

Stewardship Q&A #6

The Birth That God Wanted

The Age of Gifts Is Over

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Heavenly Father, we welcome Your Presence again this morning, and we thank You for Your Word of promise which You have abundantly fulfilled that the Spirit was given to us to teach us all things, bring all things to our remembrance. And we realize then, Lord, that You're working through our minds as well as through our spirits, and it must all come together so that the Word, and the mind, and the spirit, and the soul all become one under the Headship of You Yourself, Father, even as one day the Son must hand back all things to You, that You become All and in all.

And we're on that journey now, Lord, and may we realize it and then hold our cups open at all times, that we might be filled with Your Word, which is abundant in this hour, which is full of life, knowing as the prophet said, and proving it, there is no Message outside of this Message which has life in it, or comes to life, which will bring forth a resurrection. And we thank You, Lord, it's in the Word. May that Word be in us, that we might be a part of It. We believe that It is, and therefore, we thank You Father for being part of that resurrection, part of Yourself, part of Your grace, a part of everything, Lord, that is bodily coming from You. And one day Lord we know it's going to be placed exactly as it should be, as You want it, and we appreciate that.

So we thank You this morning now, Lord, for Your Spirit teaching us Your Word, and we know It will be correct and right, because You never leave anything undone, Your gifts are perfect; Your ways are perfect; and You're bringing us to a place of perfection. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now we're going to continue from the other night, and you'll notice I was reading from the Book of Genesis, and we were in that third chapter where God was speaking to the woman. And, of course, that is Eve. And He said: [Genesis 3]

(15) I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;

And, of course, we realize that that looks all the way down to the time of Christ, but God would not have said that unless it were actual factual that Eve actually could have borne that seed, which is Christ. As we showed you the successive messages, and also last night, showed you again that this is something of Scripture that you will find is after the fact, even as Satan came to Eve and told her things that God had not told her, but were included in a limited--not in a limited sense, but in a veiled sense, that It lay there in the Word, and It hadn't been actually revealed at that particular time.

So, I used the thought of "after the fact," and I went over here and showed you how that the crime that was done, perpetrated by calculated premeditation, which actually a judge or a jury would have to render the verdict of first degree murder. Because in the eating thereof, dying thou shalt certainly die. And Satan actually planned the death of Adam and Eve and the human race, and he deceived Eve into perpetrating that crime with him. So, she was in collusion with him. And she became an accessory at that particular time. And an accessory, then, would make her absolutely liable for death.

2. Now you'll notice over here that Adam entered into the crime after the fact. And, when he entered the crime after the fact, and deliberately caused Eve to become pregnant, in order to save her from the wrath of Almighty God, then, as in Adam all were living at that time, then in Adam all died. And he is guilty 'after the fact'. Now he would not have sustained as great a punishment as Eve; but he would have to be punished--very definitely so.

So, using the term 'after the fact' is certainly a completely legal and a lawful term, at this particular time, because it's lawful on the grounds that God said, "The eating thereof brings death." And the collusion in here, entering into a place as Bro. Branham himself declared, that Adam played God. Now when a man starts to play God up here, which he did, then you can well understand how it is that he actually entered into Satan's plan, who himself would play God. See? So, Adam forgave her, on the grounds of him wanting her, now in collusion coming against God. Down here at the end we saw Satan tried to do that to Jesus. And he successfully has done it in the church, until as Bro. Branham said, "*This man sits in the temple of God, posing that he is God,*" and the grounds was; he's forgiving sin.

So, you can see what we're looking at here. Every single seed here is brought down to the end time. Every single seed to the Garden of Eden, which was God's headquarters, is brought down again at the end time, in the pearly white City descending out of heaven, which we may get time to talk about this morning. What I want to just, you know, keep that in your mind, so you can see all of these things here, in a very logical, and I would say a very beautiful way, to illuminate your understanding.

3. Now we all know as Bro. Branham said, that Jesus Christ, of course, was a spoken Word Son of Almighty God. And you'll notice how He came; He had to come by the virgin to redeem us from all of our sins. And, of course, we too should have been spoken Word children. But, as I showed you here in the Book of 1 Peter, that though that was to be, and it wasn't, it caught up with us. And so, as Peter says here: [1 Peter 1]

(22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit...

Now what is the truth? The truth can only be the Word of God illuminated to your understanding so that you have a correct revelation. Because anything, even though factual, that is not understood, so that it can be correctly applied, and correctly means within the context and framework of whatever that is, could not be truth. It could not be truth; it would be a lie. And remember, the greatest lie is ninety-nine percent true. And that's why latter rain was the closest to what Bro. Branham brought us, and yet they failed miserably. So, he says here now:

(22) ...Obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, (So you've got successive thoughts there.)

(23) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth...

4. Now that is the same thing that John said. Now, if you keep your finger there, we can take you back and show you again the correctness of Bro. Branham's statements in the Book of John 3. And in there, it says: [Jn 3:3.]

(3) Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Now Peter says here, "Being born again," in verse 23. Now he says here, then:

(4) Nicodemus (said), How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Now Nicodemus hits it right on the head: born is born. No matter how you cut it, it's still born. So therefore, now, if you must be born again, there had to be something wrong with the first birth, or there'd be no need for a second birth. So we're dealing with birth. And birth is caused by conception. Birth is caused by the sperm and the egg uniting in a sexual act of intercourse to bring forth children.

5. Now Bro. Branham categorically said, "*The church turned down a spiritual, sexual affair with Jesus Christ, which would have brought forth, or with Almighty God, which would have brought forth the Son of God in flesh at this hour.*" They turned it down flat.

Now keep that in mind because these things are specific concerning the wording which Bro. Branham gives in "Spoken Word Is the Original Seed," which I hope we can remember and bring it to your attention. Now he said here, "You must be born again."

And Jesus says, "No, no, no, no, it isn't that way."

- (5) ...Except a man be born of water (even) of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

He can have water and spirit, which is water baptism, and then the spirit of God coming upon him, or you can have the thought here of water is referred to as a type, also is oil, also is rain, but so also is the Word of God, is rain and snow. Now he said:

- (6) That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of Spirit is spirit.

Now we should have had a spirit birth, which would have been a spoken Word birth, according to what Peter brings out.

- (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Now they have here, "The wind bloweth where it listeth," that is a stupid translation. It's the Spirit breatheth where He willeth. Because the spirit was breathed into Adam's nostrils, and the breath of life, which is the Spirit of God, breathed in Adam's nostrils; he became a living soul. And that was passed on down.

So, there's nothing wrong with that which is born. It's how it's born; because he said, "You must be born again." What's wrong is the birth. You understand what I'm saying? It's not what's born that's wrong. How can the part of God be born in the human race and be wrong? That's why Bro. Branham said, "*There'll come a day you'll find you always were saved.*" How could a part of you that's born of God sin? He tells you you're put here in flesh to be tested. And it's in the temptation and the testing that people fall. So therefore, there's something wrong with the way the person was born. See? That's what you're looking at.

6. Now Bro. Branham said they would have come to the sexual act, and they certainly would have. But had Christ been produced first, then everything would have been in order. And you would not have found man going out of disorder, even as the beasts of the field are in order, because the female will never come to the male, unless she is ready to conceive. And multiplied conception came a long time down the road, after the beast race united with the human race. And that's why you got these sextuplets, and quadruplets and everything else. You'll find the limit in the Bible was twins, and every time there were twins, one bad, one good. My God, who wants it? See, get your types all in there. You'll see there was nothing wrong with the who. "*My eyes, my ears, my nose, who's me?*" You were in your father. He desired fellowship with you. Then, through the bedding grounds through sacred matrimony you came forth to have fellowship. There's nothing wrong with the 'you'! It's the 'how'. So, now he says you got to be born again.

