

Thanksgiving '89 #2

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Shall we pray: Heavenly Father, we're happy to be here with these people gathered in Your Name, and we know Lord, it's way more serious than we want to actually admit to ourselves, that is, that they are Your people Lord, and we're responsible to You and to them, for them Lord. We know that's a very big order, but we know Father, that You made a provision such as when Bro. Branham quoted Mt 5:48, "Be ye perfect, even as Your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect."

He said, *"Since commanded it, God made a way for it He had to do, and He gave us the Blood which scattered sin until there be no evidence of sin, then how can you call a man a sinner when there isn't any evidence of the sin?"*

And so Lord, we rest in perfect grace tonight, and we know that if we're full of mistakes and we make mistakes, these things are said that shouldn't be said. Your Word will correct it just the same, because Your Word is beyond our word.

Help us to settle down tonight, and the Peace of the Living God, and just look at Your Word Lord, and see that we might see something. Not anything Lord, that's going to be a circus or great display, but rather Lord, to see the timbers in that 'Building-Word' Itself, that builds a Church that is the Word built together. So, we commend ourselves to You now Lord, in hope and faith in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, it's nice to be...I always lie about that, you know. It is nice to be here in one way, in another way it's not nice, because there's a responsibility attached to it. And I'm away from home where I'm kind of used to being over the last several years. They always say, "There's no place like your own bed." But boy, you don't believe that until you come to the place where you find out it's true. And it doesn't mean that, you know, you've made your bed and you're lying in it. It means you've been so sick at one time, that when you get used to a certain thing, you don't want to give up your home comfort. And when you get sick the first place you want to run is back home. And when you lose your temper over things, you think about how great it was back home and you know what it is. There ain't no place like home.

Then when you consider that...you talk about a home in Heaven, then you wonder why we want to go there. Because the home on earth, I don't give it up as an easy time at all, for what lies over yonder, whereof we have a full assurance.

Now, I can't see everybody, but at home we have much fewer people and that's much more comforting. And I can usually see all the people there, and I can greet them and I'm always so happy to see people, like I see Dave Wallace, he gets down from Cleveland. Always so happy to see Dave, then I see Stanley come across with his parents, and I see Mitch come down there from Chicago with Rose and... I look around and at all and I get very happy to see the people and ask how they are. What they're doing though is really none of my business. But it's actually makes everybody feel good, because we know we've got an interest. And in our Church we do have the atmosphere in the sense that we believe and thereby and therefore inculcate within the Church as

much as we can a real family relationship where it isn't where everybody simply knows what everybody's doing, because we're such a small church.

But we like to see everybody interested in what everybody's doing in order to be a family, and to be helpful. To be non judgmental, but to really believe we're a part of each other and belong. And that feeling, how can we possibly say that we have that feeling toward a Bride universal, because we are such lovely Bride and we don't have it in our home church. That's like saying that I love God and hate my fellow man. The Bible says, "How can say that you love God and you don't love your fellow man." Bro. Branham said, "*You serve God by serving man, and you love God by loving your fellow man.*" Which of course is your brother. And remember your fellow man is not Cain.

When John spoke of, you know, you're supposed to love your brother, or you're a murderer if you hate him. He talks about Cain and Abel, then he turns right around he made Cain of the world, and you're not supposed to love the world. So what you see in there that you tolerate the world. You're good to the world, you don't give reproach upon Christ, but you love your brother.

It's like a family, a wife and husband situation. In our **heart a preacher**...I'll get to preaching tomorrow night, I ain't going to be here. Ha,ha, ha. [laughter] You know me, I'm sneaky and...I'm as bad as you, I'm ten times worse. Listen man, you flatter yourself. [laughter] Shee! Wait till you get my age. But you know these preachers that preach this spiritual husband stuff, and they're rough on their congregations you know.

Well, there's a lot of that going on you know. "Well we despise that." Well, we ought to despise this ...?...Christian in their local churches can't come together in real love. They want this coming together, but they don't pay the price of being family.

Listen brother/sister, we're moving on the tide whether you know it or not. Now, I'm not been a loving person in a way, but I love people like I've never loved people. I feel for them, and I've seen God move to the love of God where we've had healings that nobody prayed for anybody, there was an absolute miracle. I'm looking for that, for me and everybody.

So, I greet you with the same affection all of you, and I've known a lot of you, but I don't see you tonight, because I don't particularly look for you. And if I did, I would be taking all night doing it. But I want you to know I love you, and I have great affection for you. Now...see Doc Kash tonight, and I tell you, I've never seen Doc look so good. I know this fellow and he calls himself a friend of mine, Joe Raczko.

"You know Bro. Vayle," he said, "You're just like my dad, he's going to live to be eighty five in good health."

I said, "Oh Joe, you tell me that you love me?"

Well, I love Doc the same way, I can see he's going to live to be a hundred the way he's going. I don't hate you Doc (hee, hee.) You all right if you live to be, you know, if the Lord tarries and He could use you. So we just...

1. Now, tonight I'll be about three and a half hours to four...[some chuckling] just reading my notes. Try to take this sort of slow, and try to give you reasons for what I say. I don't know if I'll be that fortunate, but I hope the Lord will help me.

But I want to talk about 'Thanksgiving', because, as much as over the years I have not been open to using occasion Messages, I found that Bro. Branham was, and you can't take a better

illustration, or example in Bro. Branham. And so I want to talk about Thanksgiving from the Word of the Lord, and I'm going to start in and maybe use much of the Book of Revelation, that is in the sense that I may go there then to other Books.

2. And in Rev 11:15-19, It says,

(15) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and (we) shall reign for ever and ever.

