Stewardship Q&A #4

Like a Tree...Brings Forth His Fruit...Psalm 1 Producing What Lays in Him December 7, 1997

Heavenly Father, we welcome Your Presence knowing by vindication as Bro. Branham said You welcome our presence, being here now to curry favor with us, to look upon You for what You are, and this is overwhelming when we even consider grace, and Who and What You are, and the depths of Your love. How that You not only loved Your only begotten Son, but how You must have loved us, and how He [must] have loved us, and we Lord should be overwhelmed by it, respecting You and honoring You with such great sincerity of heart as never before. Help us Lord to come to that place of depth of appreciation, respect, sincerity, and actual awe, a real fear of the Lord, which we know to be godly reverence. So Father, unless we have that we know that we are falling short of the privilege that we have, because it is only in that privilege that we can truly understand the depth of the revelation of Yourself, and that which You have set forth. May we come to that speedily now, because we know that time is short, and so Father, if that takes place in our hearts, and we know it is taking place, and must continue to do so with a great growth. That coming Lord, we know that we will stand ready here at that day, when Your voice calls them out of the ground [], out of their graves, the graves give forth the dead into living, and we standing with them transformed, going to the Wedding Supper. Father, we appreciate all this and know it is true, and say as Bro. Branham said so truthfully, so carefully, "If we're not Bride there's a Bride out there somewhere, and by the grace of God we won't stand in her way." In Jesus' Name. we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. You know, it's a very strange thing that many things I have told you over the past for many years, some of you are finally beginning to understand by going onto the internet [finding] the actual conditions that are out there in the world; That people who claim to believe this Message do not even have a clue. So, you won't be surprised what I'm going to tell you now.

A certain person with whom I am in touch, a minister, told me that he was told recently, and this is thirty years after Bro. Branham [] [deceased]--actually twenty solid years, twenty-two years since I started preaching on the Presence--that they're beginning to understand what it even means for them to sing, "Jesus is here." Now, did you hear what I said? [They] didn't even know that. Then, what do you think the people are getting? To whom are they listening?

Didn't Bro. Branham say that Paul met the Pillar of Fire, and he said He had changed His mask. He had gone back now from the flesh to a Pillar of Fire? That wasn't Jesus, the Son of God. That's Elohim, Jehovah-Savior. And Joshua is Jesus [] [in] Hebrew, and it means 'Jehovah Savior'. And so, when you talk about Jehovah saving, I'd ask you a question: who saved them out of Egypt? Jesus never went down there and saved them out of Egypt. That is the one that's sitting on the throne now, the one in flesh. He was thoroughly represented, though, in the Lamb that was slain, in order that when He did come, the Blood with its final perfect atonement would allow them to come out of the grave.

2. So, you see, there's a great discrepancy between what Bro. Branham taught, and what many people are preaching and many people are believing. And this should lead you this morning to a conclusion we've talked about many times, and that is: eight people made the ark. Now what are you going to do about it? [] [It] wouldn't have done any good for Noah to have clubbed them on the head, and dragged them in. Wasn't any room for them. There wasn't any food for them. There wasn't any grace for them. Did you know that this is the hour of Joshua, [the] day of special grace? And not just grace, it's special

grace. God not only showing us love, but as Bro. Branham said, "*God currying favor with us.*" As a [prospective] Groom to a [prospective] Bride, He does everything possible to attract her attention, and make her realize that He is the husband that she really wants, whether she knows it or not. And he talked about the girl that looked at the fellow with the cute little feet. How many churches are looking for the cute little feet?

3. Now listen, these things Bro. Branham said, and I say many times, and I am far--not worse, but I'm much more committed to the bizarre, and to the ironic, to the sarcastic, than he was, or ever would be. I can do in one sermon what he wouldn't do in a lifetime. But I have a pretty good teacher to follow. He could hit hard. And many times the Holy Ghost told him to hit hard, like he told those Canadians up there in [Edmonton] "*You bunch of mossbacks*." Hey, the moss grows on the back of the tree, because the wind blows out of the north. And they're so cold, indifferent to the things of God that they stood there like trees [] [that]had [] fungus growing on them. And I've showed you by Scripture that fungus is a curse—blight, mildew. Ninety-five percent of the world people [even] have mildew in their veins. []

4. So, all these things show forth the hour in which we live, and though knowledge has increased in the realm of the educational, it has not increased in the realm of the revelation. And remember, revelation is a very potent and [] [dynamic] force. For Bro. Branham said, "*We've seen the Word of God demonstrated in power, but not in revelation.*"

So if you think the manifestation of vindication was absolutely fantastic, what's it going to be when we are completely imbued endued with the real revelation of Almighty God? If people were not necessarily enamored, but excited and enamored, with manifestation, and then turned down revelation, of how much value was [] [the] excitement, because they have taken the lesser for the greater, and they have substituted, which is really unreal, because gifts are merely gifts. See? Merely gifts.

[] [If] you want a perfect case of seduction, what do you do? You have a man who presents himself to the girl with all kinds of gifts and all kinds of flattery, he only wants one thing: that's sex. And when he's through with her, [he] throws her in the gutter. Wouldn't you sooner have the man without all the fanfare of the gifts and the fine talk and everything else? Why certainly, if you have any reality, unless you're one of the beast race. You want that person. Well, what they have done, they've sold out for gifts. They've sold out for manifestation. Simply gifts. But they've not sold out for the Word. And the selling out for the Word is what really counts.

5. Now I'm going to read something here, and it was given to me by Lloyd [Lusk]. He looked it up. I don't think we've ever read this to you before, but "Israel in Egypt" is where he talks about this. It's many years back, and he brings out the fact of the necessity of teaching in a five-fold ministry, but particularly at this point teaching (And he's talking about himself.) the very things that I've told you. Where is the revelation of the people? Now, if they didn't catch it under Bro. Branham over thirty years ago, and they haven't caught it under my strenuous preaching (And believe me my preaching is strenuous, and you know it. It's strong, very, very strong on Presence and vindication.) and can't catch that Jesus is here, Elohim is here, what are they catching? [] [What?]

Now here's what he says. ["Israel in Egypt," 03/25/53]

[104] When, they say, "I don't need anybody to teach me. Glory to God, I got the Holy Ghost." Well then, the Holy Ghost was wrong when It said It set some in the church, as teachers. God put them in the church as teachers. (He put them there as pastors, as evangelists, as apostles, as prophets, right down the line.) That settles it. Why'd He put teachers in there, if the Holy Ghost is going to do all the teaching? See?

[105] What people needs is their brains baptized.

6. Now the greatest criticism I have (And it's even on the internet.) [is] that I'm intellectual. If you want an intellectual person... This man has a legitimate PhD. I won't use his name. He's a librarian. He was a consultant for IBM for years. He was recognized according to his own statement by the CIA and a certain government. And, when they asked him, "What does it mean when that which is perfect is come?" checking his answers with Bro. Branham, and him claiming to believe Bro. Branham implicitly, he said, "Bro. Branham was wrong when he said that which is perfect is come, because Bro. Branham in 1963 made that statement, and in 1964 prophesied the West Coast would go down, which means, and the quote is from 1 Corinthians 13, when that which is perfect is come, prophesy ceases." And so he said, "See Bro. Branham prophesied after that, so perfection hasn't come."