7. Now he said:

(8) The (Spirit breatheth) where (he willeth. God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of lives, he became a living soul.) and thou hearest the sound thereof,

Now the sheep hear the voice; the air is full of sounds; it's full of voices. What sound is from God? What voice is from God? There were two voices in the Garden of Eden; there were two sounds in the Garden of Eden. Which did she listen to? See? Which did she hearken to? So the whole thing came into a tragic interruption as Bro. Branham called it.

(8) ...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Now, you know, a woman doesn't get pregnant by listening. She doesn't get pregnant by hearing. She gets pregnant through sexual intercourse. This has nothing to do with sexual intercourse. It's hearing. This is where God is, as Bro. Branham said, bringing forth children now, where the virgin birth is nothing compared to what God is doing through the human race--trillions, and trillions, and trillions of sperm and egg, in billions of people, and yet spotting down brings them right together in a miracle form. You talk about a computer mind. The infinite mind and wisdom of Almighty God combined with His omnipotence bringing forth sons and daughters in a mixed lump of clay. See? And, if you're going to be born again, you're going to be born again by the Spirit breathing. And you'll hear His voice, and you'll follow that voice. And that Word, that voice, full of life, breathed upon you--brings you straight back to God; now your birth is one hundred percent correct. This is where the baptism with the Holy Ghost puts us above the world, the flesh and the devil. Sealed back unto Almighty God, no ifs, ands, buts; no chance of ever being lost or anything again, because God does not simply lose something in order to find it. This is in collaboration and perfection with His nature. God being a Savior, it was necessary for Him to predestinate a sinner in order for God to have purpose and reason of being.

8. So, now we have the perfect plan of God in here, and now watch over here in John 3. It says:

(18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already.

Why? Because God sent His Son into the world that everybody could be saved. He that believeth not in the Name of the Only-begotten Son of God, he is already condemned.

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

So, It tells you right there that the Word of God has every single thing to do whether you're born again or not. So now if you're born again, you have had to have heard a sound, you have had to have heard a voice. And there's no sound or voice without signification of some kind. It signifies something. What does the voice at the end time signifies? Ours especially, we're fortunate, we have "THUS SAITH THE LORD" and know this is absolutely the voice of Almighty God, and to listen, and to believe, to having received proves that we are a part of God and we do have the Holy Spirit, baptized right back into Him again.

9. So, you see, we're right back to what the birth is all about: it was a wrong birth. Now it's a right birth. And that right birth, as Bro. Branham told us in "Marriage And Divorce." *"God will create again, not by sex, but by bringing the calcium, the potash, and all these other things*

together, and bring forth in a resurrection from the dead.” Now back to Peter again, he says: [1 Peter 1]

(22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another (fervently) with a pure heart:

(23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of (the) incorruptible...

Now that word in there ‘seed’ is ‘spora’. I remember years ago I was told by a fellow that was supposed to know the Greek [that] its ‘sperma’. Its not ‘sperma’, it’s ‘spora’. And ‘spora’ has to do with flowers and seeds.

(23) ...but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Now why does he use the word ‘spora’ instead of ‘sperma’? Because, absolutely, that which is born of sperma has got to die. Well, he’s using here an illustration, like an analogy or something like that. So, he’s gone to grass.

(24) For all flesh is as grass...

Doesn’t say it is ‘grass’, it’s ‘as grass’; so therefore, it is spora. Now, if he said all flesh is ‘beast’, he’d use ‘sperma’. See? There’s a difference. Because It tells you in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul agreeing with Peter, all flesh is not the same, and the Resurrection is not the same. There’s one flesh of man; there’s one flesh of beast; there’s one flesh of fish; there’s one flesh of birds; and there’s-- right down the line. And he says so also is the Resurrection. And there is. Those that are resurrected in the Bride, I have no doubt they’re exactly like Jesus Christ. How far that goes, I can’t say. But always there [are] parameters. Okay.

10. The next thing you find, there’s the foolish virgin. I can’t say too much about her. Now, what about those that are brought up to suffer in the Lake of Fire? They’ve got another flesh. Everything is commensurate. Even as Bro. Branham said, “*Before there was a fish with a fin, there was waters to swim in.*” So, everything is relative--related to what God has in mind. And everything there, then, is in perfect harmony--and I use that word loosely, for whatever’s there, because there’s not much harmony in the Lake of Fire, but there’s certainly a compatibility.

(24) For all flesh is as grass, and the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, the flower thereof falleth away:

(8) But the word of the Lord endure(s) for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Now Peter uses the word ‘grass’, and that’s a very good term. Now you don’t have to use the word ‘grass’ at all the times now, because you got here over here Jesus used the term ‘wheat’, and he used the term ‘tare’. So now you’ve got that which bears fruit, which is fit--the fit fruit. This will bear a fruit; it is not fit. See? “Every plant my heavenly Father hath not planted is going to be exterminated;” it’s going to be rooted up. So therefore, we find that. We also find that Jesus in speaking in Matthew 7, and we go over here back to Matthew, [and] we find a variegation.

11. So, in Mat 7:15:

(15) Beware of prophets, (who) come to you in sheep's clothing, (Okay, now we got animal. And then he says here, and) they are ravening wolves. (And they're wolves. Okay? Then he says here,)

(16) (You) shall know them by their fruit. (Well, if I know an animal by its fruit, a pig will bring pigs; wolves will bring wolves. But he doesn't say that. He said:) (You'll) know them by their fruit.

(17) Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; (and) a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. (So now we've got trees, and we've got good, we've got trees, we've got bad. Okay, we've got good fruit, we've got bad fruit. Okay, who are these people? They are prophets.)

(18) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, (an evil) tree (cannot) bring forth good fruit.

(19) Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Okay, "Every plant my heavenly Father has not planted is going to be destroyed." Now what did God plant in the Garden of Eden? He planted Adam and Eve. Who became the intruder? Satan became the intruder. What was it Satan used? The highest order of beast that there is, and commingled with her, and therefore brought forth a plant that must be destroyed. See?

Now remember, Eve said, "I've gotten a man from the Lord." And, as Bro. Branham said, she said exactly right, because the foulest, rottenest woman can bring forth a child, and that child comes forth according to the laws of God; and therefore, God is behind it. Now you can't blame Him if you take and run things out of context, or out of order. But the point is, it's all from God, because there is no power that is not of God. There is nothing that is not of God, nothing at all in this universe, because when God was all alone, the first thing that came forth was a forming of a light, which was his Son. And you'll notice in here that God becomes the tree, and out of that tree there comes a branch. And the branch bears fruit. So in here all right, we have the Son, and here's the one that's going to bring fruit. And that fruit that comes from the life of God will all be presented back to God.

12. Okay? Now just a little bypass.

(19) Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is (cast) down, and cast into the fire.

(20) Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

By their fruits you know them. Now he's talking about prophets. See? So all right, we've got fruits. Now what is a prophet all about? He's all about Word. Because a true prophet comes to you, Deuteronomy 18, in the Name of the Lord, and by the sign that God gives him, like He gave unto Moses in a Word prophet, you know that what follows is "THUS SAITH THE LORD," is the Word of God. What comes behind him? What comes behind him is a prophet who has signs and wonders but not "THUS SAITH THE LORD." He has prophecy, but not "THUS SAITH THE LORD," no way, shape, and form. No way. The highest order is Numbers 12, not dreams and visions, but speaking even apparently. For God becomes visible to the person, like He came to Moses, like He came to Paul, like He came to William Branham, and no doubt

Jeremiah, Isaiah, some of those others. I don't know. I don't know if they'd qualify. [But] they would have to qualify--not in the order of Moses, not in the order of Paul, not in the order of William Branham. But they would qualify. So now, what are we talking about? We're talking about fruit equal Word.