Isn't that fantastic? That's like me saying, "I want to order Jack Bell, me and my family, and we love his house so much we just...so happy Jack's got it, we're just going to live right with you." Either that is amazing grace, or craft impertinence. (Hee, hee, hee.) You think so?

"We shall reign with him forever and ever"

(16) And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell (down) upon their faces, and worshipped God,
(17) Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.
(18) And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou (should) give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, (even) small and great; and (should) destroy them which destroy the earth.
(19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of (the) testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

I should really read that twice, but I read It slow enough so I don't have to read It again.

3. Now, in verse 17, we notice here that John has made special note that the four and twenty elders are giving thanks unto God, because of a very, a special event which he names a little later.

A day of great Thanksgiving has been set aside, and now is being celebrated by those four and twenty elders, because of that very special event. Now these four and twenty elders that are mentioned here, are mentioned in three other places in the Bible.

Number one: (we won't read it present but later.) In Revelation 4, they are thanking the Eternal God as Creator and rightful Owner of all creation. Now, they must have been seeing something that you and I are not looking at, at present, because this creation is hardly worth thanking God for. All we can do is ask God to do something of value. But they're thanking God that He is Creator, and they're thanking Him for this wonderful great creation. And let's face it, they are a part of it.

4. Now, in Revelation 5, at the opening of the Sealed Book, they are playing their harps, they are singing a new song, they are offering incense in worship. They speak of their Redemption and happily give back to God His Covenant of Promise of reigning on earth. And they're holding

up the Covenant before Him in happy anticipation. And it is a 'fate of complete' [fete de compli] as far as they are concerned, and they are ecstatic.

In Revelation 19, a vast throng of people begin screaming "hallelujah", and praising God for the judgment and burning of the great whore, because they realize that these are the just and righteous judgment of a Just and Righteous God. And that they are now not only avenged as righteous themselves, but God has avenged the blood of the martyred. The whole Bride will soon be coming together in one place and one mind. As the smoke of judgment rises, this great throng screamed "hallelujah" in great thanksgiving. When this happened the twenty four elders joined in with their happy righteous and just endorsement. That you'd be too good to believe this wouldn't you? Uh!

5. You see, I'm known as the preacher without love. I'm brutal according to those who don't understand. That you're all going to sit back and say, "I wish it weren't happening." People think I'm a blood thirsty preacher, I've got news for you, whatever God does I hope I'm in agreement with It, and I am not some silly inane, foolish individual who thinks he can teach God a lesson. In short I am not Cain. I cannot say with Bro. Branham, *"That I will love Him just as much now if He throws me into hell forever,"* if I have the same spirit. I cannot say that, but I can say this, "I believe I've got something within me that says, "God has got to be right, that He's Just and Holy and Loving."

When the smoke of the torment goes up, they scream, "AMEN HALLELUJAH!" Millions now living will die, they won't live. And I'm not happy and my voice doesn't mean I'm full of disgusted business, I'm just telling you, "As it was in the days of Noah." And Bro. Branham said, *"The eight typed one out of eight,"* but he didn't explain, and I'm not going to either.

But when the smoke of the harlot, and she is behind it all goes up, they get very happy. Then everyone gets real excited, because the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb is announced. And that means the harlot church is gone forever and the last Adam and the last Eve. The first Adam [Eve] was a prostitute to her husband. The second bride could not wait to be messed with, could not wait for her husband. The third Bride will not be deceived. The last Adam, the last Eve will take over the Millennial Eden according to the Covenant, and go on to the New Jerusalem according to the same Covenant.

6. Now, think the Book of Revelation does not run in strict chronology and in continuity, but repeats Itself as It unfolds itself, and has many interpolations which the prophet showed to us and we by his example can also do a little. I am not interested in trying to work a chronology, but just getting out to you what I feel It says here and prior to us tonight.

All right. The four times we see the Elders is where we read in Rev 11:15-19. And we will now go to those other places where we see them in Rev 4:9-11.

(9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks (unto) him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever.

(10) The four and twenty elders (and I'm talking about them specifically,) (fell) down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns, before the throne,

saying,

(11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they (were) created.

7. Now, you might read all the other places too, in which we'll come to, but there's a very remarkable thing here, and that is, that as we read in verses 9-11 in chapter 4, we see a very remarkable thing that is going to take place next in Rev 11:15-19 which we read. And that is in Rev 4:9-11, we see God as Creator and therefore lawful Sovereign of what He created. But in Rev 11:15-19, it is very apparent that God is not legally Ruler. Uh, uh. He's not legally Ruler, though He made it all and it's all His. And what Christ bought by His Blood was not yet in His possession, but it had to be wrested and wrenched away from Satan and his cosmos in spite of the fact of true Ownership and true Redemption to get it back. Stands right there, there's something needs to be done.

Revelation 4, gives the case. Revelation 11, shows the position. Now I'm sure you know positively that Rev 11:15-19, can only reestablish Rev 4:9-11 through Revelation 5, the opening of the Seals. Right? It's exactly true.

8. So we go to Rev 5:1-10, at least this is where Bro. Branham took us.

- (1) And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (Completely written and sealed.)
- (2) And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
- (3) ...no man in heaven, (no) man in earth, (no man) under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look (thereupon, as though he had some idea as if he were to look at the Book he could open It.

Now isn't that strange that all the creatures for two thousand years have thought that they could look on the Book and perhaps do something about it. What...come on, you've read all the books on the Book of Revelation. Why there wasn't even anybody in Heaven that could do it as pertaining to a man. But boy that didn't stop all the birds we know from taking a crack at it. He said,

- (4) ...I wept much... (The most loving man in the world was John. He just stood there and cried like a baby,) because no man was found worthy to open the book... neither to look thereon.
- (5) And one of the Elders said, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and loose the seven seals...

