pedantic, and you left it all. You're a liar. You're the same educated Sanhedrin-Pharisee-skunk you always were. Shut up about the mind. Shut up about the brain. Shut up about that. You're just a mechanic."

That's the stuff I get. If I get it, why shouldn't Paul? You give me a reason. I'm trying to be like Paul, like William Branham. You're trying to do the same thing. So why...why? He somebody's wrong. We aren't.

He said, "Truly if they had kept in mind that country from whence they came out, they had ample opportunity to go back." And Bro. Branham said, "The hole the rabbit comes out of, he seeks to go back in."

I'm not going to stand by and not warn you people. But I'll tell you one thing, I've learned this: no matter how I warn you, if it's in you to go to that, you're going to go to it anyway. It's too late to warn. There's a bunch of leaky boats that are going to go down shortly anyway. It's all over.

34. Keep in mind: talk, forget this, remember that. The Bible is full of It. You're companions of Christ on one consideration, you keep in mind your mindful of. What is your mind full of? That's what Bro. Branham warned about TV. He knew at the end time people would be so engrossed in it, picture shows

and everything else, that they would destroy themselves. His first comment was "Get rid of the TV, get rid of your newspapers, get rid of your telephone, everything else." Then he said, "Take a shotgun, blast it out." So there's a middle of the road.

So what is it? What does the mind get full of? American people are so gross today that the president can be a filthy monger, but they say he's doing a good job. He's not doing a good job. That started with Reagan. It has nothing to do with the Democrats. If there hadn't been a Republican Congress in there (the Senate), we wouldn't be getting our debts canceled out or anything else. And it's still a mess, because they're still borrowing social security money and telling us the debts are paid off. Hogwash. We're getting deeper and deeper in debt. Goody, goody, goody.

- 35. But listen, here's what your passive faith and confessing it leads to. It's just going down that road blindly with God. There's no great exploit mentioned here in Hebrews. Abraham hasn't done one great exploit. Nobody has done one great exploit. They have simply gone down the road with their passive faith being now active, because the activation of the passive is seeing that Holy City and saying, "I'm part of it, and I'm going to be there. I have to be there, because God is doing it. I'm a part of it."
- 36. Now [Heb 11:16] "But now they desire a better" (something better than what they've have) "that is heavenly." And Bro. Branham said, "Why do you want to settle on these minor things or gifts which can be abused, when the heaven is full of reality?" If the heaven is full of reality, it's only full of one thing: Word, Word, Word, Word, Word. And if you go to heaven, you're going to find one thing: the ark is up there, and the ark contains the Word and nothing else. There is no almond rod that blossomed. There is no manna. It's only Word. And in there the Word is overlaid by the cherubim's who guard it. God keeping it all. Right? That's Bible.

"Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God." Do you understand that? Because you believe him who God sent and you believe him, Jesus, whom He sent. Each one like unto him in their measure. See?

Now It says because of this confession, blinded to everything but the truth, blinded to everything but New Jerusalem, blinded to everything but beyond the curtain of time, (As Bro. Branham said, "Don't, don't, don't, don't miss it!") He's not ashamed to be called their God. For He hath prepared for them a city. In other words they believed that He prepared it, and He said, "They believed me." That's it. He's not ashamed.

- 37. Let's go back and find something else, while we're at it. [Hebrews 2:]
 - (9) But we see Jesus made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God, should taste death for every man. (That word 'man' is not in the Bible. It's 'every'. And the following is 'sons' or 'children'—for 'every child of God'.
 - (10) For it became him, for who are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
 - (11) For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. (We and he are all of God, and therefore, he is not ashamed, and God is not ashamed, because we say what God said.)

Now there is your passive faith and your testimony, and that's what is required of you. And if you say it, and you really believe it, you will walk according to your faith, because passive faith, the revealed

faith, is the basis for the active faith. These people would not have done what I am going to read to you, if they had not have had what I am talking about.

- 38. Now watch. We're going back to Abraham. Now he starts out, he's got the son, and now we're getting into something really good. [Hebrews 11:]
 - (17) By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only-begotten son.