13. Now watch what he says here.

(21) Not every one that saith (to) me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Now he makes a blank statement. And here's where people get thrown. They cannot understand he's talking about prophets. And one prophet is a sheep prophet; the other is a wolf. The next time you see, there's a tree. One is a corrupt tree, and one is a good tree. The next thing you see is that the prophet tree brings forth the pure, unadulterated Word of God, which cannot be chopped down, that cannot be dealt with, because God is behind His Word, and every Word of God has power, there's no Word that's not void of power, and He stands behind His Word to perform it, and no Word will return unto Him void. It must fulfill what it is sent forth according to His mind and what He wanted. Now It says here, we'll come to this.

(21) Not every one that saith (to) me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

(22) Many will say... Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? in thy name cast out devils? in thy name done wonderful works?

(23) And (he'll say:) I never knew you.

Now, watch what they're doing here. They're using the Name of Jesus Christ in mighty signs and wonders under the ages, which is the shield, or the patronage of Satan. Satan is using the Name of Jesus Christ in the church to glorify himself. And that's the Pentecostal chaff.

Now I hope you're listening; because, if you don't listen, you don't get it. You're just out of luck. Because you're going to get fooled, just as sure you're sitting here. And I'm not going to call you by nam. You are going to get fooled, if you don't understand what I said last night, and what I'm saying this morning. Because you've got to listen. And line up with this Word or forget It. Because the ample proof of Matthew 7 is the proof of Matthew 12 and Matthew 4, the return ministry of the Son of man, which is God in a prophet--absolutely God vindicating Himself to a vindicated prophet, to a vindicated Word, to a people who stand vindicated by believing it, (proving they've been baptized with the Holy Ghost) and hearing the voice. See? Hearing the proper sound. Because the two sounds came in the Garden of Eden. And at the end time the two voices are here right now. See?

14. So, all right. We have the branch here. Now you can take that branch of a tree, and you notice that a branch can be broken off. It grows up in here, the life comes out of here, but the strange thing is, that can be broken off. And the branch that was put forth was broken off in the sense of Christ dying on Calvary for you and me. But the actual truth of the matter is that this being, God here, and the light coming forth is the Son. But in this tree, the Bride Tree, what we have here coming up, you'll find that Jesus is called, [] "He is the root and offspring." How can he be the root of David and yet the offspring of David? It's the same as "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit thou on my right hand.'" David was in Jesus, back here, this branch that brought all these sons out here; David was down in here. And David comes up in here, from the very source

of life that this root is, because he was in him, and now Jesus comes, and the tribe of Judah, wherein David lay, and he is the prophet-king type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

15. Now we're looking at branches, and I said they can be cut off. But let's go a little further now to John 15. Now all of these things, they just sort of help you as I go along, because I want to weave it in at this time, so you not only refresh your memories, but you get the picture I want you to understand.

() I am the vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

() Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:
and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may
bring forth more fruit.

Now what does he say? "I am the vine, and you are the branches." Okay, we got a vine. There's the old grape vine, coming up like this here, and here's the wire. Here's some posts like this here, and here's this vine like this here. Now there's a strange thing about a vine. You can take this vine, and you can rip down on it, but it's not like a tree that gets full of snow and ice, and [it] breaks. You actually got to take and prune it, because it's got fibers that evidently run in here, and in here, and you'd have one whale of a job breaking it off. Isn't that right?

You ever take a vine? You can't do it. So, you got to prune it. Now then, the only way that that vine gets that branch off of it is: you [have] to take the shears; you [have] to cut it off. As long as that vine is abiding there, it's going to be pruned. It's going to be exercised through the temptation of the flesh, wherein the Scripture says, "He that suffers in the flesh ceases from sin." In other words, when you get your knuckles wrapped enough you'll smarten up. Remember, God's education hurts. It's child training, but it hurts. Number one: it hurts your pride. That's a big thing. Not only that: it can hurt you financially, and in other ways too. But remember, God will teach you His lessons that you need to learn.

16. Now the first branch that came forth was the Pentecostal branch. Okay? Now we got to return to that, because that's back there in Ephesus. Now that Pentecostal branch was born on the Day of Pentecost, when God came down and hovered. And, after the Holy Ghost was given to those people, and the Holy Ghost set the first church in order, because the Day of Pentecost started a Bride church, and for a few years in there, there was a platform being built, as Bro. Branham called, for the Gentile church.

Now you will notice, after the Pillar of Fire and the baptism with the Holy Ghost came what? Paul and the Word. Now, if there's going to be a Pentecostal branch, and Bro. Branham said, if it ever sets forth, (He called it a tree, though) ever puts forth another branch... And Paul calls it a tree, (We'll go back and show you that maybe,) but Jesus says vine. So, if it's going to put forth another branch, a Pentecostal branch, it has to be through the visitation of God Himself coming down, baptizing those believers into the Lord Jesus Christ. And there's got to be a messenger follow it with the Word of the living God.

And people tell you all around, "We got to go back to Pentecost," and all they can think of is talking in tongues, hip hurrah, hallelujah, have a good time. Well you can have a good time going to hell. In fact, that's how you go to hell, is having a good time. For she who liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. So, all right.

17. Now we start down here, then, with this Pentecostal branch on this vine. Number two: we come up under Iraneaus. Number three: Martin, Colombo, Luther, and so on. And you notice how, when they stopped bearing fruit, and they stopped bearing fruit because they went away

from the Word. See? They left that Word, and remember the life is in the Word, that's why Bro. Branham makes this statement here: ["Spoken Word Original Seed," 03/18/62]

[23-7] So He was that Seed, and the only way that Life could be, in the reproduction of Life, Life had to come through that Seed, and that Seed had to die in order to spread out the Life.

Now what was He? He was the Word, living Word revealed and manifested. And that life has broken upon us for 2,000 years. And the Word... Now here's where everybody goes haywire, because they simply will not believe Bro. Branham. Every age had a Word allotted to them. And the first age had the perfect Word wherein lay every single thing to bring about a Rapture; but it couldn't do it, because the Bride wasn't all in. [It's] going to take 2,000 years to do it. So in that time that God had perfection upon earth through His Presence, through the Pillar of Fire, through the living Word of the living God, they went haywire through gifts in the Corinthian church. In other words they defeated themselves by going into a higher criticism or gnosticism, based upon the fact that they were speaking in tongues, casting out devils, everything that Judas did. But Judas himself was a devil, and the devil incarnated himself in him to betray Jesus Christ. So, you better believe at the last time with this prophet here in our age, there's going to be an incarnation of Satan in somebody. And he's going to be I believe that pope that comes out of America, and is going to do those terrible things.

18. Now the first stage, because it was sin, let's read about it, so you don't get yourself all messed up here, 2 Corinthians 11, and he says here:

(2) For I am jealous over you with (a) godly jealousy: (First of all he said,)

(1) Would to God (you'd) bear with me in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

Now Paul's pretty sarcastic here in my books right now. "Okay, I'm a fool," he said. "I'm a fool according to you guys. So bear with me. I'm a nut! Listen to me anyway."

Now put this to Bro. Branham. Put it to Bro. Branham. Kentucky hillbilly, no education. Who does he think he is? Said the same thing to Jesus. "You going to tell us something you snott-nosed individual? Who are you anyway?" Huh? Listen; if you don't have the same thing thrown in your face, you are not of God. I want to tell you flat. Because you better be like your master. "Who are you to tell us?" If you haven't had that experience, oh brother, what have you had? "All right, bear with me I'm a fool, so bear with me. I talk like a nut, so listen to the nut."
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(2) I am jealous over you with (a) godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

(3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds (your cotton picking brains!)