And John thought, "Well, goodie if no man can do it, bless God there's something in creation able to do it," just after he was told.

9. See, this fellow was just sitting here as a Scribe looking at things. He didn't have much understanding of anything, he just wrote down what he saw. That's right he was only a Scribe, he wasn't a prophet.

- (6) And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

- (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
- (8) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
- (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Now, you notice in Rev 5:6 that the Lamb came, the bleeding Lamb came and there was the blood shed which gave the enablement of that One to go and open up the Book.

10. Now, let's take a look at the Lamb and the blood. Rev 1:5-6.

- (5) And (the Lord) Jesus... who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, (even) the prince of the kings of the earth, Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins (with) his own blood.
- (6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion (and honor) for ever...

All right. We go now to Rev 7:14.

- (14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest: And he said to me, These are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Now, in Rev 12:11, It says here,

- (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 13:8,

- (8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of (the) life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Now what I'm looking at here is this Man that was the Lamb the crucified One that was able to open the Book. And I want you to understand we're looking at the crucifixion the Great Price paid. You understand what I'm doing? So follow closely. All right be careful.

11. This vision purported by Usher to be 96AD, and conceded by Bro. Branham to be correct, perhaps not perfectly, but within that order; this vision is about sixty some odd years after Jesus died and rose from the dead. And this same vision could not be fulfilled by Jesus by the shedding of His Blood and His Resurrection per se. Not even by His office as Mediator as in Heb 9:11-15. Now let's go back and look at It, and I'll tell you what I've got in my mind. Heb 9:11-15.

- (11) But Christ being (and high being) come an high priest of good things
to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands,
that is to say, not of this building;
- (12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he
entered in once unto the holy place having obtained eternal redemption
for us. (The whole thing wrapped up in that one act.)
- (13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer
sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:
- (14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal
Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience
from dead works to serve the living God?
- (15) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by
means of death, for the redemption of the transgression that were
under the first testament, they which are called might receive the
promise of eternal inheritance. (Now that's very good.)

You notice, that goes back, takes care of everything back as they look forward. The same thing test the foundation for what's in the forward, but it wasn't evidently time.

12. Now, all right then, the vision which was about some sixty years odd, sixty some odd years after Jesus died and rose again, and this same vision couldn't be fulfilled then, even through he died and rose per se by itself. Even through the office of Mediator, but now, but must now fulfill that part of His before the foundation of the earth Covenant. You hear what I said? I know you all don't yet get the tapes on Covenants. If you haven't got them yet, you who heard them. That there was the Covenants of the Father and the Son before the foundation of the world. And It says in 13, "Slain from before the foundation of the world." [Rev 13:8]

So know what I'm saying here. There's a part of His before the foundation of the earth Covenant, that He did not fulfill on earth as a Lamb, and in Heaven as a Mediator. But that which He does in Revelation 5, which He could not do, unless He was both Lamb and Mediator, He is now able to do.

13. Now, what I say is based exactly upon Bro. Branham telling us that Jesus could not fulfill all His ministry when He was on earth in the flesh, because there was not yet time. See? He didn't have time to fulfill It. And He referred us to Luke 17, and in Matthew 4. He couldn't fulfill Luke 17. He predicted It, He knew It would happen again. And He knew that He would go to the Gentiles in the form of the Holy Spirit. You see? There was something he couldn't do, although what He did laid the foundation for It. He's looking forward. So, you can see what I'm building on, is the truth vindicated by Bro. Branham the great vindicated prophet himself.

So here we see as Bro. Branham said, Jesus had to leave the Mercy Seat. Take the sealed Book, open It, tear off the seals, hand the Book back to the One on the Throne. Then the One on the Throne comes down, Rev 5:1, comes down to Rev 10:1, and the Lamb in Rev 5:6-7 from behind the Throne on the Mercy Seat in the midst of the Elders and the Beast having come forward and taken the Book, He now climbs upon the Throne of Almighty God, fulfilling Rev 3:21, which is in the Seven Church Age, where in It says, "He that overcometh will I grant to sit in My Throne, even as I am set down in My Father's Throne." [Rev 3:21] And at the same time the Voice says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." [Rev 3:20]

All right, let's face it, you've got One down here knocking on the door, and One up there sitting on a Throne, and they're not both God. I've been accused of teaching two God's, the person's that say that is a liar and doesn't know the Book. Because if I taught two God's, I'd say, "Jesus God the Son, I wouldn't say, 'Son of God', and sons have beginnings, I don't care what they're made out of." That's right. It's so simple, it's foolish even try to illustrate.

14. Let's go now to the Book of Rev 11:15,

(15) ...the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven,
saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our
LORD, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

(16) And the four and twenty elders... (of course began worshipping
Almighty God.)

Now, that statement there concerning Jesus Christ seated on the Father's Throne and the kingdoms of the world becoming His Own personal possession. If you want to you can turn over to the Book of Psalms and there in the 2nd chapter verses 6-8, you will see what is said.

(6) Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion

(7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my
Son; this day have I begotten thee.

(8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee (a) heathen for thine inheritance, and
the uttermost parts of the (world) for thy possession.

Now, that's pretty mixed up in there. You put them all together you can see absolutely there is a promise for all of them based upon a certain condition which are ...?... in Scripture.

15. Now, in Psalm 4, and I haven't got time to go into It. In Psalm 45, we're dealing with the very same thing in 6-7, and he says here,

(6) Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom
is a right sceptre.

(7) Thou lovest righteousness, and (hates iniquity): therefore God, thy God,
hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (So, this
One here has got to be under God. In other words, God is His

God.)

16. Now, and the exact and perfect revelation by vindication of what we are talking about, is over here in the Book of Hebrews beginning, in verses 1-14.

