

The Unveiling of God #8

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Shall we just make that our prayer: Heavenly Father, again we want to express our gratitude for the strength You've given us, Lord, the desire You've given us, the joy You've given us to come into Your house of praise, oh God, and worship You, which we trust is now in spirit and in truth, and there's nothing amongst us, Lord, that has any spirit other than that one Spirit, Lord, which is to glorify Your great and holy Name and in honour to prefer our brethren to shine as lights in this darkened world, Lord. That's our desire, Lord, and if we haven't attained to it, You've already made a promise that blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled. We claim that promise, Lord, from You this day that we might be that, oh God, that You desire for us. We know by imputation, Lord, actual crediting, actual giving in the Person of Yourself, we have all these graces, all these virtues, all the fruit, everything, Lord, is in Thee and we in Thee, Lord, You in us, all that is there, but now we'd love to manifest it, Lord, the way You want us to manifest it. Not by any of our own thoughts, Lord, what we would like to do, because surely we'd have many thoughts contrary to You as it's shown by the Scripture and by the prophet, Lord, man has always run contrary to God, but we, Lord, want to run with You, to walk with You, to be One with You, Lord, that's our prayer this morning.

You're the One who can help us. You're the One who will do it, because that's already been set forth that You are the Author and Finisher of our faith and we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us, crucified with Christ. Help us, Lord, to be in that position this morning, open our hearts and our minds, we pray that we may be filled with Your Word, the spirit Word of this hour in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we're back again with this message The Unveiling of God [64-0614] and as usual some of these messages take a whole lot more time than we think they will take, particularly in light of what we think the subject matter is going to cover. We always find that that subject is much more important than we originally thought, and I mentioned one time before that Bro. Branham took forty to sixty percent of all the time he preached concerning his own ministry relative to the Word of this hour, witnessing through the Word to the vindication God had given him, witnessing to God, witnessing to himself and that Word, and he actually at the end spoke more on that very thing we are discussing now than perhaps he ever did.

He at one time let all the little hints drop here and there, but you'll notice he took whole messages on it; so our faith evidently is much more grounded and rooted in both the manifestation of the miraculous physical and the unveiling of that spiritual Word, and I think perhaps that the simplicity lies in the fact that here this is what God has said in His Word, this is what God has done, we are a part of this hour, therefore, we are part of this Word; this is it.

2. And I think that most everybody is...well, I don't know that most everybody, but I feel that too many, and perhaps we ourselves, are too concerned about the future when the future doesn't mean anything anymore if time and eternity have blended. You know what...if that's the truth, then what is the big deal? All you can say, well, praise the Lord, we're in the mainstream of the fulfillment of God's Word, happily on our way back to Eden, ready to be glorified. What more do you want? Well, I realize there's many things people want, such as a ten room mansion, fourteen Cadillac's, and a couple of million bucks worth of diamonds. You know, forget it. You're going to have all that and walk on it. You know you may be...everybody...five billion

people are scrambling right now to get a piece of mother earth which is five-sixths water. Over on the other side, when this is, you know, some of the elements are burnt and the earth purified, I don't know that this earth is going to be anymore than just about a hundred percent land the way it was before. You won't have to scramble. There won't be five billion people on it either. So you don't have to worry about elbow room. You people that are sort of reclusive, like to be alone, you'll be alone yet not alone. Everybody else...everybody will just have pretty well...will have what God wants and that will be great.

3. Bro. Branham said, *"When you leave here, you don't leave here with your nature changed; you just get a different area to live in."* Well, if you've got something that's truly scriptural in you that's hungering and thirsting and might not be fulfilled on this side because it cannot be, it will be fulfilled on that side. So you see you're in the mainstream now, and I say "mainstream" because, starting with Luther, the waters came from the Eastern Gate of the temple, spiritually speaking, up to the ankles, then it went to the knees, under Pentecost to the thighs, and now it's waters to swim in, but you don't have to swim. It's waters to float in and the tide will carry you over. Now you won't even have to use a dead man float because you use a live man float, which is where God's spirit takes you over. So everything is very propitious, everything is very wonderful.

Then again too, you know, the Bible has told us concerning wisdom and *"this is the hour of great wisdom,"* Bro. Branham says, and it's very true. A lady the other day just quoted that to me when I was in the...up there getting some chelation. She says, "You know the Bible said as the hour approaches the end time," she said, "the people are wiser and weaker."