He's giving back to God God's Own promise manifested in flesh. Can you give William Branham back to God and say, "Lord, I know he came from you. You fulfilled your word. Whatever you do now, it's okay by me."

God took him; we didn't believe it. But I realize if God had not taken him, we would not be where we are at. And I say, "God," like Abraham, "thank you for William Branham, and thank you for taking him." I'm sorry I missed so much by not knowing what I know now. But then, I wouldn't know what I know now, if you hadn't taken him, because that's life; that's the way it is. That's the way it is, because that's the way it is. I'm hunching over this pulpit, because that's the way it is. I'm not standing up or sitting down. I'm hunching over the pulpit. That's the way it is. It's just that simple.

- 39. (18) Of whom he said in Isaac shall thy seed be called:
 - (19) Accounting that God was able to raise him up,

And I often said, if William Branham doesn't come back, forget it. I mean forget it. There isn't anybody coming back in my books. Now I got to believe that with all my heart, or I don't really believe it. I've got to say without wincing, equivocating... 'live, die, swim, sink'... I've got you over a barrel, haven't I? I know I have, because I can read my heart and when I read my heart, I read your hearts. You think I'm stupid? You think your heart's different from mine? You brain is different? Your soul is different? I've got news for you: your just as clutzy as I am or anybody else. Even Paul had doubts at times; but God doesn't. We're believing to the Resurrection, because we are part of it.

- (19) ...even from the dead; from whence he received him as a figure. (In other words Bro. Branham's coming back. He's got to come back. And we're right there with him.)
- (20) By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
- (21) By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.
- (22) By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones (because that's where the resurrection would be).
- (23) By faith Moses, (Now look, Moses is going to get credit for what he had nothing to do with. Look at it.) when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child, and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. (Now there you are. Right unto death. The king could have killed Moses, killed his sister, killed the father and mother, and killed everybody. Just killed them.)
- (24) By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter (that's the adopted son);

(25) Choosing...affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

He had everything at his fingertips, there wasn't anything that was denied him as Pharaoh's grandson, heir to the throne. He said forget it.

40. What if you got a ticket and could win the lottery, and you could know for sure you'd make a million dollars, would you spend the twenty dollars.

Well you say, "Just a minute now. They gambled for Jesus' garments at the foot of the cross. I don't think I could be a gambler."

Oh, but for a million dollars, you could give fifty percent. God will forgive you.

Oh, I thought the blood was the only source. I didn't think money was.

"Well, I'll just become a good Catholic then, and give the pope some money too."

I've got new for you. The pope can't keep you out of purgatory; he isn't going to get you out.

(28) Through faith he kept the passover, (Hey, that's what we're doing!) and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

What about the people who say there's no more communion. I've been accused of that. But you well know that this church has the absolute commandment. Of course, I'm not pastor anymore; John can do what he wants. But my commandment was, if the deacons did not give you communion once a month, fire the deacons. Forget them. They're not worth having around the place.

- (29) By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians tried and were drowned.
- (30) By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. (All they had to do was walk around seven times and blow the trumpets, and the thing fell down. Trusting God isn't the great big thing we made it out to be.)
- (31) By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. (Bro. Branham said, "The tape boys got in there and played some tapes.)
- (32) And what shall I say more? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and the prophets:
- (33) Who through faith dubdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- (34) Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valient in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Oh, come on. That's a lot of hogwash! They didn't do that at all. God did. They just stood still while God did it. Isn't that true? That's the whole secret. Daniel never shut any lions' mouths. The three Hebrew children didn't just puff up their cheeks and blow a blast upon the fiery furnace. Oh, no, no, no, no. Bro. Branham never healed anybody in his life, but a lot of people got healing, because He stood there. I used to

stand there too and get quite a few healings, but I sure never healed anybody. If I did, I'd be healing myself.

41. Now,

- (35) Women received their dead raised to life again: (They never raised any dead!) and others were tortured not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
- (36) And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, of bonds and imprisonment:
- (37) They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented.

There is passive faith—revealed faith turned into dynamic, active, powerful faith—that moves mountains.