19. Need to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Huh? Thank you, I got a little grunt somewhere. See, if I can get you to grunt a little louder. [] Bro. Branham says, ["Uncertain Sound," 07/14/62]

[E-71] I know you think I'm crazy, (Apostle Paul reincarnated in William Branham. Now, "I know you think I'm nuts, but bear with me.") but some of these days at the judgment bar when I stand there by your side, you're going to find different. ("I'm not a nut.")

What people needs is their brains baptized! If that isn't the same Holy Ghost talking through Paul and William Branham, I'll eat it. I don't have to eat nothing. I want to show you this man was identical by Almighty God! And you step out of line, you're no longer virgin. You're no longer nothing. You're a messed up harlot.

20. So, all right. Back again to [2]Corinthians [11].

(3) ...your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

(4) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus.

So, [] the candlestick or the vine was cut off. So, what does God do? He brings Iraneous. Iraneous hit gnosticism and tried to get them back to the irreproachable, impeachable, irrefutable, vindicated Word of Almighty God, because he was the disciple of Polycarp, who was the disciple of John, that understood these things. What happened? Gnosticism grew and grew and grew, cut it off, cut it off, cut it off. But every single time you'll notice when the fruit it needs to be there, a persecution sets in on the church. Adversity sets in. And it's under adversity that the tree gets strong, especially the tree, not the vine. See a vine can be shaken by the wind, and it simply flops and curls around. But we talked about a tree.

Now, forget we're talking about God here. We're just talking about a tree--talking about the Bride Tree. This old oak tree down here, the more the wind shakes it, and the storms come, the deeper grows the roots, the better grows the hold. And at the same time, when the tree is shaken, it would mean the earth would, then, somehow not be so stuck around about it, the rain could come on down, and all those things, then, would give the tree a better growth.

21. So, all right. We were looking at that, and we were talking here over in... We were in Matthew 7, and we're just comparing these things to show in various places where it's called, what's called animal, it's called plants, it's called trees, and also there's a terminology: the eagle is a prophet and the prophet is not an eagle without God. Only God can see, but he sees through the eyes of God. The last moving part of the human body is the eye, from then on is the brain. And it doesn't move. What are you seeing with? You're seeing with the eyes of God, because the prophet has to have the eyes of God in order to see.

All of these things are shown in here and they all have different meanings, and different things allotted to them. But all through here you can see in what you might, you could call analogy, you can call it anything you want. Call it a parable. You just go ahead and call it a comparison. It's an illustration, how we come from the very beginning. And back up in here there was the Tree of Life; back in the beginning, down here again comes the Tree of Life way at the end of time.

So, this is what I was looking at, and I know it's disjointed in a way, but it gives me a chance to bring these things out, answering the question about Eve. Should she have borne Christ? And the answer is absolutely true.

22. Now let's go one step further. Eve should have borne Christ. Okay. Here over here we have two people. We have Sarah and we have Hagar. And here we have Abraham. Okay. Now Sarah was the legitimate wife of Abraham. Hagar was actually the handmaid of Sarah who

became a concubine and became a mother of Abraham's son, which is Ishmael. And you notice that Ishmael, though coming from the loins of Abraham, was the first born, Cain, and over here Abraham and Sarah was the Isaac, which was Abel, to lineage.

So Paul now uses an analogy, and he goes over here in the Book of Galatians, and he speaks of that analogy concerning the church: [Galatians 4]

(19) My children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

(20) I desire to be present with you now, and to change my (what?) voice; (sound.) for I stand in doubt of you.

(21) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? (What voice are you listening to?)

(22) For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

(23) But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; [End of side one of tape one.]

Now, if he's born after the flesh he could not have been a spoken Word child. No way, shape, and form. After the flesh he could not have had the life of God. Couldn't have it. Which the Word would come back upon with the Holy Ghost, and establish him as a child of God in the Kingdom.

23. Now you look at all the Ishmaels today, the Arabs and all the rest of them. They claim that God demanded Abraham to sacrifice Ishmael. Hogwash! He didn't have anything to do with it. Not that the Christians are any better--Christians so-called. Remember, the Bible said, "Thou shalt not bear the Name of the Lord thy God in vain." And if Jesus is our God, and He is in the sense we can worship Him, because He's worshipped in heaven and earth, there's no problem about it--and understanding Who He is. People are going to answer for it.

Men will come in that day and say, "Lord, have I not prophesied in Thy Name? In Thy Name done this, in Thy Name."

"Oh yeah, depart from me." They're going to answer for it. Thou shalt not bear the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; you shall not take the Name of Jesus and use it contrary to Scripture. See?

Now the Bible distinctly said, "Who are you," He said, "that you bear My Name in your mouth, and you expect me to hear your prayers, and you disobey my Word, you don't have any time for it." They've got problems.

24. So, all right. here we have this one right here. We have Hagar and we have Sarah. Now they're types. And he said:

(23) (One) was born after the flesh; (the one) of the free woman was by promise.

Now she was the freewoman. Of course she's free, because... Let's keep reading anyway, [so] you get the idea.

(9) Which things are an allegory: for these are two covenants; the one from mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

(10) (And) this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

Now where is Arabia? You see why there is conflict right now between Israel and the Arabs? Now which way do you think America's going to go and everybody else? They're going to go for the oil; they're going to go for the money. Israel is going to be left high and dry before it's over. America will turn on her.

(11) But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. (So what's that? That's Sarah.)

Now what's a bastard child? A bastard child's not what you think it is. A bastard child is the right man with the wrong woman--an Israelite with a Gentile. Abraham had the wrong woman in Hagar. So, Ishmael is a bastard. Now, what seed are you born of? Are you born of organization? Are you born of church? [Are] you born of the right Word, or you born of the wrong word? Because the Bride is Word, just like her Daddy, just like her Husband. Because her Daddy's her Husband. As Bro. Branham said, *"My wife is not my daughter, yet she is my daughter in the Gospel."*

25. So, we're looking at this picture now here. And remember, only the Bride has the true seed, because she alone has the true Word. So therefore, in this hour we are going to have a perfectly legitimate church with perfectly legitimate children bringing about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh once more, as it was back there.

So, I brought these things to your attention to let you know, brother/sister, there's a whole lot more bastards—a whole lot more from Hagar—that [have] the wrong seed, because you must be born of the Word of the living God, that Word which liveth and abideth forever. And, if the living Word that abides forever is not in you and me, we are not the seed of the living God, because it was that seed that burst open, that watered us, to bring forth the fruit, in other words the life, sealed back to God, our bodies born wrong, now reborn out of the dust through resurrection power, we'll stand there just like he stands.

26. Now you can begin to see why Bro. Branham preached "Spoken Word Is the Original Seed," "The Bride Tree," and all these other things that are in there. [It's] because he was giving us the true history. And remember, Paul was not a historian. He simply used the Word. Moses was the historian. But William Branham classed himself... And it's right on the tape that he sent to me privately, that Perry Green shoved around the world. And I don't mind; that's fine by me. And in there he categorically puts himself with Moses and with Paul--with the Pillar of Fire.