Now, if I'd have brought you [] [another man's] quote (I should have brought it.) to show you he said the same the same thing. He said, "I don't care who says it, and I believe the Bible." He's a liar from the ground up. He is a liar and a serpent seed. Because he contradicted [Bro. Branham and yet says he follows him.

Bro. Branham stood right before the people, and he said, *"That is not so,"* and he put it into the Millennium.

7. Now you go to 1 Corinthians 13, and you're going to find this: "That which in part is done away when perfection comes." Perfection is in seven, right? [] Is perfection seven? Why? Because it's completion. Even today you have a language of sevens and mathematics for your computers. This is the hour of seven; it's over. And, when perfection comes, which is seven... If you had a billiard ball--as I've said many times--made in space, so it's perfect. It's a sphere. There's no gravitational pull. And you had that completely varnished; one scratch, [and] it's no longer perfect. One drop of wax, [and] it's no longer perfect. Because it's in sevens.

So therefore, everything ceases in the line of gifts, and those other things that we think matters. Tongues ceases; everything ceases. Why? Because you're right back to the Word, to an original start. Then, if gifts and things come out of this you would be on a proper trend. But we'll talk about that later, because there's a question here.

8. Now, he says, and equates prophecy to simple little prophecy. We're not talking about that, Bro. Branham explained the Bible is a Book of prophecy. I went into this in "Spoken Word Is The Original Seed." And if I get a chance to unfold something this morning, you're going to find I'm [] [referring to] "Spoken Word Is the Original Seed." "The Restoration of the Bride Tree," and right down the line, you'll see it all come together, as you've never seen it come together before, as far as I would believe.

[] [So] he made a great [] [error] on that. So, they came to me, and they said, "Bro. Vayle, this man said so and so."

I said, "He's wrong." And I waited for a split second, and the answer came, "Ah, he's way off, because he doesn't understand [that] God gave this Word as Bro. Branham said, in seven parts--in seven complete ages." Right? Did he, or did he not say it? At the end time there's a perfect correction, because the Seals corrected the errors.

When the man said, "Bro. Branham you could write a new Bible."

He said, "Hold it. Hold it right there. That's a trap."

Other people tell me that Bro. Branham never had any correction needed in his doctrine. If he hadn't, he'd have been the Seals, when he said Christ was the Seals. And Christ is the Word. Bro. Branham corrected, not his doctrine per se, as an understanding of doctrine, but the fine points within it. He knew we should be baptized with the Holy Ghost, but his original thesis and understanding on the evidence, was love. He was wrong. He admitted it.

9. William Branham stood before us when he preached on the opening of the Seals. And in the breach he taught us, and he took a piece of paper and rolled it. And he said, "*All right*," he said, "*the book opened, they had scrolls.*" And he said, "*He rolled it and he put a seal on it. And he rolled the second and put a seal on it.*" And he ended up teaching there was seven seals inside and seven seals outside. [He] had to come back and say, "*I made a mistake. There are no seven seals inside!*" Yet preachers right today are preaching seven seals inside! Why? Because they want to open the Book!

So, you wonder why I get [] [aggravated] when I find out people singing for twenty years, "Jesus is here," and don't even know what they're singing about, and don't understand anything about it. I'd like to ask a question. How many of you really know what we're singing, that Elohim is here? Raise your hands; let me see for... Come on, let me see. How in the world can anybody, then, except with a baptized brain ever get anywhere? Bro. Branham, (this is not Lee Vayle;) this is William Marion Branham, vindicated prophet of God [who said this.]

[105] What people need is their brains baptized, besides the water. That's right. All right. Excuse that sharp expression, but I like to really let her soak in. (He didn't let it soak in. He took an axe and opened the skull and... No, he couldn't, he said, "Look, I'm like a doctor," he said, "I pry open your mouth, and I shove the medicine in, and you spit it right back in my face.") We want a revival, brother, (bring back things from the dead,) you got to stir the thing up. Before you can do it, you got to get Satan kicked away. Don't fuss with him, take your grounds and stand there. I've had to battle him around the world, and every other Christian that ever stood for God has to battle him. But if you know what you're standing in, what you know is to be the truth, it's "THUS SAITH THE LORD," you can stand there.

10. Okay, he said also in "Uncertain Sound" in Spokane, Washington--that's where he mentioned, he said, not this tape necessarily, but he said, "*My ministry is to declare that He is here*." [Uncertain Sound, 07/14/62.]

[E-71] *I* know you think I'm crazy, but some of these days at the judgment bar when I stand there by your side, you're going to find different.

Now have I being saying anything different from that? Huh? This Bible open before me, knowing there's a God in heaven? Not going to lie to you. Now William Branham knew he'd be standing there and he'd have to answer the same as those will have to answer. I'm not [] [fooling] myself; I have to answer. I have to answer if I've been a hypocrite, if I've lied, or anything else. []

[E-71] ...you're going to find different. Now's the time. Don't wait till there. It'll be too late. Judge it with the Word, see if it's right. Then, you'll know. Intellectual--they don't want somebody to really stand up and pull the Scripture out and show it.

Now a baptized brain is the only brain that can do this. And you tell me you don't need your brain baptized when so many people, the Trinitarians read without knowing they're reading, "There's one mediator between God and man, the God Christ Jesus"?

"Well," you say, "Bro. Vayle, it's not that way, you see, that was God that became a man."

The Bible doesn't say that. Bible doesn't say that. So, why try to confuse it? Why try to make the Bible read the way you want it to read, why don't you just read it? And why don't you follow it all the way through with the Scripture? See, that's a beautiful thing. Once you've find a seed in Genesis, you can follow it all the way through.

11. You tell me a farmer out here that's successful doesn't know how to follow his crop all the way from planting in the spring to the fall, and get it off the field? Come on, what kind of a farmer is he? He's a []

[misfit.] No, he can't control the weather and a lot of things. But he can sure control what's in his power to control. And he knows when it's time to plow the earth; he knows when it's time to put the seed in; he knows when to fertilize; he knows when to water.

Now those things like watering, and some of those things have to come from God, but let's say that man has a nice well out there that's an artesian. I understand in Ohio here, if you go down two hundred feet, you'll strike water everywhere. And why not sink a well two hundred feet. And I've seen it over here toward New Carlisle, and different places on... Let's see, what's that [State Route] 506, I guess, and you'll see them watering all the time out there. []

But see, a farmer knows[these] things. [] That's why the Bible said the children of darkness have a smarter brain than the children of light, unless the children of light get the baptism with the Holy Ghost, [of course].

12. So, we're looking at this baptism with the Holy Ghost. He said:

[E-71] Then you'll know. Intellectual--they don't want somebody to really stand up and pull the Scripture out and show it.