(1) God (in many ways, and in many parts) spake in time past unto the
fathers (in) the prophets. (Just like Bro. Branham said, it's right there
in the Greek, it's not 'by' but it's 'in'.)

(2) Hath in these last days spoken unto us (in) Son, whom he hath
appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the (ages.)

(3) Who being the brightness (or the effulgence or the out-flowing or
the out reigning of His glory. Even the expression of His substance,)
and upholding all things by word of his power...

Now, he's talking about that One Who in this day, that day, when He took flesh, God spoke in Him. When He had by Himself purged our sins, and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

- (4) Being made so much better than the angels, he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- (5) For unto which of the angels said he at any time. Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son.
- (6) And again, when he bringeth in the (firstborn) into the world, he saith, And let all the Angels of God worship him.
- (7) And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- (8) But unto the Son he saith, Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever: (and) a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- (9) Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- (10) And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:
- (11) They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as a garment;
- (12) And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
- (13) But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
- (14) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

17. And in Hebrews the 2nd chapter, 5-8 is as far as we'll go.

- (5) For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.
- (6) But (in one) place testified, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? the son of man, (you) visitest him?
- (7) (You) made) him a little lower than the angels; crown him with glory and honor... set him over the works of (your) hands:
- (8) (You) put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

All right, now what we're looking at here, as we say, as This One that your're making a great thanksgiving time over, because His time has come in order to take over that which the Father has promised Him, and we are going to share in It.

18. Now, we're going to look back and show you that This was said by absolute vindication. In the Book of Romans the 15th chapter, in verses 15-19, Paul claims vindication for having said and written every single thing that he said and wrote. Okay beginning at 15,

- (15) Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,
- (16) That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- (17) I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.
- (18) For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,
- (19) Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Paul said, " I came fully vindicated before all the Gentiles. I never told but one thing until first of all God manifested through me that I was a mouth piece of God, and what I said was right."

William Branham the Omega, stood exactly as the apostle Paul through the Pillar of Fire.

19. Now, let us also notice in that, we're looking at 1 Cor 2:1-5.

- (1) And I, brethren, when I came to you, (these are Gentiles,) came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
- (2) For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
- (3) And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
- (4) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and (the) power:
- (5) That your faith should not stand... (simply in me saying something, but It was backed up. An absolute vindicated Message.)

So what we're looking at here then, when Paul is teaching from the Old Testament that this is the Christ Who is going to be ruling in the future Kingdom under the power of God, wherein, we are Priests and Kings unto Him, it is absolutely vindicated. And now John breaks into a vision which vision does not vindicate the apostle Paul, because vindication does not vindicate vindication. Vindication is vindication. It is simply a vision of what was already vindicated, and put in proper and true perspective, and more like what was already vindicated.

20. All right. Though the Son Who was the recognized Son of David, Son of Man; Man of Revelation 5, recognized by God is now truly Melchisedec, because He took the Book out of the hand of the One on the Throne and climbs on the Throne. Okay, John saw that. So let's go to Hebrews the 6th chapter, where a vindicated man talks about it.

Now, we're not just here to say, "Hey, I want to tell you something, that Old Testament that the Jews had, that was a mighty fine Book. Now there's a lot of things in there people don't understand, but you better believe It. Jesus came on the scene wholly vindicated who He was and His ministry." Right. The apostles and others endowed after the Resurrection also had a sort of vindication, which was great ministries and Paul calls it, 'Signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost'. But Paul comes on the scene, and by absolute vindication takes the same Old Testament Scripture, vindicates Christ, opens the door for a vindicated gospel to the Gentiles. And now at the end-time we have a further vindication, and men stand back and arrogate to themselves a stupid so called authority a free moral agency, that says, "I don't believe that!"

Let me tell you tonight you that hear my voice, you are under condemnation, and so am I and under Judgment. You can play with vindication, and I've been criticized a man told me right today a fellow criticized me all the facts, "all he can preach is vindication." William Branham preached eighty percent of his Message's vindication. And you say you believe the prophet and want me to change. You're a liar, and why don't you come and face me? Come on, face me. I'm not afraid, I've seen these guys fall by the way-side.

21. Let's go to Hebrews...and I'm nobody, I'm just telling you, I stick with this Word you do what you want. Heb 6:19-20.

- (19) Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Now hold it, "which entereth that within the veil;"

- (20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest...after the order of Melchisedec.

Now did you hear what I read? You didn't hear what I read. You thought you heard what I read. You're going to hear as I go down the road though. It says right here,

- (19) Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, which entereth into that within the veil;

And Bro. Branham said, (here comes the stinger,) he said, *"It was death to enter into the veil at one time, and now it's death not to enter into the veil."*

Now, It says right here, "We have a forerunner who has entered within the veil," and he's speaking of the temple where the veil was rent from the top to the bottom. And I understand that was literally about four feet thick. That's right.

22. Revelation 5 and 1, which is Revelation 10. God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, fulfilling His part of the Covenant comes down in 1Th 4:16 and fulfills 1Cor 15:20-28. Now, Rev 5:1 is the One on the Throne that had the Book. He wants that Book open by a man, and there isn't anybody in sight can do it.

Now, the Mediator Jesus comes forth from off the Mercy Seat behind the Throne, takes the Book out of the hand of God who is His Father. And Bro. Branham said, *"We are not Trinity, we are not Oneness, and neither are we Twoness."* Now, you try to accuse me of teaching two gods. You might be sitting right here tonight and you are not right, because Jesus is the Son of God and sons have beginnings. And I don't care if sons are the exact substance and literal image and the outraying of the father is still a son.

Now, you do with what you want with your message, but you Oneness' are wrong, and you Trinitarian's are wrong. So you better start changing your doctrine, or you're simply not worth the truth, I'm sorry but that's it. But I can't be too sorry, because look, I'm not fooling with God. I've spent too many hours and years examining my soul to be fooled with this one.