So, if he were today... And he doesn't need to be, because he already preached it. He already preached Galatians 4, the New Jerusalem church, the proper mother. And remember, every one of us came from that proper mother, because that Bride alone has had the seed all through the ages. And remember, even if there was just only enough to bear her through the dark ages, at this hour we are looking at the eastern gate of the temple, where the waters came to the ankles, came to the knees, came to the thighs; water to swim in, water to carry you over. And I'm going to tell you something. We're in that right now. Those waters are warm. They're not treacherous. It's only our fear that really bothers us. It's only our unbelief, our hesitancy about a full commitment. I'm going to tell you something. You will not sink. And you'll be surprised and amazed at the fact that you will, even with the dog paddle, and without even your dog paddle, you'll find that you'll be carried over. And no matter how many spirits assail you, [it] won't really matter, unless you're truly allergic to the bee sting, or the insect sting, because you've got the wrong equipment in your body somehow, or your spiritual life. You won't swell up and die from a bee sting. In fact, I doubt if you'll even get stung, but you'll be greatly bothered.

27. Now, what I'm saying this morning is worth everything to put everything aside for. Where nothing counts except the Word of the living God, and our meditating therein day and night. And, when we speak, we speak as the oracles of God, which means we say what God said and nothing else. For all the apostles and all the writers of the Bible had a beautiful collaboration, though hundreds and hundreds of years apart, because it was given them by Almighty God Himself, Who is that great Prophet.

So I've covered that now, took a long time to cover it, but as far as I'm concerned, that subject is covered, and the subject is: Eve should have produced that seed. ["Spoken Word Original Seed," 03/18/62.]

[23-7] So he was that Seed, and the only way that Life could be in the reproduction of Life, Life had to come through the Seed...

And it sure did. There's no doubt about it. It's still coming through by natural childbirth, as we have it today. But, if that life is not joined back to God by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, you cannot come forth in the right body for the eternal, the eternality of the flesh that lies ahead of us. Because as long as we within ourselves being a part of God are eternal, there will be that covering, that manifestation; just the same as God dwells in the Pillar of Fire. He could change as He wills to change, and that's fine. As the Son changed from that body to a human bod, (And that's eternal, because of eternal forces within.) so we have at this very hour and this very day.

28. He said:

[23-7] The seed had to die, to spread out that Life. Can't you see it? That's why the Water was given: to water the Seed.

In other words without the baptism with the Holy Ghost that comes through the Word of the living God, Word piled upon Word, you could never come to maturity. It could never produce what God wants produced. That life has come back upon us to guarantee us through him who had the right birth. Now he had the right father, the same as we do, we had that. But he had the right birth. And that life now guarantees you and me, because that's what Ephesians is all about, the sealing into the day of Redemption, and the great Sealer Himself is here, as Bro. Branham said, "*When that Spirit that's in our midst becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords.*" That will be the Son of God, the Son of David, the Son of man, Jehovah-Elohim, the Altogether Lovely, right down the line. The All and in all.

29. Okay, we have a question here then, this question relates to the serpent seed doctrine. We went into that. [Question #1] "The pure human stream of life was all that was in him when it came to the matter of reproducing human species. The prophet made it clear to us that the male of the species carries the seed. As a consequence of this fact, Adam's relationship with Eve could only produce more human beings; conversely the serpent's relationship with Eve could only produce the seed of the serpent."

And that's basically true on the grounds of the instigator of life. And remember, that Adam was the instigator of life for Eve. Because Eve didn't have anything more than what lay in Adam. The only thing different was when God separated the two He put her in a female body; with the female, not only the appurtenances, but the female spirit. And there she was to be the mother. And, even as we read in Scripture, the man is of the woman, yet the woman is of the man. You find that over in the Book of Corinthians. If you want to take a look at it, Paul brings it out very, very clearly.

30. "Bro. Branham said, "*The male carries the seed.*" That is very true, but the male by himself is useless. The life that was in Adam wouldn't do one thing without Eve. And that's why we got it right today. That's why, if she had a child it should have been by spoken Word, he would have been the author of the spoken Word, would have brought it to pass.

You say, "How could that be?"

Just the same as the woman said, "Be it unto me according to Thy Word." That's all it was. The time to bear forth that Son, "Be it unto us according to Thy Word." And that would have been it, where It says here in 1 Cor 11:7.

- (7) For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. (Now that's where Bro. Branham brings these stepdowns, she wasn't in the original creation. But she has a glory.)
- (8) For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. (That's the original.)
- (9) Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. (That's the original.)
- (10) For this cause (she) ought to have power (that's authority) on her head because of the (messengers, or) angels. (Whatever you want to put it. In other words, now the woman was free in the garden of Eden, co-equal with Adam, no longer that's 'okay? as it is.)
- (11) Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, (notice) in the Lord.

And that tells you how that you get the right seed. Both of them have a problem with their flesh. But the coming together of that egg with the right seed is going have to take right down the line, pick the elements, the genes, out of what's the human race. And I'm talking now about life, because that egg isn't dead. If that egg was dead, it is rotten. But remember, the egg has to be a fresh egg. And the fertilization takes place in that fresh egg; and therefore, there comes forth, so that actually the woman has a life, which came from the man. And that life that came from the man and the woman's in that egg. And they get together. And that fusion brings forth that human instrument. And that's why you see physical characteristics from each one. And, if the woman were to bear, and you can have it by cloning, it would be a female. Now, if they begin messing with the genes and all, they might bring forth something, but it would be outside the plan of God entirely, and men might start to rejoice and say, "There it is, we were producing life." And as Bro. Branham said, "*When they get this far, it's all over.*" You got to watch it.

- (11) For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

See there, right there. God's in complete control of sexual intercourse bringing forth children. That's why Bro. Branham said you just take the children as God gives them. Yet there is a means of natural control. See?

31. So, all right. that's what you're looking at there, as far as I can see here, because I cannot believe for one minute that everything lies within the male at this particular time, because it was taken out of the male in the beginning; so therefore, it's still out of the male. And remember, Eve wasn't a corpse. She was a living person, and she was of the man. Now with reproduction, the two together are able to make children, but [it] always depends on the fertilization, which comes from the male.

This is one thing that's so sickening about these lousy, rotten lesbians. They'll even go so far now, for one of them, that's the queen, or whatever you want to call her, the female part, for the male... Oh God, have pity. I can't even talk about it. But, when she gets pregnant, she's going to go to somebody and ask for a donation of sperm. But she won't go the natural method of intercourse. Pigs. Pigs. I don't know why I should even insult a pig. Bro. Branham said they do it just because it's proper for them to do it. A woman [does it] any time; she's a garbage disposal.

The pure human life stream was all that was in him when it came to a matter of reproducing human species. The prophet made it clear to us that the male... all right now. As a consequence that Adam's relationship to Eve could only bring forth humans, conversely the serpent's relationship.

And that's right, the life of the serpent was reproduced in the egg of a woman. And that's what that life was. The female life in that woman had a soul. The life qualities combined together to bring forth a perversion. That's why you'll find that all the souls, there's nobody that doesn't have a soul. And, if you think that... And I know the theologians are correct. Bro. Branham said it was true that animals don't have souls. Yet you go to the Bible, I can show you in the Hebrew, that they have souls. Yet Bro. Branham used a terminology that makes it very clear: inner soul. So, that gene within there, that intrinsic pure life of God lay in Adam, went down to Eve, producing a life, a body. The serpent got to her, she allowed it, and brought forth a serpent seed; the human races and the serpent race mixed. But not one soul, or life from that serpent, is a soul from God. See?

32. Noah was the last genetically pure human left on earth. The question is: how'd he end up having a grandson like Canaan, who being cursed was shown to be serpent seed? Bro. Branham referred to the fact serpent seed was carried over in the ark by the women.