Now Bro. Branham's talking about himself. He's not talking about me, but I stand with Bro. Branham. Well, I have a right to do so. He said, *"You and I are just alike."*

I said, "What do you mean?"

He said, "I've got a little gift of healing, and nobody wants it, you've got a little gift of teaching, and nobody wants yours." You know, why they don't want it? So, it means they don't want his! He took his gift of healing to the Word.

13. Now look what's happened today.

[E-71] They want somebody that's trained to bypass It. They don't want to know that. Oh, they just can't stand that.

Fish and loaves are fine. But Jesus did the same thing. What a wonderful prophet. The little prophet of Galilee was healing the sick, He was a great man. But one day He sat down and began to pour the truth to them. The whole group walked up and left Him. Even the seventy went, and He turned to the twelve and said, "Do you want to go too?"

Now listen, here is where I stand, [today.] [] Now you listen to these words, and you get them right from William Branham, not from Lee Vayle. I've said it no doubt hundreds of times, many more times, now, I believe than Bro. Branham ever did, because this strong Word I've been preaching a long, long time now, thirty solid years, and getting harder and stronger all the time with this stand.

14. [E-71] And Peter made these notable words, and said, "Lord, where would we go?"

Where would we go? Once you come to this Message [] [the trial ends.] And, if you're just fooling around you're twice dead, or three times, [or whatever] [] Where would you go? You'd become a fatalist. Right? [] If He knew how many fleas there would be and how many times they'd bat their eyeballs, and how many to make a pound of tallow, Bro. Branham said, you'd better believe you're on [] [predestinated] ground. A lot of people have words for those things: karma, and everything else.

15. [E-71] Certainly (he said). Then, He began from that very hour... Long as He was healing the sick, it was fine. But when He went to interfering with their individual lives, then that said something different. From right there His ministry began to

diminish, right on to the cross. And every true servant of God will follow the same example. Certainly, the people want to be patted and played with. But when it comes to truth, they don't want it. Now, remember, these tapes are going around the world.

I had the same experience many times. As soon as I began getting into the Word, left off discerning, which I had no business to do, and heavy praying for the sick, which I had every right to do, (But everybody doesn't pray for the sick. It was a temporary thing with me.) the people could never stand the teaching of the Word. They never, ever even wanted the gifts set in order in the church, and I was doing it in my own little simplistic way. And I was never so coldly received, and excoriated by a bunch of Latter Rainers, Pentecostals, as I was when I gave them the illustration, [that] when I was operating with gifts, one day I felt what I knew, was what I would call an anointing, I did at that time, I called the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and I just felt so exuberant in my soul, and being a tongue talker after a limited fashion, because I was not one that was doing it all the time, I wanted to just simply scream in tongues and praise the Lord, and suddenly something within me went very chilling, and said, "Just a minute, perhaps that's not what you're supposed to do. Maybe God wants to make you aware of something."

And I stopped dead in my tracks, and I said, "Lord what do you want?" And I've told you this before, but I want you to understand why I'm saying this; because repetition makes you to understand. And I said, "Lord what is it?"

And He said, "Open your eyes…" And I'm calling this the Lord, you understand. Just don't feel bad. He said, "Look down there to your right." And I looked down and [He] said, "There's a women down there, and she has such and such a problem."

And I said, I didn't know her name, but I said, "Sister so-and-so, isn't it a fact that you're affected by such and such?"

And she said, "Yes." And we prayed for her.

And I told the people at this meeting, I said, "What you people many times call an anointing is merely the awareness of God wanting to show you something or have something for you to do." And when I explained that, one man cried. He said, "Bro. Vayle," and he let me know they actually despised me almost for what I said. But he said, "You are right." That man's name was Brother Snow, a car dealer from Fort Worth or Dallas, Texas, because that's where I was.

See? Don't want it. Don't want teaching. Don't want gifts in order. But I told you, I was all ready being led of the Lord to put gifts in order, to understand even in my own blindness, because I [was] blind with Pentecostal teaching, in my own understanding, having my own way.

Of course, that's finished today. Those things are out of the picture. We don't deal with those gifts and things anymore. And I can talk, give you many reasons, but my greatest reason right now is that when Bro. Branham wanted me to work with him, because he knew I understood a certain amount, a certain portion, understood the believer's meeting. Believer's meetings are Scriptural. Gifts can be operational, but you have to have it in order. It's got to be under the Word of Almighty God. And he wanted me, of course, as I've told you on different occasions, to actually work with him and put a church in order with gifts, because we would work together. It never, ever happened. And when he went to his own church, and said, *"I'm going in there with you,"* they walked out.

16. So, if the prophet couldn't do it, and it wasn't done, let me say very plainly, we are now back to the Ephesian Age, it is Word, Word, Word, Word. And I'm not interested in gifts, except the fact that there are gifts, as Bro. Branham said, "As long as there's a true Bride on earth, there'll be a genuine true gift of tongues," I'm not against it for one minute. I have to believe in my heart, if I spoke in tongues, which perhaps I could do, I don't know. It might have been a transient thing in my life; I believe it would be

genuine. And I believe that, if I'm a genuine born again Christian, I will not do it, except under circumstances where the church is in order. It would never be done here, not in this building. It would be done in another room somewhere. And then again, I don't know if I could do it on the grounds that I'm not called to it. Those gifts are complementary to [] [the] ministry. So, why would I then want to come down from what God gave me for the people, which is what they're supposed to have, I'm doing something, which I'm not supposed to do, or not necessarily supposed to do, not truly qualified to do, it's not right for me to do, because I'm not even supposed to be there! You understand what I'm saying? So we're looking at those things.

17. Now, all right, last night we took some time here to go into the question of Eve, who should have borne Christ. And I took you to a very simplistic picture of Genesis here, and I'm going back over it for a specific reason, as I mentioned, to show you how that we come into, with these thoughts, into "Stature Of a Perfect Man," "Spoken Word Is the Original Seed," and "The Bride Tree Restored," and various sermons that Bro. Branham preached, which actually have to do with his ministry of Word restoration, and how the Word actually came, the Presence of God, and so on.

So, we took you over here to Genesis 3, not to begin with, but later, where God said to the serpent and to the woman:

(15) I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

And, of course, we look back at the very beginning, where God had said to them in Gen 1:26.

(26) Let us make man (after) our image, (and) after our likeness: let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

18. And I showed you there that when you look at that, you have to even take in consideration bacteria, fungus, and everything else. [] [Adam] was to have complete charge over it. And of course, you know, that everything in the earth actually was there for a good purpose, and the only reason it could be turned into a wrong purpose, or counterproductive, as far as man is concerned, who had the blessing of God, was because it would be used in a wrong way. Like, as I've showed you many times, when God gave Adam the ability to call all the animals, and that's about as far as he got, there's no record of calling the birds, or you know, other forms of life. He never got into that. And since that time, we have found scientifically that there's literally, I suppose even today, thousands and maybe millions of things we haven't even named, and we'll never get around to it. And that was very necessary because of what we have, a misguided ecological condition, where the Bible finally tells us that those who destroy the earth are going to be destroyed.