23. All right, Rev 5:1, which is Rev 10:1, the great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is going to fulfill His part now in the Covenant. And in the Covenant He comes down in 1Th 4:16,

(16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel the trump of God: [blank spot on tape]

(17) ...caught up...to meet the Lord in the air:...

You've got two Lord's. And the Bible has not many but several places of two Lordss, "where the Lord said, to my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, and God even thy God." He mentions the place of God, and one of those places is Adonai. I haven't got time to go into Hebrew and Greek, because I'm not a student of it. I'd have to go look the whole thing up and run a chain on it. And Bro. Branham correctly said, *"When that's Spirit is in the midst of us, becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him Kings of kings, and Lord of lords,"* and you tell me what Spirit incarnates Itself in what person? Well do you believe, or don't you believe? See, I don't fuss this with anybody, I just lay It out, you do what you want. My wife and my kids and my congregation. I love them, and I can get sorry for them, but to compromise, no. I've turned the corner.

24. You know something? If I'm not right I'm a dead duck. I'm worse than a dead duck, because a dead duck God can raise back and bring him the Millennium as just a duck, because he loses nothing. But He will bring me back and throw me into the lake of fire where I will be destroyed with the finality. Now it hasn't fully sunk in into my consciousness but I know that much. So we're going to get through real Thanksgiving before it's over, that's what I'm talking about whether you know it or not.

Now, the Bible says this One comes down with the Kelusma, which is the Shout. Which is the Voice of the Coxswain giving the time to the rowers. But also in 1 Corinthians 15, the word 'subdue' comes from that very word, which means to put into order.

So therefore, the Lord came down with Church order. Now what about all you Pentecostal's that you've been defending for so long they can't even put tongues in a little room. And you that think Church order is putting tongues in a little room. You're wrong! Church order is Headship of God, bringing all things under His feet for the sake of Jesus Christ so we can have a Millennium. And after the Millennium go to the New Jerusalem where He hands the Power back to the Father. Come on! Let's understand Scripture! These folks in Heaven weren't shouting up empty wagon Pentecostal shout to be shouting.

Like I heard a guy's tape not long ago, and he just wanted people to scream and scream. Don't do it around here! Unless when I preach some searchable riches and bring you to the depths of the things in Christ, you rise and shine and scream then I'll take it! Well I don't want this other stuff, I'm not interested, I've been Pentecostal too many years. You're not talking to some kid up here that hasn't gone through it. This is the Scripture, at the Presence, the coming down. That's when It starts putting the Church in order, so there can be a Bride and She's not going to fall. She's not going to be as Bro. Branham called the prostitute Eve. You say, "Well, that's an awful strong term." I just learned to love it. You think it didn't show me that I don't love

my sisters? You come to my Church and find out. That's right. Bro. Branham's right. I haven't contradicted him for fifteen seconds, I just can't wait for him to get back. I can wait. I got to wait.

25. Low listen, Rev 11:17, and I got to turn to It, before I can read It.

- (17) Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and
wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power,
and hast reigned.

Now notice, it never was a time when He didn't have His great Power. God never was bereft of any power, which is just a matter of a legal assessment that He had to live up to being God. So now that legal assessment time is over, and He can take back what He allocated, put It back in His hand, restore everything and bring everything to the peak that He wanted to. Now He's listened again,

- (17) Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and
wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to (thy self) thy great
power, and reigned.

Now He's, I'm talking about a Thanksgiving Day ...?... What John saw as a Scribe in a vision, he saw the day when men, the four and twenty elders are men, I am dealing with men of which Bro. Branham said, "*They were the patriarchs and the twelve apostles.*" That's what he said. Don't ask me to explain it. I'm not in the explaining business, I'm in the preaching business. That's what I'm in.

26. And they rose up and they have a mighty Thanksgiving Day. There is a great Thanksgiving Day in Heaven. God taking over for His Christ to give to Jesus the entire cosmos system of Rev 11:15.

- (15) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven,
saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our
Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the actual fact is, you can read It this way, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, even of His Christ."

In other words, you see the direct relationship, what God is doing and pointing It right to Jesus the Christ. In other words, the entire system is about to be handed over to the Lord Jesus Christ, which absolutely is the Millennium.

27. Now, notice in Rev 11:18,

- (18) And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of
the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give
reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them
that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy
them which destroy the earth. (All right, the nations were
angry.)

Now, remember what is going on. What is going on? "The Lord has descended with the Shout." Is that right? Now what does He do? He is putting His Church in order, in order to get Them out of here into a Rapture, and to the Millennium, and He has a prophet standing on earth.

Now, the prophet brings this Message of Rev 10:1-7. And he begins bringing the Church into order, and the nations rise up against it. Now I know you're fumbled right there over the thing called 'nation's' aren't you? Don't worry about it, I don't have one bit of trouble with it, and I'll show you why. Revelation chapter 17, I told you you'd be here for a while. And I'm not going to call a recess and preach the rest tomorrow, because my job's over. I've an easy job tonight, because a lot of you came here tired, you're going to fall asleep on me, and I know some of you had so much church you'll fall asleep. And you'll sit there sleeping, and then when it's over, you'll say, "That was a great sermon wasn't it?" [laughter] So you see, I can't lose from winning.

28. All right, let's go back to [chapter] 17: [Revelation]

(1) ...there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials,
and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew into
thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many
waters:

(2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, the
inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her
fornication.

(3) ...he carried me away in the spirit (in) the wilderness: and I saw a
woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy,
having seven heads and ten horns.