That's true. Because you see the whole thing was the blending of flesh, of the human flesh with the beast flesh, and the blending of two lives. And you got one lump. And today you've got predominantly beast. Ninety-nine point nine, nine, nine (99.999) show they came from one father. But don't let that make you think that you can find yourself genetically to be a son of God through the flesh, it's impossible. Don't even try, because it would take you maybe countless ages and countless computers, and you still wouldn't find out. "Serpent's Seed." [Serpent's Seed, 09/28/58]

[27-3] Now, Noah and his son that came out, Ham, Shem, and Japheth, came out of the righteous line. How did the seed ever get over? The seed came over in the ark, just like in the beginning through the woman, their wives. They carried the seed of Satan through the ark, just as Eve packed the seed of Satan to give birth to Cain, through the woman. (That's true. You see that's how it got there, because Noah himself was fine. But it doesn't say one thing about his wife. So therefore, now the sons are carrying double identities in their bloodstream. So, they get these women, now who knows who's going to be what? Doesn't really matter. Only God knows.) You put women in your platforms for preachers, the Bible condemning it. Paul said, "If any man thinks himself to be a prophet..."

33. Now what's Bro. Branham doing there? He's likening these women who carried the serpent seed to churches that have preachers, women preachers. So whose seed do you think the women preachers are of? Oh we've read the history, Jessie Penluce, the Evangeline, Booth's daughter. Oh yeah, well hallelujah, the only person that ever struck terror in the hearts of sinners in Paris was the Evangeline. And yet she'd tell everybody, "Hey, put on this uniform, and it takes the place of water baptism." Then, you see, her son going into Pentecost, he ends up what? Preaching Jesus-Only and Universalism, where the devil and Jesus walk hand in hand through the New Jerusalem. By their fruits you know them.

"Oh Bro. Vayle, they turned the world..."

Oh drop dead with the world. Merciful God, we're coming back a little group and take over the whole shebang. What are you talking about? They carried the seed of Satan.

[] Paul said, "If any man thinks himself to be a prophet or even spiritual, let him acknowledge the things I write to you the commandments of the Lord; but if he be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

“Bear with me in my folly. If you want to stay stupid, stay stupid.” Then, people criticize me for being rough tough and mean. Paul was just as mean as I was, and he had every right to be even meaner. Not mean, [but I] just stand with the truth. I’m not here to defend morals; I’m here for the defense of the gospel. You defend all the morals you want. Go join the Salvation Army, go and do your good works, join the Sisters of Charity. Go jump in the Lake of Fire.

34. How is this connected with life coming through the male? Simple as A-B-C. He’s mixed up, too. How and from whom was Cain’s life transmitted? Right on down the line, came from the woman, because Noah was perfect. Wasn’t Adam perfect? And wasn’t Eve perfect? And didn’t she mess with somebody and get all the line messed up? And in history, ...?... Wilkinson pointed out the history absolutely proves there was two lines of people: the children of light and the children of darkness. And the children of light were beautiful, sweet, meek, pastoral people, loving and kind; not war-like the other bunch were a bunch of heathen like Nimrod--like Cain. That’s not hard to figure out.

Some of the younger people have not heard your message “Body, Soul and Spirit,” the soul producing the body; the spirit coming in at birth. That’s just what Bro. Branham said [is] the difference between the souls of the seed of God and the seed of the serpent. You already know that. What about Ezekiel 18:4, and Matthew 10:28? Well, that’s not hard; you just follow the line of reasoning. I don’t think it’s hard. We’ll find it here somewhere. Ezekiel 18:4. Now this is according to my understanding I’m teaching. You’ve got to understand that. It might not be yours or somebody else’s, but following the laws that I know.

35. In Ezekiel 18:

- (4) Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

That’s true. God owns it all. It’s on loan to the devil right now. If you don’t believe that, you just say, well, what happens at the end time? Even before the Lake of Fire, after the White Throne Judgment? All the hosts of hell led by Satan, because he’s out of the pit now? The whole bunch of them come against the holy encampment. Now what does God do?

“Oh I think I better turn my back and run.”

Hah! Fire come down out of heaven. So, who owns the souls? Evidently God does. If He can grab every single one, and put them in the Lake of Fire, then He owns them. Right? He’s got them! When you go to jail, doesn’t a jailer own you? Hah. Try and escape, they shoot you between the eyes, good shot.

36. Here comes another one. Matthew 10:28. That’s the same thing again. That’s one of your biggie chapters in the Bible, of Matthew 10, along with Matthew 12, they’re tremendous chapters. Matthew 10:28:

- (28) And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: (That’s for you and me..) but rather fear him which is able to destroy both (body and soul) in hell. (That’s God.)

So, who are you supposed to be scared of? Who are you supposed to reverence? Who are you supposed to trust? Who are you supposed to put your faith in? God. And how do you do that? By not listening to the uncertain trumpet. The uncertain trumpet says, “Oh, have we not cast out devils, do we not do this, do we not do that?” This is the age of gifts. Or has been. That’s an uncertain sound. Because Jesus, Whom we call our Head, and a High Priest mediator, He said, “They’ll come in that day and say, “Well, haven’t we cast out devils, done wonderful works, and prophesied?” I never knew you, get out of here.” That’s quite a simple question.

37. Another question. [Question #2] “You have clearly shown us that our passive faith is the most important spiritual assets we possess.” Well sure it is. How are you going to act without knowing how to act? Knowing how to act is not the action. That’s wisdom. Acting is power. Some people wonder as to whether they simply have an intellectual faith as opposed to spiritual revelation of the Word when it comes to the realm of their passive faith. Well, the point is what are you depending on? Your revelation or what you can do?

You know you can enter into a ministry you have no right to enter into and do all kinds of wonderful things, and He’ll say, “Get out of here, I never knew you.”

Yeah, they’re all singing, “My heavenly home is far away, and I’m climbing up them golden stairs.” They’re going down.

Don’t sell yourself out for some little song people sing and some little sensation or something happened. I’ve told you people time and again I’ve bared my heart and show you things that happen to me, I say, “Oh God, I believe that was the devil.” Yeah. Physical manifestation to the extreme, because I was brought up in that. I’m going to get hold of God until God gets a-hold of me, and I’ll just be doing things, and God in me doing it ---- ...?.... You think that’s a show. I’ve got news for you. That’s exactly how it takes place! Pentecostals ain’t got the guts to admit it. They go in their closets and pray for gifts and everything else and force the hand of God. You’ll get it all right; you’ll get it.

38. Like I told you last night about that kid, he’s a preacher up there in California years ago. And I wasn’t deep in the Branham Message at that time. He’s telling me how that he prayed and fasted, and he got I guess blood and oil on his hands.

“Oh, Bro. Vayle I became so sweet and so nice.”

And he’s playing hobnob to his stupid little wife, who’s the preacheress. And I said, “Sister, God doesn’t call women to preach.”

“Oh Bro. Vayle I would soon doubt my salvation as this.”

I said, “I understand.” She never had any salvation.

Say, “Bro. Vayle, you’re a judge.”

Listen; don’t talk to me! Here’s the Bible! Thank you. Absolutely is the truth. I can read. I’m not stupid. And furthermore, my brains have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, whether you want to believe it or not. Because I don’t think with my heart. If my heart was so smart, as I’ve said many times, and here’s a deadly snake here, and I’m diddly-do going down, diddly-do, and I don’t see the snake? What’s my heart doing about it? Nothing, I come get bit. Watch my eyeball, dong, I see the snake. Now my brain--flap, jump.

So, don’t use your brains. Don’t get them baptized with the Holy Ghost.

“Well, here, God let me speak in tongues.”

You know, it’s a good thing you people are just being taught these things by a guy that’s been through it, rather than you having been through it. Because it’s much easier that way. It’s much easier for me to tell you how it is to watch the propeller of the airplane, as soon as you flip and jump quick, or it would take part of your skull off, like mine could have been, we’ll say, by standing there, and part of my skull being taken off. Right? Yeah.