And people try to tell you the earth cannot be destroyed, like Rush Limbaugh. He doesn't even know what he's talking about. Now I like the man very much, because I'm a very strong conservative, but he's [] [wrong] when it comes to this. He thinks people like us are trying to say that this earth, which is about twenty-five thousand miles around, and all this huge mass, is going to be destroyed. Oh come on! It's not going to be destroyed. God's talking about the conditions on the earth, bringing destruction upon mankind, and it's doing it.

19. Now you can see how the great icebergs and the great ice flow in the artic are beginning to fall away. Science is taking pictures of them, where thousands of tons are falling down, and they're blaming it [on] the greenhouse effect. I don't believe that hardly for anything. Now comes the El Nino, and now! What if that starts going up toward the Bering Straits, and Steinnets would have his way when he said, "Hey let's make the whole North American continent a Garden of Eden. Why," he said, "We'll take the atomic energy; it will blow up the Bering Straits; we'll let the Japanese current go up there; presto!"

And what would be the presto? New York under water!

[Where] are these people getting off at, when they're talking about science. And where's Limbaugh getting off at, when he's talking about people like us have a perverted idea that this earth is suddenly going to blow up! Well, I'll tell you, it's never going to blow up; it's going to be dissolved--with the fervent heat! It's going to go back maybe to hydrogen. Hydrogen is the number one building block. [But] [how] do I know if there's not another building block, [] See? You know,[] some people try to tell you all things were made by faith. Oh come on. Faith doesn't make the world, the Word of God made the world and we believe it. That's what the Bible's trying to tell. People get the strangest [conceptions.]

20. But anyway, we're looking at this where he says:

- (26) ... every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- (27) (And) God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Now we looked at that, and we went over here a little later:

- (28) And God blessed them, and said, Be fruitful, and multiply, replenish the earth, (but it doesn't mean replenish at all, it means plenish it! Many people take that word ignorantly, and they think the earth was once populated. It doesn't say that, that's a wrong word, it's plenish. Cover it, and plenish the earth.) and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that move(s) upon (it). (And then he said,)
- (29) ... I have given you (the trees to eat and all those things.)

Now He said here then, "Be fruitful and multiply." We looked into those words, and here's what I want to show you from those words, and get back to some of the sermons Bro. Branham preached, so we might have a greater understanding.

21. So now the word 'fruit' literally means 'a bough', b-o-u-g-h. A bough. And with it also is the word 'reward', so that, if you're going to take these and put them together, you're going to have an understanding that this bough is a fruit-bearer. And, if you have the bough, then you've got fruit. You see what I'm saying? So, all right. Now the word 'fruitful' is 'to bring forth fruit', 'to be fruitful', 'to cause to be fruitful', or 'to make fruitful', 'to grow', and 'to increase'. []

Now with that, we found that God said, "Multiply." And again we found the word 'multiply' didn't have really a thing to do with procreation. Although procreation is involved in the fact of multiplying, it's involved in the fact of being fruitful, that is not it! It's only partly it.

It's just like if I said to you, "Would you sooner have a family of two children that are well clothed, and well fed, well-disciplined, well-mannered, well-educated, good citizens, or thirteen kids running around, half fed, half starved, ragamuffins, miserable, messy, ending up criminals?"

You'd say, "Oh God have pity."

22. Now I'm asking you this question, then prove the point. [] [Why] did God take eight people into the ark, and not a million? Eight did the trick! Eight was all. That's all He could take. That's all that were there. And so the five and a half billion, which they figure were at that time, went down to death.

So, and remember, what does the Scripture also say? Many more are the children of the desolate, than she that hath a husband! So how many children were procreated by God through Abraham? Well

how many Jews are there right now, and they're not even Jews? Against the Arabs, and a bunch of others, the millions? Now, we don't have a great deal of faith in and a lot of use for the Wall Street Jew, but I'm going to tell you, there's a hundred and forty-four thousand over there that God's got a lot of use for. And they're amongst the millions and millions. And when the Bride is out of here, and the foolish virgin is destroyed.[] A hundred and forty-four thousand, and you better believe it. Is that right? A hundred and forty-four thousand out of how many? Five to six billion, right? Now who's the smart mathematician, tell me right now, and put it percentage wise. Well, give yourself time, when you get home, get your calculator, and figure it out. And then listen to what Bro. Branham said, one hundredth of one percent, he brought it down to a thousandths, and what did that come to? That believed? No, that just heard. Well, all your internet, and everything else, how many people have actually heard of William Branham, or know anything about him, or one thing about this Message? [] [Just] keep this all in mind.

23. Now let me tell you what word 'multiply' means. It means 'to increase'. It means 'abundance', 'be in authority', 'to bring up', 'to continue', 'to enlarge', 'to excel', 'exceedingly', 'be full of', 'be or make great or greater or do greatly', 'grow up', 'heap up', 'increase', 'be or give or have more', it could be a number, 'multiply', 'nourish', 'plenty', 'store-up', 'thoroughly'.

Now that's what He said right there. [] He said, "All right, I want you to increase, multiply, I want you to be fruitful."

24. Okay, let's look at this business then here, and what we want to talk about. All right, here we have a trunk of a tree. And here's the ground, and here's all the roots down here. Now that tree to be fruitful has to shoot forth a what? Right. A bough, or a branch. So okay, here we have here the tree, and we have the bough, or the branch like this here, now.

I ask you a question. Where does the fruit grow? Does it grow here on the trunk, or does it grow here? It grows there. Let me ask you another question. What is this branch actually in relationship to the tree? It's a part of the tree. It's an extension of the tree. Is that right? That's very good. Okay, let's go down here. Now here we have over here; this is one tree. And this, of course, we can have the tree here, a little bit like this tree coming down here, and okay, here's a branch coming out of here. [] [Look, [] This is a man. And [] his name is Adam. And now, what came out of Adam? Huh? Eve. So okay, Eve. And what is she? She's a bough; she is a part of Adam. Is that right? She is a part, and she's an extension of Adam.

Now, what is this branch for? It is for the tree. Then, what does the tree want to do? The tree wants to bring forth fruit. Now what is this for? This is the man, and what is this woman for? This woman is to bring forth fruit. Okay? So okay, we have fruit from Eve. Eve is, therefore, actually the bearer of the life manifested, which lies in the tree, which was actually made for that.

Now then, will you believe with me, though God had no maker, He was always, that He has within Him, without change, certain specific things within Him, that God Himself cannot change if He would! "I am the Lord, I change not, else you sons of Jacob would be consumed." There is neither variableness nor shadow of turning, who can convince Him? He is of one mind. God is not a man that He should change His mind. You can do nothing about God, and the fact of the matter is, that God can do nothing about Himself. He can't. He can only act within what He is.