Now you know that beast means 'power', and he's talking the world power. He's talking about real power here kid, and now he's not talking about something symbolical and something that is rather under the covers, and something rather unpleasant and something that's fair that you know, about less than its power! Authority! Dynamite! He's got control, he's running things, she's running things. You hear what I'm saying? I'm not finished I'm going to prove it to you.

(4) ...the woman was (covered in scarlet,) purple and scarlet, and decked
(in) gold and precious stones, pearls, having a golden cup in her hand
full of abominations, and filthiness of her fornication:

(5) And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the great,
the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

Abominations of the earth? "I'm going to destroy those that destroy the earth." Well she's a part of this stuff. Are you listening? Huh? Now you better stay awake and listen.

(6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, the blood
of the martyrs of Jesus: and saw her, (and) I wondered with great
admiration.

(7) ...the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell
thee the mystery of the woman, and the beast that (carries) her, which
(has) seven heads and ten horns.

(8) (And) the beast that thou sawest...and is not; shall ascend out of the
bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth
shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life
the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast
from that was, and is not, and yet is.

- (9) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the (seven) woman (sits. And that's Rome of course.)
- (10) And there are seven kings: (the) five are fallen, and one...of yet (to) come; and (one) cometh, he must continue a short space.
- (11) ...the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and of the seven, and (goes) into perdition.
- (12) And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.
- (13) These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
- (14) These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
- (15) And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations... [Bro. Vayle stresses the underlined slowly] Huh? ...(nations) and tongues.
- (16) And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, (which) shall hate the whore, shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- (17) For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
- (18) And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
29. [Revelation 18:]
- (1) And after these things I saw another angel come from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- (2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
- (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Now listen brother/sister, I want to ask you a question: What was the fourth kingdom that Daniel saw? The stone come down not made with hands, cleaned the whole thing up. Rome. Can this be different? Nah. No.

It's the one that died, they thought died with the sword and came back. Rome died as a world power figure with its navy, its army, and everything else, its great generals, and all it could produce was a stupid Mussolini, that the allies didn't even have to take over and hang by his heels. His own people hung him up upside down. But this is that fourth nation that is controlled by the church. And notice, they're playing footsie together. And so now the nations are angry.

30. The whole church system is bugged. It's mad. It cannot take the prophet. It cannot take Church Order. It will not believe that only a few are going to make it. Already, because they speak in tongues and they're all speaking in tongues, they say, "See we can't miss It, we have got to make It. Millions now living will never die." That is a lie and they know it! And when you deliberately deceive yourself and believe a lie, you are finished. You are twice dead. You understand what I'm saying, or shall I start over?

You understand what Bro. Branham taught about the beast that was wounded, came back? You understand this is Rome? You understand in history as far as... Italy was concerned, it was always Rome the capital. It wasn't just the funny figure of a boot down there in the Mediterranean. Although they were there, it is talking about the vested authority. And the vested authority lay in a person who could lead, and they had Caesar, they had Anthony and they went downhill, and they recovered themselves by a pope. And now Bush is kissing his toe, and Golda Meir went there, they're all going there. Here's a man who's not worth a plug nickel. And a church that was dead, except for American money under the Marshall Plan.

You think God doesn't love Himself? Even God's got some kind of complex. I'm not being mean, look it, I'm looking at this thing here. You know what humility is? It's believing God, what God says about Himself, and believing what God says about you and not anybody else. And you don't think you've got a better idea. I don't know how far we've got, but we've sure got to go a whole lot further.

31. [Revelation 18:]

- (4) And I heard (as it were) voice (of great multitudes, a voice of many waters,) (that's many witnesses,) (and the voice of many thunderings saying, hallelujah, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.)

So we see God in Headship, in control and He has started the countdown, in the time of Bro. Branham. Rev.10:7 is based on Rev 10:1, the Seventh Seal Book is opened. That's right. Many people teach that the Seventh Seal is not open. They fail to realize that the Seventh Seal has more than one part, and the part that is not open is the literal descent of the Lord Jesus Christ coming back with the Bride. And the part that is open is Rev 1:10, where God came down to His prophet with the Pillar of Fire, revealed what He was supposed to reveal, and He is here. For Bro. Branham said, *"My ministry is to declare [Him] that He is here."* And his ministry was a Message. And Bro. Braham said, *"There's no such thing as a true healing revival, unless there is a new Message."*

32. So therefore, God is not backing up the old tired message of: "He's here, He's here, He's here, and He's in my heart." He was talking about the One Who came down, because he said in 'The Third Exodus', *"Just think, (he said,) when God sent Moses down to Egypt, He did not only appear down there in signs and wonders, but He Himself Appears upon Mt. Sinai, so today."* And he pointed to the Pillar of Fire picture. Now, you either look you believe or you don't believe.

"Well, I'm looking for something else."

Well, I'm happy for you. That makes it easier for me, I don't have to worry about you. I'm looking for nothing else, because That Pillar of Fire hasn't gone.

"Oh," says somebody, "well I've got the Pillar of Fire."

You're liars! If you've got the Pillar of Fire, you stand up on this platform, and this tape goes around the world a lot of places, you show me one sign that shows you've got It.

33. A fellow came from Norway one time, picked my brains and sat there and showed me he had the Pillar of Fire. I don't think I ever shook his hand, again if I did it was purely accidental. You understand when the real Thing comes in, anything else is counterfeit? Come on, wake up! Don't spend your money and your life on that which isn't bread. And don't try to fool the people. What you see here, is what you get. I am telling you what I believe from God's Word based on the prophet. If I am wrong, I am wrong, I'm sorry! Well not nearly as sorry as I'm going to be, except He knows I try to do it honestly, that gives Him credit and blossoms me out quicker.