I thought now where does she get that from? I didn't argue. I said, "That's a hundred percent right." I said, "That's true." I said, "We're living proof of four generations; my wife and I are way hardier than our daughter. And our daughter is hardier than her daughter. And she's hardier than her two kids." Four generations. I don't know what's going to happen to those little seven-year-old, five-year-old kids; I just pray for them, that's all. That's all you can do for your own. They're completely mush now. They're gone, unless God does something supernatural or they begin to change their lives and all. Bro. Branham said, *"Nothing left in the soil."*

4. So, but we've got a wisdom that transcends all of that, because we have a wisdom which is from above. Because, remember, the last Voice that speaks is the One Who is from heaven, comes on down here, and delivers the Word of God and, remember, that Word is not delivered in vain, because the Word of God is never in vain. Now our word is in vain: "In vain do you worship me, having your own ideas," but, He said, "My ideas, I myself, and I'm duty bound to bring it forth." So everything is very propitious, and you'll see more and more of this as we talk about the unveiling of God. I want you to come more and more into this understanding as I said, and I believe it was Wednesday night, reading some notes, that I'm a little concerned we have missed the impact of the super miraculous, where Bro. Branham said, *"If you only knew who I am, you'd all be healed."* Well, that just... he said it was gone. Who are you? That's a very good question, was he speaking in the first person, God speaking in the first person through Bro. Branham, using his voice, and Bro. Branham heard himself say it, or a thought given by God to Bro. Branham, or was Bro. Branham saying, "If you only knew I was Elijah of this hour."

Well now, he said, *"The Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself."* He said, *"Our Moses is Christ,"* speaking of exodus. Well, what's he doing? He's not saying, "I am not here, look at me, I am that person." He's saying, *"I am identified and I am the prophet bringing this to you."* And what do you want for your nickel? What do you want for your spiritual experience? What do you want? You say, "Well, I want God to talk to me." Well, God is talking to you.

Where have you been? What are you doing? "Well, I want it my way." You just blew it right there. Yeah, all right.

5. I want to read. The very title of this message, The Unveiling of God, sets forth that God is hidden from mankind and that the prophet, the preacher, the bringer of this message is going to remove the veils so that God can be seen whatever that actually means. Right? So, God... William Branham is going to do it. Say, "Well, I think that maybe you..." Will you just shut up and quit thinking? You just quieten down that you're not going to hear from God or see God or get anything unless that man is going to do it. Said, "Well, that's just the top that he's going to do, and there's a group over here, and there's something over there, there's something I can get." Fine, you blew it. You blew it, because now you don't have an Absolute. You've got a bunch of goofy chickens running around.

Let me just tell you something: I don't mind wasting a little time. I don't mean to be factious in the pulpit here, but Brother Ungren phoned me the other day and we were talking about my diet, and I said, "Well," I said, "I can eat turkey." I said, "I like turkey."

"Well," he said, "you know, I read something about turkey having something that's very good."

I said, "Yeah, it's tryptophan."

"Yeah," he said, "tryptophan." He said, "Isn't that something that helps the brain?"

"Well," I said, "it sure didn't help the turkey." [Congregation laughs.] I wonder maybe if it's doing me any good. Do you get the point? Bunch of turkeys. Not just chicken; a bunch of turkeys.

6. So let's understand now. The way of the Lord is His way, not our ways. And we're in the eagle class; if we are, we hear the scream. Now we might have been an egg down here or laid an egg, might be out there in the barnyard picking manure with the chickens, which is one step worse than—well, I don't know if it's any worse than vomit. There's an accusation in the Bible of people eating vomit in this hour; all tables are full of it. So I wouldn't want to be the authority on any of that stuff. Thank God, I'd sooner be the authority, if the Lord allows us to be, on the heavenly manna. All right.

The title of this message sets forth that God is hidden from mankind and that the prophet is going to remove the veils, or that which hides Him, so that God can be seen, whatever that actually means. It couldn't mean that He's going to come into view where you can shake His hand, or look Him in the eye, or something along that nature.

7. In Acts 17:22-31 Paul took it upon himself to do this very thing. So we're going to go to Acts 17 and just read a couple verses. That's all that's necessary. We'll read 22 and 23 because that's what pretty well gets the picture.

(22) Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all (these) things (you) are too superstitious. (Superstitious Gentiles.)

(23) For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. ...therefore (whom) ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

Now there's the picture. Ignorant of God as to the true knowledge to the truly seeing Him, and he said, "You're worshipping Him ignorantly and I will declare Him to you." Then verses 24 and 25.

- (24) God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is (the) Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;
- (25) Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; (All right.)

We'll notice in here that Paul in these verses 24 and 25 strips away the veils of worshipping God by spiritual ignorance, which God does not tolerate. Thus we learn a very important premise. God is made known or reveals Himself by the Word, because Paul said, "I am going to declare Him. I'm going to reveal Him through the process of word power, so that you will see by hearing, by understanding." See? So God is made known and reveals Himself by the Word. That Word tells it all. And that Word is given to certain men only, but God's revealed Word has always been set aside, only received by a few then set aside, and soon there is no revelation that is correct.

8. In Acts 13 we have another illustration, and it might be good to go to Acts 13 and take our time and read it as much as I don't like reading a tremendous amount of Scripture...if I can more or less stop for a minute. We'll start reading at verse 1.