- 42. What you have is what I've said many times in the Scripture. Jesus said, "Though you have the faith of a grain of mustard seed, you can move a mountain." Paul said, "Though I have all faith and can move a mountain," little faith and big faith is nothing but faith. No. There's no big people, no little people, just sons of God. There are just those who yield themselves to the Word of God, having had the revelation. There are just those who listen to the Word of God, and in their place, whether they be man, woman, or child; simply believe the Word, simply take that Word, simply tell that Word, simply make It their testimony and stand with It and confess It. And that's the truth.
- 43. Many times we look at dynamic faith, as we call it. And that dynamic faith produces itself in healings which is what we all want the most of, because there are two things in life which found out through psychologists and those who studied the human race. Number one is to be recognized to be important in the sense that you have sociability. You are a part of the family. You are a part. The next thing is health.

I think today the world has reversed it. They want health, and then they want recognition. In other words not a recognition where you want to be somebody amongst the somebodies, but, you know, you want to be familial; you want to be cherished and to cherish. But today that's gone. Kids hate parents, and parents hate kids, and everybody hates each other. And nobody wants to make any change in that. So health must be number one.

44. So you look at the dynamism of those things. But you know how people really get it? Is nothing but your passive faith. As Bro. Branham said, "You are healed when it has been revealed to you by God that you are healed."

And remember, man's belly shall be satisfied by the fruit of his lips and by the increase thereof. So your faith, which you have received that is mental—as Bro. Branham said, taking charge by your spirit, going down into your soul—becomes spiritual. And as you confess it, it now goes from your mouth to your ears; and the hearing of your ear takes it to your brain and to your spirit and into your soul, and it increases.

As I have illustrated many times: the man said he went fishing. He said, "That's the most beautiful trout that I caught. It was this long." When he heard it, it sounded so good, the next time he said it, "You know, that was a fabulous trout. It was this long." It got bigger. And the next time he said it, it got bigger. Pretty soon the trout was a trout or a walleye. The next thing it was a dolphin, and the last thing it was a whale.

And this is exactly the way the Word of God is. It's exactly the way anything is. The more you talk it, the more it impresses you, the bigger it gets—the fruit of the lips.

45. So here's what these people did: they made their confession, and they stood with it. And that's what you find in the early church and in the second age where you have the calf which was the martyr age or the martyr, silently as a beast of sacrifice.

Now today we have the battle of the mind. What are you doing with your mind?

"Well, Lee, he's just a mental guy. Thank God I'm a mental guy."

I never found where God invaded the institutions of the insane and brought out a preacher. I never found where he elevated an idiot to the priesthood. So much for stupidity. You couldn't even have a bad thumb and be in the priesthood. So much for stupidity. You enjoy stupidity? Do we have the role of ignoramuses? I thought my Bible says, when you have the Holy Ghost, you have a sound mind. I thought we got rid of fear. He did not give us the spirit of fear but of courage, love and a sound mind. There's something people are missing somewhere. Let's not equivocate and make excuses and try to pretend we have a dynamic faith apart from the revealed faith, because the devil has all kinds of power, and his power came from God, and he can do anything he wants to with it, except certain things, because God reserved that to Himself. God reserved healing to Himself, because He is the Healer. But He didn't deny the devil the power to use the Name of Jesus Christ and the lips of the serpent seed to even raise the dead. Huh!—"Anointed Ones of the End Time."

46. Now, [Heb 11:38] "Of whom the world was not worthy." Your unworthiness before the world starts with your confession of your faith which is: 'it is of God', and would have to be to be reviled. That's where it starts. That's where the persecution is. That's where death comes in and everything else comes in, because you dare to stand up and speak.

Why were the Chinese killed in Tiananmen Square? It wasn't because they were rebellious. It was because they spoke up and then stood there, and they were slaughtered.

Now I'm not going to eulogize the Catholics, but I'm going to eulogize some of their nuns. You know that some Catholic nuns—This is supposed to be true, and I hope it is for their sakes. But if it isn't, it's still a good moral lesson—refused to bow to the Stalinist regime. They were taken out naked and put on a barren hill of snow and ice. The next day their bodies were warm and pink and rosy, and nothing had happened. They must have had some kind of a testimony that pleased God.