So I've turned a corner. The Seven Seal Book is open. The Seventh Seal especially. The loosing of the Seals brings Rev 10:1, to take back the title deed of what God owns, which they praised Him for. Passing It on to Jesus so that He and us, we, could be kings and priests unto God along with Him; fulfilling what It says in Philipians, "He having laid aside His glory."

Now listen, He that laid aside His glory said in John 17: "Restore to me the glory I had with You."

And God said, "I will certainly do it."

And Paul came on the scene and said, "Jesus now had a greater glory, (Huh?) then when He was in His Theophonic form."

And you and I carp and grouse, because we passed ours to get this, and then we would turn down the Greater Glory. Romans 8. Am I telling you the truth? If you don't believe me, read your Bibles. God has highly exalted Him above where he was exalted previously. And we're going to share in that glory. Bible said so.

34. It is Thanksgiving time in Heaven according to John's vision. But wonder of wonders, notice what It says in 11 and 19... Are you still with me? Am I going slow enough and logical the way you follow? I'm doing my best now. If I'm not getting your answers, well, you pray about it, because I'm doing my best.

[Revelation] 11:19.

(19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, (Now what was in that temple? There was the veil. Now watch,) and there was seen in (the) temple the ark...(which should have been hidden behind the veil.)

Now isn't that nice. That's interesting, very interesting. When the veil on earth in the temple that was patterned after the temple in Heaven, the veil was rent by God from top to bottom. Uh? And Bro. Branham says, "*The whole Mercy Seat came into view.*" Now, this is contingent and perfect with that. Because It says here, "the temple was there," and there's no mention of the veil. And the holy of holies whether Christ entered and we are bidden to follow, John sees this, and there isn't any veil, but there's an ark there, and It says,

(19) ...the ark of his testament:

And the testament is a will which is procured for us, and it's now come into full sight. In other words, the will has been discovered and now it goes through probate, or whatever in order to divulge and give to those who would inherit.

35. Hey listen, I get really dizzy happy even to think someone would leave me a hundred bucks. Not that I want to see anybody die. Now, my wife had a dirty deal pulled by these Norwegians. Now you see, I've got no use for them. (I'm just kidding.) My wife's Norwegian by ancestry. She had this rich family over there that had a lot of goodies die, and she was in the will with her sister, and her brothers and all. So the lawyers wrote over here and we thought well we'd get a couple of bucks out of this, because she was in the will and she was entitled to what, you know, she was supposed to have. But the Norwegian government, they're tricky. Evidently they said, "Well, she lives out of the country so we'll just take it." Because you see money can't go out of the country. Something like that happened, I don't know, because that's the last we've ever heard.

I want to tell you something, this ain't the last you've heard from this. I hope I haven't blasphemed the Norwegian government. But something sure happened somewhere. We just figured that after all those letters came. She was supposed to get the money that would have been great, I would have had fun spending it> That's real thanksgiving.

You know what real Thanksgiving is that you wake in His Presence, and you see what He procured and how that you're in the Kingdom of God. This is the Thanksgiving here to try to give us some idea.

36. All right not listen, It's a real Thanksgiving time in Heaven and we read this here of Rev 11:19 of the temple open in Heaven. All right now, over here in Hebrews the 9th chapter Paul tells us about this. Now what he says about this is 22-24,

(22) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and
without (the) shedding of blood (there's) no remission (of sin.)

(23) It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the
heavens (now hold it, the pattern of things in the heavens,)
should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves
with better sacrifices than these.

(24) For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands,
which (is only a figure) of the true (pattern that came down from
heaven,) but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of
God for us:

(25) Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest
entereth into the holy place every year with (the) blood of others;

But It tells you He died before He entered the holy place; beyond the veil, and there's no veil there anymore.

37. Okay, with that, we're going to go to Hebrews the 6th chapter, and if you get tired stand up, you can even walk out. Heb 6:13-20. Now I'm not trying to hold anybody.

(13) For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear
by no greater, he (swore) by himself,

- (14) Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- (15) And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- (16) For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.
- (17) (Wherefore) God willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath.
- (18) That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.
- (19) Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;
- (20) Whither the forerunner for us (is) entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Now just a minute, He isn't there. He's not there behind the veil in the temple. He's out of it. He's on the Father's Throne. You now have come to the place of the perfect Melchisedec in the human form, but remember the original Melchisedec was Elohim Jehovah Himself looking forward to when the time He would be Melchisedec in Jesus' body.

38. Now, He's not there on the Mercy Seat. He's taken His place, He's King of Righteousness, King of Peace, and He's going to stay that way unto the Mighty One Who came down, puts the Church in order, and everybody the whole Church system, which is the fourth kingdom, Rome, in its degraded spiritual condition, brings everybody together to destroy what the prophet stood for. Which was One God and His Son. Now you can do what you want with that, but I can take you right to the Feast of the Trumpet, and Bro. Branham said, *"We are not Oneness, we are not Trinity, we are not Twoness."*

"Well, what are you?"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

He that believes in the Son, believes in the Father. Without One you don't have the Other. You do what you want about the Scripture. I'm not brilliant to explaining anything, I only know It's there.

39. All right, now you see what I'm looking at. In Rev 11:19, the temple of God is open to us. God is not in it, but an Ark is in it, and it is called the Ark of the testament which is a will or a covenant. An ark is a chest. The word 'chest' comes from the Hebrew which means 'to pluck and gather together'. So therefore like Jesus was plucked up as a tree, as a plant by roots, sawed down, killed for you and me. You and I plucked out of organization what have you, to come into the Ark. So the Ark is that which was plucked up and brought together. The Ark also then contained something. What was it the Ark contained? It contained the Word. That Word is the full Covenant of God as it is epitomized in Gen 1:26-28.