39. Knowledge, my brother/sister, from the most high God is the most important thing you and I have. That’s your passive faith--your revelation. Because, if you don’t know Whom you got it from, and what

you got, and what you are to do with it, you are in debt to God. And, if you say your life came from God, and you do not let God control His Own life within you, we all have problems, because that's the crux of the whole thing. And we've been thoroughly told in the Word of God all about conduct. But Jesus said, "In vain do you worship me, having for doctrine the traditions of men," not the conduct.

Jesus never condemned their conduct, their conduct except in the temple, which their conduct was legitimate, but it shouldn't have been there in the temple. It should have been outside the door, because the Bible tells you if you live too far from the temple, so you cannot bring the sacrifice and the gifts, you sell them in your hometown, and you put the money in your purse, and you bring it to the temple, to the vendors out there, and you buy! The conduct was acceptable; it's how they did it! And where they did it. And he said, "You've made my house a den of thieves," because they were cheating. [They] didn't have that nose for nothing.

You wonder if you got simply an intellectual faith? Well, here's the Bible, go "Duh." Bro. Branham said... Duh. Why do you think they got up at five in the morning and stood in line to get in to hear him? Why do you think I tore my mind and my guts out writing a book [with more] nervous strain [than I've] ever been [through] in my life. Because it's huh--duh? Why do you study to show yourself approved? Study to show yourself approved? Study? Brain? Oh come on.

40. How can you differentiate between an intellectual understanding and a spiritual understanding of the Word? Well, that's simple; they can't make it line up. They just run with a bunch of things. That's all. Number one: you start with one thing, 1 Cor 14:36-37. "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge, superimpose upon everything he ever learned before, what I tell you, knowing it is the Word of God and nothing else is."

And until you come to that place of that real knowledge. And even then, check Romans 12, because it mixes the whole thing up. And so every single person in the church is bound by what Paul said--what William Branham said. And remember, you don't relate it to anything in your past. Your past is no longer a platform. Paul forgot everything he ever knew and ever did. That's why when they say, "Bro. Vayle, you know, I had this vision. I had this dream, and this happened and that." What do I care? Fap. When you see the Lord of Glory, brother, there's nothing else left to see. And, if you see anything else but this Word, I don't know what you're looking for.

Don't let anybody ever bug you as to whether you're mental. I have had my brains baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I can prove it to myself, because I no longer think in any terms but the Word of God, as I understand what Bro. Branham taught. And that's all there is to it. I got my training before he died, and I've had an awful lot of training after he died.

Remember, active faith in the Bride is no different from active faith in non-Bride. The big difference is one has the Word; the other does not. The big difference is even with the foolish virgin: she doesn't have any oil in her lamps. In other words the Word has gone out, the life has gone out, and the branch is lopped off. And He said, "I used to know you as my wife, but I don't know you as my wife anymore." And there are those that came in and sat, and they listened to the teaching, but they didn't have the wedding garment on.

41. [Question #3] "Your sermon on stewardship has been made very plain to us there's two aspects to the believer's life. The first aspect is out of our hands, being entirely the work of God, God's covenant with His Son, our election, predestination, new birth, spiritual revelation of the Word, being called Bride, etc. [The] second aspect pertains to that portion of our Christian life which responsibility and stewardship is in our hands which we can receive or not receive, but reward depend on how we handle it. Knowing that neither legalistic approach nor ...?... approach can assist us in accomplishing our stewardship, my question is: how can we fulfill our stewardship and realize our true potential in the time remaining?"

Just simply go by the Word. The Lord said, "Forgive your enemies." Forgive them. If He says, "Tithe," tithe. If He says, "Give offerings," give offerings. If He says, "Go make right with your enemy," make right with your enemy. If He says, "Feed the poor," feed the poor. If He says, "Pray for the sick," pray for the sick. Just fulfill the Scripture, that's all. There's nothing else you can do. If it starts with the Word and ends with the Word, that's like an oak board. If it's oak at one end, and oak at the other end; and then, [if] nothing had been sawed or put between, it's oak all the way through. Just go along with the Word. Drift with it. Have confidence in it, "Lord I've done what You said."

42. "Well," you say, "Just a minute Bro. Vayle, but He didn't come through."

Maybe He doesn't come through for years and years and years, but He will come through. Haven't we had years and years of knowing that man spoke "THUS SAITH THE LORD?" And what did he say to you and me before he died? He said, "*Now you've got it all, just live good, Christian lives. Lie in the sun and mature.*"

So, somebody comes along and changes it, "Prophet didn't say lie in the sun and rot!"

They changed Bro. Branham's Word. Just like the devil did in the Garden of Eden. Oh, it's very clever what he said. "Hath God said? Well, He didn't say this, did He? [He] didn't say that, did He?"

Why do they want to say things like that? You know why? They want to trap you, get you nervous, get you excited, "Oh, come and do these things with us." Right in Lima here, they had a guy preaching, and his sister came to me and said in tears crying. Oh, you know who it is. Ralph [Mills], it's your mother-in-law. And again, you people at the altar speaking in tongues, according to what she told me, (And I know Anne [Klassen] wouldn't lie to me.) doing this and doing that. Come on! Here's the Bible; here's the prophet.

What did he say? "Well we're lying in the sun, rotting, don't you know?"

Oh, God.

Paul said, "I speak with tongues more than you all." Down, put it down where it belongs.

Let me tell you something. A while ago it was on the board here, and we saw branch number one. We saw branch number two, number three, number four, number five, number six, and the seventh branch. And the seventh branch was... Started... You had, five, six, seven. Down here she went into the ground. Okay, she began losing out; she goes in the ground. Now she begins coming back to life. And she puts forth a branch. And we saw justification under Luther. We saw sanctification under Wesley. And we saw the baptism with the Holy Ghost and gifts. But we didn't see the Holy Ghost Himself, just the baptism. Now the Holy Ghost comes down, and I'll put blue here. Now the life went out of this into this, out of this into this, lopped off, into this, now into this.

43. Now what did Bro. Branham say this age was? Laodicea was what? What part of the plant? Oh come on, have I got you so intimidated? Merciful God, everybody knows it's chaff! Right? What did he say about the chaff? It looked exactly like the real thing but it wasn't! So what happened? The life went out of it! Where did it go? So, a Bride had to begin to form. Somewhere in here—1955—with the confluence of the stars, a baby Bride was born, a pure Bride was born. So, the gifts were put on the mantle as it were, in order to attain to that which is higher. That question is here. You want to know what happened to gifts? The life went out of it. Did it or didn't it? Now come on. Scares the pants off of you, doesn't it? You get scared don't you?

Now listen, can you face it? I'm going to tell you something; life or death hangs in what I'm saying. Are you sitting on a fence? (It's up to you.) or staying back there? What is coming against the Word of the living God today? All right, what came against the Lutherans? Catholicism. What came against the

Methodists? Lutheranism. What came against the Pentecostals? Wesleyism, Methodist. What comes against this? Pentecostal[ism]. So, where's the life gone? It's gone back to the Word. So, now it's in a Bride.

At what stage is it known that those using gifts, or implying the use thereof, and are not so denied by Jesus, what age does it happen? Couldn't happen down here, because Peter said, "That which you now see and hear, that's the Holy Ghost." Huh?

Paul comes along and says, "Hold it. That's past. This is a Gentile church, that was the platform, this is the Gentile church, these are gifts." What came against it? The Word. What do they go back to? Gifts. Now we're up here again at the end time. So what do you got?