Now listen, that's got to be a substantial law, or we are going to have something here which in my books could not qualify as God, with all the attributes the Bible says about Him, and everything else that we have ever known about Him. So therefore, what we have in here is: God cannot produce other than what actually [][lies] within Him! Now He can create, and He can do all kinds of other things! But only what lays within God is God able actually to do!

25. Now let's go back to this the tree, which I am talking [about] is the original. And this tree is in heaven. Now, I've put a round thing about that, because there wasn't even a heaven. We don't know

anything. All we know is that one time this tree, Elohim, which is the Strong One Bound by an Oath, the self-existent Strong One Bound by an Oath. In other words strength and wisdom lie within Him, and He is God, and therefore sovereign, and He can only act according to His strength. He cannot go beyond it. What is His strength? He's omnipotent. What is His wisdom? He's omniscient. He's just got it all here.

Now Bro. Branham categorically said the truth, when there wasn't an atom. He made a little mistake in his chronology, like everybody does. He said there wasn't a breath of air, and then, he said there wasn't an atom. Well, air is made up of atoms as far as I know: atom of oxygen, atom of hydrogen, atom of nitrogen, ah, you name it, it's a conglomeration. So, a light formed--a branch came forth. Right? Now, what came forth? Came forth this branch in order to bear fruit. In him was all of us. I showed you that in "Who Is This Melchisedec?". Right? Coming on down here.

26. Now, so, let us now begin to see this over here, where these two are to reproduce from here. Everything that God was bodily, the fullness of Godhead bodily, was here, came into this, later on we want to trace this through here, and down here into Jesus, made flesh. Everything would come through there, and now come finally, all these coming through here, down here, into the Millennium and New Jerusalem. [] So anyway, what you're looking at is here.

Now I said here all of these words show... [End of side one of the audio tape.] ...this one that God wanted His children to be, well... First of all, I'll get back to this Psalm. But first of all, when God put him in flesh, He said, "I want you to prune the trees."

Now, okay, Adam was over here, and he's pruning. What does 'pruning' mean? It means 'to cut off'. So, Adam is pruning the trees, and the trees are there for fruit. Right? So, he's going to have to cut off certain limbs that can't bear fruit. See? It's got to go. Or they got to be cut back so they will bear more fruit.

27. Now I want to ask you a question. When Adam goes around pruning the trees, does he come up with a great big heap of rubble like this, and he doesn't know where to put the branches anymore, because he's got them all? Or is there something in the soil that causes them to naturally disintegrate and go back where they came from? Well you got to know the answer, because the Bible distinctly says, "When you sin you're going to die. From dust you came and dust you go back."

So, every one of these bacteria and those things, which were good, he had control over--as long as he didn't sin. But the minute he sinned, everything went out of cater. The bacteria could take over, and man died, and he could even get diseases. [] Now I'm just showing you this, because I want you to realize that as the poet said, "When God said 'Thou shalt die', He never said it to the soul. It was only to the body, for the soul never came out of the dust. Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return." You'll go back to the very elements.

So, I want you to see here that something was already in the earth working, because he was pruning those trees there. Now remember, he pruned those trees in order to get the fruit; and, if there wasn't a tree, a branch that was bearing fruit, that had a product...[it was cut off.]

28. Now, let's go back to the first Psalm, because that's what I want to take you to. This is why, I'm sure you're going to be able to see right through to the Rapture. And many tapes that Bro. Branham preached, what we're looking at the here, which is indeed very beautiful... Of course, this is all mental according to my brethren out yonder. Lee Vayle is purely an intellectual, and this is just a bunch of hogwash. [] Really, Now did he not quote the first Psalm?

29. All right, let's go into it. [Psalms 1]

(1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Blessed is Eve, if she had not listened to the ungodly one. The ungodly one was not made in the form of God, he was a creation. He was not in the image of God; he looked nowhere near like Him. But he was absolutely brilliant; he was absolutely intelligent; and he pointed people away from God. []

- (1) Blessed is the man (who) walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, (that's the devil,) nor stand(s) in the way of sinners, (the devil was a sinner,) nor sit(s) in the seat of the scornful (he scorned God).
- (2) But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Now you wonder why I say we should get together and talk the Word. I will lay awake hours last night, thinking what I'm going to tell you today, because my mind began to flood with what I didn't tell you last night. Lie there, commune with yourself, talk with yourself, talk with this Word, that's what the Bible said this man does! And if he says anything, he's talking about Jesus. He's talking about that which is vindicated. He's talking about the Word. And you'll get nowhere except the counsel of the godly comes from the Word!

30. And let me tell you this: God never did ordain ministers, or any child of His, to be an idiot. You couldn't be in the priesthood if you even had a finger that was cut off! You couldn't have anything wrong with your body, let alone with your head. If I believe what people say about me and the ministry that Bro. Branham had, and the ministry of good men of God had, I would have to say God would have to go to the [] [mental wards] and find the [] [craziest], mixed-up [] [people], and say, "I call you to preach, come on right now!" I'm not saying He couldn't do it, if He brought the man back to rationality.

Read your Psalms. Let any man talk to you about this Bible though he is an absolute atheist, he will tell you this Book is sublime. There's beauty in this Book. I know, because I have listened to great men who did not believe the real truth, and they will tell you, "Listen, the Bible is still the greatest book there ever was." And of course, the people that want to hate it, [] can go ahead and hate it.

31. Now:

- (3) And he shall be like (what?) a tree planted by the rivers of water, (Eden was surrounded by water! Major rivers, broke into four heads. Preparing the way for civilization where people would travel. Giving them water, for water signifies life, and they weren't salt rivers they were water of life.) bring(ing) forth his fruit in his season; (And Bro. Branham spoke of fruit in due season.) his leaf also shall not wither; (In other words, the full manifestation's there.) and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- (4) The ungodly are not so: (listen to this.)
- (5) The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

No, because they're going to be cast into the Lake of Fire. They haven't got a leg to stand on. Why haven't they got a leg to stand on? They haven't got any Word! Or any Word they have is perverted! And any perverted Word is no longer the Word of God, I don't care if you quote it, and I quote it, and we all quote it, it is not the Word of God! Because it's changed. Why? Because His Word cannot change. Then, if there's a change, it's not His Word. Now it can be start as His Word. But the minute you do one thing about it, take one Word, or put a Word there, here, or the other way, it is no longer [His Word.]

Now:

(5) The ungodly shall not stand in judgment, nor the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

(6) For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:

What is the way of the righteous? In His law he doth meditate day and night, and he doesn't give [] [give way to] the counsel of the ungodly! He doesn't [] [care] about anything anybody else has[] to say. It's live, die, sink or swim!

32. Okay. Here we have Elohim, right here. Here we have a bough, or a branch. Here we have from him what God wants, which is to bring all His sons into glory, where He is the first begotten, He is the first fruit here, and He's the first fruit from the dead. And everyone else is going to be in His likeness, as Jesus was in His likeness. So whatever was in God to bring forth Jesus as the only begotten Son, and even the first begotten from the dead, the Lamb Who sits upon the throne, had to be in God, and what was in God came forth. [What?] Man. Eyes, ears, nose, feet, everything else, even God said He has ears, He has a nose, He has hands, He has feet, He has a breast, He has a back; Moses saw it.