Now, don't get your covenants mixed up. It's very important to know this, because this is the Covenant that God Himself instituted and we have nothing to do with It, so therefore, if God fails in It, we don't fail, God fails.

40. Like if I say tonight I'm going to give Chad and Steve here a Rolex watch, and they don't get that watch, they don't fail, I fail. All right let's look at it. [Gen 1:] 26-28.

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

(27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created
he him; male and female created he them.

(28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and
multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion
over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and every (thing that
liveth and) moveth (and so on.)

I want to tell you something, they didn't ask to come on this earth, they never asked for the Covenant. That was already settled in Heaven. So you better leave it just the way it is. Now that was in that original Ark, because It says, "Now comes the time to reign over It all."

The first and original Covenant of which everything else accedes to It, is brought to our attention. The Ark is revealed in the Temple of God, therefore, Christ then is the mystery of God revealed for He is all the attributes of God revealed in flesh, and in Him are all the Covenants of God. And it is those Covenants that make our destiny.

41. Therefore, God was in full view as in Jn 14:10. Let's go to Jn 14:10, and see what Jesus said there. Now remember, you do not separate Rhema from Logos, even though you have people trying to do it, let them do it. I'm not going to fight with them, I just have no time for them.

(10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?
the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the
Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

In other words, God spoke the Word, and God did the work as Bro. Branham categorically said, speaking himself, *"How do you make the Father and Son one?"*

The person said, "When you look at the Father, how do you see the Son?"

"Well, (he said,) the same as you look at me." He said, *"It's the Holy Ghost in me."*

Now he said, *"The words of William Branham, thus saith William Branham wouldn't work."* But he said, *"Look, (he said,) Look at... Thus Saith the Lord, that little child with leukemia."* He said, *"That was Thus Saith the Lord."*

42. Now can you take that tonight? Hah! How many people Jack, six hundred? Five hundred? Six hundred? I want to tell you something, that's a hard saying. You believe that God [stresses the underlined] really was in William Branham? It's a hard saying.

"Well he could have a little bit you know. He could have had a little something." [Said as someone with contempt]

He said, *"You're looking at me."* That's the way it was with Jesus.

"Well now, see Bro. Vayle, let me try to explain it to you."

"Come on up here while I baptize you."

You ain't going to explain nothing. William Branham was not a stupid jerk.

43. Remember the time he stood before the people and he said, "Yes, all I have is a seventh grade education, but you better believe I knew what was in those Books." Beautiful sarcasm. Loved that man. In other words, don't cross you sword with me buddy, they carried him out feet first.

You know something? You sitting here and me up here tonight I approve conclusively that not one of us is sincere enough. Not one of us believe enough. We are here tonight hoping. I don't want to rob the estate, because we're getting there. But I want you to measure yourself tonight, can you really take and understand God was in William Branham.

44. I did my double take. Oh yeah. I'll tell you about it. I'm not ashamed of it. I was in Bro. Ruddle's church and I was preaching, and like you hear me speaking I heard myself say concerning Bro. Branham, "You weren't looking at a man, you were looking at God," and I froze. And I didn't say because I said that it had to be right, because Lee Vayle said it. I was scared stiff, I was wrong, and I quickly without a break and nobody but Neville noticed it, and I said, "What was it?" It was God in the man, and I was a hundred percent correct, because I read from many tapes. I don't have it here, where Bro. Branham said, *"Just like God in me, you're looking at me was the same with Jesus."*

That brings us to a most marvelous eloquent question. How high did the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ elevate Him? How high was the promise death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Its Power, that God could indwell prophets like Moses, just looking forward. And what could He do to the human race looking backwards to what's accomplished? It's marvelous just to thinking about It.

45. I Cor 13:10-12,

(10) ...that which is perfect is come, (that explains it.)

2 Cor 3:17-18, when the Spirit is in our midst in the veils of denomination and being removed from us, we shall see Jesus.

We shall see that Ark in the Temple open to us, and see Christ the Word as Bro. Branham said, *"The Bride doesn't know her Mate, but She'll have Her Mate revealed so She'll know Him."* That's right.

46. Heb 1 to 3 the very out flowing of Almighty God has taken place, because Bro. Branham said, *"Just think God has given us again the Gift of His Son in the form of the Holy Ghost."*

Matthew 24, is fulfilled, 27, "The Light has shone in the East."

Now listen, if we can believe Lk 15:5, where the parable says, "That the Shepherd went out to find the one lost sheep, and there was rejoicing in Heaven." Then how much rejoicing do you feel there is now that Rev 11:15-19 is a literal existence in this time and place where the Elders are thanking God? You have taken Your Power, You are putting Your Bride in position. We are going to come back and reign and rule under Jesus Christ.

47. And now I'm going back to Rev 5:1-4. You will notice that they were looking for a man, that was the whole thing. Rev 5:1-4, the emphasis is on a man. The four and twenty elders were men. The Psalmist enjoined men to praise and to thank God, and these men were up there praising and especially thanking God. And the Psalmist had spoken of it even before John.

Now the Psalmist was inspired by the very written Word of God, the first five Books especially, the law of Moses to tell men to thank God, because the first five Books of Moses had instituted the Thanksgiving ceremony, giving it to Israel, to know about it, and to practice it when they reached the Promised Land. It is found in Leviticus 7, and it's called the 'Thanksgiving Oblation', or sacrifice, and it is voluntary even more so than all other sacrifices are voluntary, though if you failed to fulfill them you're lost and cut off.

This Thanksgiving ceremony is a matter of choice, now listen carefully, it is a ceremony that is an extension of another offering, so that if you didn't have this first basic offering, you couldn't have a Thanksgiving offering.

48. In other words, if I don't have a chicken, I don't get eggs. Right? Pure and simple, if there is an offering missing...

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