44. Now you don't have to believe me, because it's not on tape, that's fine by me. See I was for gifts, but they were deserting me. I thought it was like rats deserting a sinking ship, but it wasn't, it was like the dirigible, or the balloon floating, and throwing out the ballast, because the gifts were holding me down, and I didn't know it. So, God was throwing out the ballast. I couldn't hardly discern. I was making mistakes. Nothing was coming by prophecy and visions. So, I said to Bro. Branham, "You know, over the years I had all these gifts moving for me," I said, "Now I don't have them." I said, "Bro. Branham, is it possible the age of the gifts is over?"

And he said, "*Yes Lee, the age of gifts is over.*"

Now, when the age of something is over, what happens? The life has gone out of it, then you got a problem. But remember, as long as there's a true justification here, there's a true sanctification, there's a true baptism with the Holy Ghost, and there's genuine gifts, but they're on the mantle as it were. Don't lie about them. Don't fuss about them. Don't call them of the devil. But don't try to get them, unless you have someone at the door who can discern spirits.

Because remember, Dr. Cliff... And I tell you again, he's dead now, but I've got his book somewhere, I can still get them, he was in Montreal, in a Pentecostal meeting. He's a linguist of high repute. He's the man you ladies that taught you how to make chiffon pie. Yes, a man--Dr. Cliff. And in there he heard five distinct languages, three praising God beautifully, and two cursing God horribly. [End of side two of the first audio tape.] And they said, "Though I speak with the tongue of men and angels."

45. Did Paul say you speak with the tongue of angels, or did he just say, "Though I even speak with angels' tongues, it doesn't profit anything without the Holy Ghost"? Is that Scripture enough to make Pentecostals tell you, if you don't understand them, they're speaking in heavenly tongues? Didn't Paul say the regular gift of tongues to be used was not in public except under order--three people at the most? And the gift of tongues should be silently used, and you're praying to God, perhaps in mysteries and this and that, but you're worshipping and praising him? And Bro. Branham said, "*You will sometimes speak with tongues, if you're truly full of the Holy Ghost,*" because there'll come a language that you couldn't possibly learn and have enough of to express yourself before Almighty God.

I usually don't feel too good sometimes preaching about these things, because I usually get kind of a backlash, and I feel kind of bad about that. But you can believe what you want to believe. And, if I'm a little rough, I apologize, but I can't go beyond the prophet. He said, "*Just lie in the sun, become mature Word abiding Christians, sowing the Word in action and reaction, and watering it by prayer and submission to the will of God.*" What more does the person want?

Our time more than gone hasn't it? [Steve Applegate says, "You're on the second tape."] Why didn't you tell me? We could have closed off a long time ago. ["I just put on the second tape."] Huh? I just did? Well fine, you can block the last part out. I think I said enough in the first two parts. Okay, if we get back together again, which we don't know exactly all about it.

46. Now it may be that my talking to you and bringing these things up have brought more questions into your mind. I'm almost positive that it has, because you don't really follow me. Not saying that you can't or you won't, but maybe it's a little difficult to follow me in all the things that I've said. And, if you want to ask more questions, I guess it's all right, but I would sooner go onto other questions, because I think what I've got in mind here is horrible. I don't know how they're going to understand this even when they play a tape. But I can tell you all about it. I've got no problem; tell you all about it.

But there it is, all there, in the hieroglyphics of the twentieth century, by old Pharaoh Vayle himself. [Referring to the white board, and drawings on it.] All there in front of you. It's outlined absolutely with the scripture, with the illustrations, and I believe I've done my best to show you that there's no way that Bro. Branham made a mistake whatsoever, absolutely quoting Paul right down to a mild sarcasm, a mild ?gigi? I don't see anywhere that there's any discrepancy. Not at all. And the more that I teach and study, the longer I live, and I've completed 83 solid years of desultory life, so to speak, in comparison to what the reality is. I know one thing, and that is, if He didn't choose me, and I'm not a part of Him, I'm not going to make it. No matter what. And if I am a part, had that representation, I'm going to make it. And nothing's going to stop me, not God, not me, not you, not anybody, but the shape I arrive in has everything to do with me as that person. And that goes with you.

Otherwise, why did Bro. Branham lament that he was in a tube, and God had to push him? Why did he say, *"I'm an old man now, and I don't know that I've seen anything"*? You know why? For one reason, and that is he lamented because he was in that tube, and so much was under the power of Almighty God, that his very breath, his very words, his very conduct, and when it came time to shake loose, it was difficult for him on his own volition to simply go ahead.

47. Now we're not prophets. So, let's not for one second begin to figure for one single solitary second that I am under the complete power of Almighty God, so it's I can't tie my shoes unless I hear from God. I cannot do this and that. I'm going to tell you, we have heard from God enough here to keep us busy for 48 hours of the twenty-four everyday, to just simply serve Him with all of our hearts and our minds and our tongues, and where our feet can go, and what our hands can do. And believe me, that will be heaven on earth. And what a day of rejoicing when we stand before Him at the judgment seat of Christ, and the ignition, the recognition, and the what you might call the glorification, is all there at one time.

Well, now we'll rise and be dismissed, and, of course, we have lunch there, and we have many things to tend to in the days to come. And may the Lord give us all strength, compassion, will, and those things, and when I say that, it all resolves down to one thing: can I recognize Him and His Word in my life?

Heavenly Father again we want to thank You for Your care of us, and Your love, in the time we have together Lord here in Your Word, and I know Father we all fall short even in our revelation as to the depths, and though so many things were said and understood we know so many things could yet be said to be understood, but we know that really we have more than enough of all the things that the prophet taught, a completely restored Word, to simply go on day by day, and You Lord revealing to us, and bringing to our mind all those things that are necessary, because that is what You said, and if You said it, that is what's going to happen, and when that happens, we know that we are a part of Your beautiful, wonderful program, Your very life manifestation that You've lined up for us.

Help us Lord now to be sweet and kind, forgiving, in honor subjecting ourselves one to another, in love provoking each other, exciting each other unto other acts of love, speaking this Word as the oracles of God, knowing wherein we stand that this is the truth, and we are a part of it, because we always were. Lord may we understand destiny in the fullest sense of the Word, which we know is a part of You, foreknowledge, election, predestination, and the ultimate glory which shall be revealed. Not one therefore should be remiss in his faith, or her faith, or also the conduct, but going on more and more to the perfect day already being a part of the eternal things of Almighty God, going on knowing that this is truth and

we are a part of it, rejoicing daily, even as Paul did in the face of the lions, the persecution, the famine, the sword, the peril, the nakedness, it didn't really matter. Because what mattered was He Who does matter, King of kings, and Lord of lords, even Jehovah-Elohim, and we in Him and He in us, and all part of the great eternality, even God. Thank You for that Lord, and we know that we should keep it always in the foremost of our minds, and not be as those who look in the Word, and hear Bro. Branham on tapes, and see it in print, and then turn away from it as we've done so many times, but just thank You Lord for every single thing You've said about us, and who and what we are in You, because that is the truth and nothing else but that is the truth.

Now unto Thee we ascribe honor and glory, and as we do may the sick amongst us be healed, Lord, You've been good helping us, Alisen and I through our colds, helping us Lord right down the line, even though we are losing our strength, and all those things that people think and we think are so important, yet we know by Bro. Branham's picture, supernatural in the camera, the outer man is perishing, but the inner man is being renewed, coming to a beautiful, glorified body in the very near future.

Now, unto Him that's able to keep us from falling, and do the exceeding abundant above all we could ask or think, unto Him be honor and glory, through the Name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord. Amen.

"Take the Name of Jesus With You."