So what was in there? You see the relationship to God, my brother/sister, is not some little phileo-and I mean phileo in the sense of a vine, some little tendril, some little thing there. It's a phileo sense of being a son, and they are in the image of the Father, and we would not be looking what we look like if that was not within God Himself. And the wisdom and the unchanging God, and you and I will come back as we are in these bodies, but completely glorified. I will not be Reverend George Smith, or Reverend John Brown, I don't think any reverend there, because Reverend and Holy is His name. Or Joe Blow or John Dunk. I can tell you that. I'm going to be just me, and you're going to be just you. And you won't need to worry about your parents. You'll find that many of us were just an accident of birth according to our parentage. Our parentage is of God. And we come in our generations down one after the other.

So, what I see here, then, [] is these words that I have brought to your attention referring to the capacity that lay within this one that came from God, that came down to us, now redeemed by Him to bring us here! Do you follow me? [With] that in mind. []

33. Let's go [] to Jeremiah. [] [At this point,] I'm going way past what I started with last night. I'm doing it on purpose. Jer 23:5-6.

- (5) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
- (6) In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

That's one of the seven redemptive titles of Jehovah! I think [] Bro. Branham preached on the Lord our righteousness. So it's good for you to go back. Now I'm including the Lord our righteousness. So, go on back, and hear his tape on the series in Louisville, Mississippi. What was that, 1964? [] maybe even 1962.

34. [] [Very] good, let's go to Jer 33:15-16. []

- (15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- (16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and (that) is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.

Now look, she's going to take the very name that we have. We are Christians. We are Messiahettes; we are Mrs. Jesus. They are going to take that name which they haven't been able to take. They're soon going to do it.

(17) For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; (and so on right down the line.)

35. Now with that we want to go to Zechariah [3,]. [] and you know what I'm driving at right now, that this is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Zech 3:8-10.

- (8) Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.
- (9) For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, (that comes right down to our day in the Book of Revelation, you know.) and I will remove the iniquity (out) of that land in one day. (Bro. Branham speaks of this.)
- (10) In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, ye (shall) call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

So, what we've got going for us right now takes us right [into] the Millennium. Time and eternity have blended. See? []... Look, it would take hours to look up references of Bro. Branham and talk. I've got to skip all that. []

36. Zech 6:12.

- (12) And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: (Bro. Branham said the Millennium temple's going to be built.)
- (13) (And) he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and (he) shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: (Isn't that marvelous, right now he's even that. He's our High Priest sitting on a throne. That means he's got to come down mighty quick and build a temple.) and counsel of peace shall be between them both.

So, what I'm looking at here then, and trying to tell you, He's a branch! And at the same time, He's a first fruit! Because bough and branch and fruit [are] synonymous in the sense of one doesn't have without the other. And this branch here is exactly what this tree is; but it's still a branch! This is God; this is the Son of God.

Now in him lay all of us. And this One here will manifest the life that is in there. And he said, "I only do what my Father shows me to do by what He gives me to do and the strength to do it, and I only tell you what He tells me so you'll know what it's all about." And have your revelation.

37. Now, these children of His that I showed you come down through Adam and Eve. And I showed you those words. They show you that we are set here in order to grow! And remember, when Jesus came down, and the Bible distinctly says, "He grew in stature and in favor with God and man." And the Bible distinctly says, "For the joy that was set before him, he forgot the past; he endured the cross; he despised the shame; and is now set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." And he tells us the very same

thing. And what was it? "I came to do My Father's will, and His will only will I do. So, He was that One of Whom I'm telling you."

Listen to the words again: 'to increase'. Now 'fruitful' is 'a bough'; 'to bear, to bring forth, to be, to cause to be, to make fruitful, grow and increase'. Now hasn't he done it? Hasn't he multiplied? Hasn't he come to authority? Didn't he bring up? Doesn't he continue? Doesn't he enlarge? [], [Is] he not adding to the Bride, Old and New Testament--the Old is gone by now? Don't you see all of these things are within [Him?]

38. [] [Notice] that you and I have the same privilege as trees planted by the water! And, if he was a great measure of the Word, and we are a part of the Word, and [He] found it to be completely submissive to the will of Almighty God, to the Word of God, "Lo, in the volume of the Book it is written of me, I come to do Thy will, O God. Lo, a body hast Thou prepared for me."

And the voice answers back, because He said, "You have [] [taken] the place of righteousness, and You have shunned evil, God, even Thy God, has elevated Thee!"

Now, how was it done? Obedience to the Word! See? And He had to be a hundred percent one with that Word, or the rest didn't count. That's why I keep on preaching and saying: listen, you can talk all you want about your active faith. The devil's got active faith! He can even take the gifts of God and do better than the whole bunch of scuttlebutts out there in the universe or [better than] the Bride of Christ ever thought of doing! If you don't believe it, just start looking at life the way it is, and you'll find out. There's a time to sow; there's a time to water; there's a time to reap; and the point is most people get everything into disorder.

39. Now He wants us to have as it were this image. Not as it were, but the image of Christ, as Jesus is in the image of God. That's why He said, "You can let no man make an image of me." Don't let anybody do it. He said, "If you make a graven image, I'm going to tell you what: you're in idolatry. I'll destroy you."

Why? Because He was going to bring His Own image! Christ the image of God. []And the Jews already knew we were in the image of God, because the Bible distinctly says, "Adam was the son of God." []

That's why, when Jesus came to say, "I am a Son in a way which no other man is a son," oh [how], the Jews hated Him! They couldn't take it!

"Oh, we're sons of God, hallelujah. We came down from Abraham. [] [Listen], don't you come here and tell us to think about Moses. You're an [] [crony]. In fact, You're a blasphemer. You're of the devil."

People said, "Is not this the Son of David?"

"Ah," they said, "[] [it's not] the Son of David, this is that other one. This is the Devil's seed." They understood serpent seed! "Why," they said, "we be not born of fornication!"

Did they think that Jesus was running around looking under their beds or in their bedroom to see if they were having illicit affairs and born of fornication? [] [No way!] They knew that Eve had fornicated! The doctrine in the Talmud distinctly says that Eve had performed coitus with the serpent and brought forth Cain. They described it different from Bro. Branham, but it's in there. It's in there. They have Adam and Eve having intercourse before the serpent came. Bro. Branham set the record right; it was before Adam got to her. You see?

Now she was to bring forth fruit. Now, if you're going to be patterned in the bringing forth of fruit from here right on down to here, you've got to understand that, when God said to her. []

40. Well okay, we'll go back to Genesis. I've got to keep my thoughts now, but at the same time, in Genesis here He tells her—[] Gen 3:15:

(15) And I will put enmity between thy seed and her seed.

Now, what I'm looking at is this: God may not have told Eve and Adam... Now He talked to Adam but not Eve, but I guess together they got a lot of conversation with God. There's no record where God said, "You have a seed."