47. Now It says, [Hebrews 11:]

- (38) (...the world was not worthy:) They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
- (39) And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. (All they have today, every single person, Old and New Testament who have gone before us, is a good report. They are waiting for us, as It says in Heb 11:40:)
- (40) God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

And Bro. Branham put that right in this hour. And what did he bring us? The perfect revelation of the Word of God. We have It!

What are you doing about it? Are you trying to be some big body that is trying to convert the world? What if they're all in? Bro. Branham said just before he died, "I've made my last trip across America, I

believe it's all seined out. I think maybe fifty people came to the altar. I don't know if they're even saved. Maybe it's all over." You try to be some great big fellow that thinks we're going to great miracles and everything else? He said, "That's for the Jews. That's over."

48. Sure we believe in healing. Certainly, we believe in many things. We don't have to bring in the gifts to do that. The Word of God was sent to heal them. A gift of healing was sovereignly given by God to Bro. Branham in 1946. We don't know if anybody else has a gift of healing. But Bro. Branham could not use that gift except under sovereign dictate.

But you and I can pray the prayer of faith anytime, anywhere, and believe God and say, "It's in your hands, Lord," and walk away.

And you know, if you really believe that "if two be agreed," the motivation being right, you can be healed. I can be healed.

You say, "What about that person that person that has done something that God has put that pressure on?" Then the person won't be healed. It's all right. It's okay. God knows what He is doing. We have to realize God knows what He is doing.

But it's our job... Spurgeon said it. Bro. Branham didn't say it, but I know it was in his heart, because I saw how he acted. I saw Bro. Branham in action, and he was just like Spurgeon. He believed God for the impossible and left it right in God's hand.

I want to impress you with this. I want you to believe me, because I know what I am talking about. Bro. Branham really believed God! He never ever prayed anything but a prayer of faith. I know what I am talking about. From the day that I met him personally in August 1953, I knew he believed God. And you and I, in our own way, can do the same.

49. All right, I am finished. And that takes care of a long message at least to this particular point. And I hope we can lay it to rest on the grounds of understanding my vernacular is merely my own expression of exactly what the Bible says to the best of my knowledge and how Bro. Branham put it.

Now we can be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the time that you give us together; the time, Lord, which is gathered around your Word which is loving your Word and loving the people of the Word. And we know, Father, that this love of this Word is what inspires this love of the brethren to each other, going even beyond brotherly kindness, because now love has come down; which we know God Himself has capped the Bride, sealed her in, ready to take her away and deliver her from all of this world and the things of the world, in a body which itself has now complete redemption—body, soul and spirit—entirely saved of You, going up to the Wedding Supper, coming back in the Millennium.

These things we know, Lord, and we confess. We realize the more we take you literally at your Word, as we have the prophet, the more the blessed Holy Spirit will release that tremendous energizing faith, revelation faith, revealed faith in us until we are literally walking-faith children, revealed children, inspired children, completely motivated of you, Lord; that better thing having come in this hour, now that even the very dead can come out of the grave, not having received this finalized promise of being all together in coming to the Millennium.

How wonderful it is, Lord, in this golden age, that though we have nothing really to do with it, we have everything to do with it in that we are the last ones to come in and the last ones now brought to a perfection through the perfecting of the Blood and the Word whereby now the others can all come together.

And we thank you therefore, Lord, and may we never forget it, that salvation is of the Lord, and we are part now of the All of God. How wonderful and how blessed to realize that one day we'll breathe in that heavenly atmosphere, and everything will be over but the perfections of You Yourself through the blessed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was both crucified and killed that we might have the life poured back upon us, binding us to you, coming forth in this Resurrection.

Unto Thee be glory and honor and praise, Thou Who stands in our midst, Thou Who art the Headstone—the Capstone, Thou Who hath come down to bring us out of our bondage into the glorious liberty of Jesus Christ, which has not been known before, but now is known to all the saints in this end time.

Unto Him, unto You, oh God, be honor and glory as never before, through the Lord Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen and amen.

'Take the Name of Jesus With You.'