Now look, there's only one way that woman can have seed. So we're going to go back. Here's Adam. Here is this tree with this life. Now this woman here comes out of him. She's a fruitful branch to bring the fruit of the womb. That's Scripture. Lots of Scripture on the fruit of the womb. She's got to bring this fruit here, which is a child. And remember, I read to you concerning the tree, the tree has a seed, and in that seed is the reproductive power.

41. So let's read It. [] Gen 1:29.

(29) And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed;

So, here comes up here out of Adam, and he's got a woman. And this woman here has to bring forth children with Adam so he can reproduce himself, which is the life that came from God, having come through Christ. So, you're going to have a lineage. See? Right down the line sons and daughters of God. Now she is responsible for every child born. She's responsible. But she's only responsible because of Adam. Now she has the very life that was in Adam. She has nothing else. The Bible doesn't tell us one thing that God did for Eve. It simply says that He took a rib out of [him], and Bro. Branham tells you, He took the female spirit and put it in her. And there's no record I know of where God did any other thing than to use every single thing that was in this one person-one person here--before that branch came out.

So, as Jesus was the essentiality in that measure, so is Eve the essentiality as in this measure, is the measure up here. In other words, it's all one. [] Bro. Branham [said Eve] was not in the original creation. Paul does not say that. Paul uses another word, which is the same thing as Bro. Branham meant. She was not formed at the same time Adam was. She was not formed to the same time the [] [animals] were. She was not. So therefore, she was in another area. And Bro. Branham said she had to be formed, and she was in a lesser position, because it was not compatible, or complementary to God to have a son fall. So, she was the one that had to do it. See? [She was] made that way.

42. So, it's all right now. This is indicative, as I tell you here, this branch that's going to multiply, the life in whatever is there in the tree, is going to come forth and it's going to be a seed in this fruit. Well, isn't that exactly true? And doesn't the male actually contain sperm, and the female contain the egg? So, this is what you are looking at and seeing this particular picture here.

Now it was supposed to be according to the first Psalm. Now let's find out what Jesus says. We go to the Book of John 15:

- (1) I am the vine, my Father is the husbandman. (I am the vine, you are the branches. I'll read it the way It says there.)
- (2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he take(s) away:

Oh, just a minute now, every single branch that came out of here would have to be that. Every single branch came out of there would have to be that. Now he says, "I am the vine, and you are the branches."

- (2) Every branch that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- (3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- (4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can (you), except (you) abide in me.

Now listen, Adam and Eve failed to abide in Him! We'll see as we go on. []

- (5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abide(s) in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (That's just what Jesus said about Himself and the Father.)
- (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- (7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you,

Now listen, watch this very, very carefully, [or] you'll get [] [misread this] like every Pentecostal and every believer that doesn't really believe right as far as Lee Vayle's concerned today, and according to what I think Bro. Branham would say.

(7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

In other words He says here, "If My words abide in you, you will ask what you will." [] [If] they abide in truth [], you will pray according to the will of God, and no other way. And there isn't one theologian [] [but] will admit that the Word of God is the will of God. So therefore, if anybody wants the will of God, he can go to the Word of God, and if you don't know what the Word of God is, concerning the will of God for you, and you pray to Him, and you're honest and sincere, He will lead you to the Word, or what speaks in your heart will be equivalent to that Word, though I wouldn't go too much by that. I'd go to the Word! And then, if you're in doubt, you [] [have] to do what the Scripture said, "Let no man say I will go to the town tomorrow and do a visitation, but if God willing, I will go, and He enables me."

43. So, you can see here what we are looking at. And [] it's all based upon the Word. You see? So therefore, now we have a beautiful picture of Jesus, and we have a beautiful picture of all of us, and we see the whole thing coming down from this tree here. And everything would have been perfect, but Eve allowed herself to be trapped by the devil, and therefore, was impregnated by the beast--which was so close to a human being, they could mix. And actually so close, I mean so close, that the hybrids could reproduce themselves. And remember, that every one of these females that Eve produced, and were impregnated by the males that she produced, were the true children of God, the children of light unhybridized. The last one was Noah, and he died right after the flood. And there wasn't one more left. And all of these same daughters are impregnated by Cain. And the rest of the progeny, they multiplied very, very rapidly, and they became the dominating force.

And you will see what Cain was like, and you will see was Nimrod was like. And you'll see where all the false religions came in, worshipping God with a sword. Christianity itself worships God with the sword and with finances. What a terrible condition, brother/sister, this world is in. And they call themselves Christians. [They're] no more Christians than [] [animals]. You can take God's Name [if] you want, and you bear it, but you bear it in vain. And you'll have to answer to God according to the pure commandments that God gave. []

44. So, [] looking at this thing here now:

() Herein is my Father glorified, ye bear much fruit;

Now I'm going to show you what Paul the Apostle said, and Paul the Apostle said it over here in the Book of Ephesians 3, [] verse 14.

(14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

That's wonderful. [] [But some] have evidently Jesus Christ as [] Father. [] [That is], according to Jesus-Only. See? I told you, [when] you get blinded by Satan, you know what [] happens? Immorality becomes morality. []

You should know my friend John Harris. He's dead. You'll likely get to know him in the Millennium. He had a Pentecostal preacher, oneness guy named Big Red. And this guy here preached like a house of fire, and he liked to pray like a house of fire. And he thought he really was a man on fire. And he was on fire in the wrong way. So, [] when he's on the road, away from his wife, he gets into an affair with a woman. And Bro. Harris finds out. And Harris eyeballed him. He said, "What do you think you're doing? You call yourself a Christian preacher of God?"

"Well," he said, "Nothing to it. I was away from my wife. She didn't have a husband. We just met our needs."

So sin is no longer sin. No longer sin. And he's talking about the Blood of Jesus Christ and salvation, speaking in tongues, everything else. [] He's [] [a] kind of guy that says Jesus is His Own Father, [though I'm not saying that is the normal life of these people.]

45. Now watch:

- (14) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- (15) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Wonderful! Let's go back and start [at the beginning of] Eph 1:1.

- (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places:
- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him...
- (5) (In love) having predestinated us unto the adoption of children (the placing of children,) by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

In other words every single child of God would have to come through Jesus Christ and be there! Why? Because they came from Him in the beginning! [] We're talking about the whole family. [Ephesians 3]

- (16) That he would grant (unto) you, (verse 16,) according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (That's in your soul! Outer man's your body, with the spirit and the senses. Now he's going to get right down in the soul here.)
- (17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts in faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

- (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
- (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, (and) be filled with all the fulness of God. (What fullness of God? What He wants you to be filled with! You don't become an Elohim. You're a son of God. Now you can have all this by the baptism with the Holy Ghost under these conditions. Let's watch the conditions.)
- (20) Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we ask (and) think, according to the power that worketh in us,

46. That is a wrong translation. The actual literal translation of this is: "According to God Himself exercising His Own power within you." Now, if you think I'm off the Scripture, by giving you literalization, I have news for you! I'm going to now take you to Galatians 2. In Gal 2:20 we read,

(20) I (have been) crucified with Christ.

Not "I am crucified;" "I have been crucified with Christ." Bro. Branham told you that--you died with Him, even [] [paid] your own sins in Him. Show me a theologian that told you that. Show me some book written. Yet a woman told me that Bro. Branham's sermons... She had read them all previously in a magazine he gave her. Show me any preacher that preached on serpent seed, show me a preacher that [] [exposed the] anointed ones at the end time. [] I'd like to know.[]

(20) I (have been) crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

In other words the perfect confidence in the power of God, the Holy Spirit, love within us, knowing His Word, and stand right there. That's why Bro. Branham said what he said what I quoted to you this morning. Stand right there.

47. Now this is what we are looking at and what God wants for His people. Now we know that Eve, as I said, [] [caused the great problem.] But getting back here again, to chapter 3, where the Lord revealed to her what perhaps previously He hadn't revealed to her. Remember, even Satan came, and he, knowing the Word, he had access to so many things of God. And he had that Word and perverted it. And he said, "Why,[] God knows if you do what I tell you to do, your eyes [] [were] open, and you'll be as God knowing good and evil."

And you know God said the same thing. He said, "Now," He said, talking to the Son no doubt, and He said, "Now, look, now they're like gods knowing good and evil."

You know that God can confirm every single word the devil said as long as the devil quotes it exactly as it is said. But He will never confirm the devil's revelation. In other words, if God said, "Look, so and so," and the devil said it, God said, "That's exactly what I said." Then He'd say to the devil, "Now tell me what I meant. Tell me what it refers to; tell me how it applies; tell me how it's to be used; what season's it for?" See, wresting the Word of God. That's what Satan did. He deliberately wrested the Word of God. [He] deliberately took that Word and used it.

48. Now God said [] Gen 3:14.

(14) (I'll) put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

In other words this woman at that time had the power right there to bring forth a child. [She] positively had that power to bring forth one who was absolutely superior to Satan. Now, let's look at a little question in just a minute. You get kind of puzzled? Don't need to be puzzled. Where was Jesus and the devil in the beginning? Right before the Father's throne. When Jesus came down, how did He come down? He came down through the instrumentality of God's creative power of taking a sperm and egg, and putting it in the virgin womb. Now she had a virgin womb to begin with, but she went off the Word. See? Blessed is the one who doesn't listen to any counsel, and she'll be like the tree planted by water and bringing forth fruit in its season. The leaf will not wither. Immortality. [] [She positively] threw it away. She could have had Him. See? She was the one, to positively could bring forth that One.

49. Now, in other words, I'm trying to tell you, she was a branch; or Bro. Branham even called her a tree, a fruit bearing tree. But remember, even trees to bear fruit[, they] got to be []pollinated. [You've] got your birds, and you got your winds, and everything else to do that. There must be a pollination there. She had at that time the literal ability to bring forth from that virgin womb a child, which was spoken by Word. Even as Mary said, "Let it be unto me according to Thy Word."

Now when Satan approached her, there can be no doubt in my mind to the extent that this: that I can be puzzled by what I believe, and I cannot make it a hundred percent definitive. I don't know I have "THUS SAITH THE LORD." I have nothing that Bro. Branham said, but is it not possible that he approached her upon the subject of birth? Is it not possible he talked to her about the very things that God said, "Be fruitful and multiply." Well, the Word was there that he could [][pervert] it and [][change] it, and do it. There's a good probability. I don't know. But something came up that persuaded her to do an act, which she had no business doing, even apart from her husband! God had reserved her as He Himself had brought forth this one in His image with this one and Himself, and put them together in flesh, and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. I have told you rest on my Word. My Word is going to do it, because My Word cannot return unto me void."

But she didn't do it! And Satan came along. And Mary came along finally, a virgin womb. And she said, "Be it unto me according to Thy Word. I'll multiply. I'll have fruit. I'll have what You said according to Your Word!"

She [Eve] didn't do it; she went off of that Word. That's why Bro. Branham said a woman is a sacred vessel unto childbearing. That's why exactly sex has ruined the whole world. And you got sex so muddled up today: you got lesbians; you got homosexuals; you got heterosexuals; you got bisexuals; you got God knows what; you got animals. Do you realize today there are close to four million babies born, usually, to pregnant young girls in America--four million a year--roughly? Three million, six hundred and some thousand. In ten years there'll be forty million. Where's your world gone to?

50. So, all right. Time to [][stop.][]

So, I want you to see where we are. You've seen this morning I've combined many sermons of Bro. Branham. Even to "The Restoration of the Bride Tree," because Bro. Branham said, "*If it ever puts forth another branch, it will be a Pentecostal branch.*" I didn't get to it, but just use your own thinking, and follow the guides, and you'll see if He ever puts forth another branch. And He did. It's a Pentecostal branch, Jehovah Himself doing it. Does that help you? All right.

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we thank You again for the privilege of being here. [We] know Lord that whatever time we spend, we pray [] that the people can also read between the lines in the sense that some things I have not brought out, and yet we know enough has been brought out to bring many things together by what the prophet said. [] [Here] it lies just, as the world would say, cold cut within Your Word. Just as it

were as Bro. Branham said, "*Let my words, Lord, be as an iron pen upon a flinty stone.*" So, they're etched in. There would be no way that the winds and the erosion, the corruption in the earth, and those things, could ever erode it or blot it out, because there it is etched in, and there it will stand, as tablets of stone.

So, our Father and our God, we know that we have a Word which endures forever, and we're so grateful to know that the prophet gave us those immortal words of Peter, and applied them to himself, and applied them to us today, as we've been doing so many, many, many, many times. [Where] would we go? [] Live, die, sink, swim, it doesn't matter. This is it. Our times are in Your hands. Everything's in Your hand. Everything is of You now, Lord. Time and eternity [is] blended. Where should we go? Thank God You came, and we recognized You, and You are our God. You are our God, designated, shown by vindication, You answering back, "Yes, I am Elohim," the same One that was here in a body of flesh that turned back to a Pillar of Fire, once more revealing and manifesting the Son of man, proving positively we don't have to worry anymore, the rest of faith come upon us, the absolute faith, perfect faith. All of these things ours, Lord, not because of us, but because of You.

Help us to apprehend the truth as never before, and whatever there is to act upon, Lord, we pray we may have the sensibilities and the sensitivity, and the joy, the great desire to do it, even as the prophet said, "*I always do what I want. I always want to please You.*" My Lord, what a testimony. That's the thing Father that strikes my heart more than anything at all; nothing to me outweighs that testimony. And Lord, we know that that's what each one in this building would desire, to have that same testimony, and we know it's ours. Where we're lacking, what we're doing or not doing, what we're thinking or not thinking, help us, Father, in this hour to come to that place, because that's what it's all about.

Unto Thee we give the glory.[] In the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

'Take the Name of Jesus With You.'