- (1) Now there (was) in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; (and you know these are sub-prophets, not real prophet, like...Paul.) as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- (2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- (3) And when they...fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- (4) So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.
- (5) And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. (Now whether that was John Mark, some people think it was, or the apostle, I don't...I wouldn't know.)
- (6) And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:
- (7) Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.
- (8) But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

- (9) Then Saul, (who...is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,
- (10) And said, O full of all subtilty and...mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? (Notice, "Wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" See, that's showing something against the truth and stopping it right there and then when it's no longer the truth, it just won't work.)
- (11) And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist...(of) darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. (Now that types, of course, spiritual darkness at the end of the hour when we go into spiritual darkness.)
- (12) Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Now you'll notice in here this manifestation cleared the air as to who had what. Now, you see, it wouldn't...it doesn't work today. This man here was a very simple heathen. Now you've got a lot of Christian heathens. They're not simple anymore. They're so tied up in their ramifications of their traditions and doctrines where this turned it, of course, the man was elect, you understand. The... How many turn today? And notice, that being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. This was the doctrine of the Lord. The doctrine of God was backed up, literally backed up, was literally vindicated. See? God has to stand behind His Word. But, you notice, He doesn't stand behind His Word the way men want Him to stand behind His Word. God stands behind the Word the way He wants His Word stood behind. Now this was enough right there to do everything that was necessary for a man's faith, because, remember, this man had to be turned from his superstition, which was demanded at that juncture period and could go down in history where men would believe and say, "Look, it took place, then that does it." See?

- (13) Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. (Evidently, that's John the Revelator then, that John.)
- (14) But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and (they) sat down.
- (15) And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if (you) have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.
- (16) Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, ...(you) that fear God, give audience. (All right, now he's going to give his revelation here.)
- (17) The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, ...with an high arm brought he them out of it. (...In other words, He gave

them pre-eminence over years and, when they got in bondage, He brought them out with a high arm.)

- (18) And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.

Now what was the high arm that brought them out? The Pillar of Fire and a prophet. Remember, His own arm wrought His salvation which was Jesus Christ by means of flesh for redemption. The arm is still Jesus Christ by means of power and Jesus Christ is with us today in the form of the Pillar of Fire, the form of the Holy Spirit in the Pillar of Fire. All right.

- (18) ...(he) suffered...their manners in the wilderness (many years, forty years)...
- (19) And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot.
- (20) And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

9. Now notice, you say, "Well, weren't there prophets there before?" There were men that spoke as prophets but not like this prophet. That's why this prophet is mentioned in Acts 3 for our hour. See? I mean just, we can hold our finger there, run back to Acts 3 for just a second and see that. And It says that...It says here, 19, the middle of 19th verse.

- (19) ...when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (that's revival is going to come)
- (20) (And he said, even then) ...he shall send Jesus Christ, which (was appointed or) preached (or named in advance, unto you that He's going to come.)
- (21) (But) the heaven(s) must (retain him after that period of revival. Now see, the revival's got to come first to catch your attention) until...times of (restoration) of all things, which God (has) spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (All right.)
- (22) For Moses truly said unto (you) ...unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him (you'll) hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
- (23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul...not hear(ing) that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. (Remember, God always was His own prophet.)
- (24) (Now) yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after,

Now you notice he jumps from Moses, so this man... Now someone's going to rise up based upon Samuel. Now you can't base Jesus on Samuel. He only was a part. There's no place where Samuel was the type; he's in the ministry, but like unto Moses. So now you've got a man here whose major qualification is not to bring the Word but is to judge the Word. That is to say, set his approval on what the revelation of that Word is and discern. And remember, Bro. Branham always quoted Samuel: "When did I ever defraud you? When did I take your money? When did I

take your horses or your mules or...when did I ever do anything?" He said, *"Put a finger on me if you can."* Couldn't do it on his character or anything else, see, you couldn't do it. See? All right.

10. Let's go back again, [Acts 13:]

(20) ...until Samuel the prophet. (Notice now, that's where we are right today.)

(21) And afterward they desired a king: ...

And we will get our king right after our Samuel, our Elijah, see, after our Son of man. What's next? King! He already is King, but He's not in that office yet that we want Him to manifest in, humanly speaking, on a throne in the Millennium. Right? Well, He already is King. He's King of our hearts and He's King of the universe because He does whatsoever He will in the armies of heaven and earth. He's the One that's going to lead us in the Millennium. He's our great General. He always was a General. As soon as He brought anything to the manifestation, He brought hordes and myriads of angels, and He's their General. He ruleth in the armies of the heaven and the earth, and no man can deny Him. He's absolute dictator. "The wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath he shall restrain." [Ps. 76:10] All right.

(21) And afterward they desired a king: and God gave...them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

(22) And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, (who) shall fulfill all my will. (All right.)

11. Who fulfilled all the will of God? Jesus did; there's a man after his own heart. Now he's got to be there as high priest in the form of the body while the great God Himself is down here bringing all things under the control, ready to incarnate Himself in that body and come back with us in the Millennium.

(23) Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: (And that's right; he comes down through the lineage of David and, remember, it's got to come through a woman, but it comes down through David, on his side.)

(24) When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. (All right. Now, there you are. John had preached it and John set it in order. That's John the Baptist.)

(25) And as John fulfilled his course, he said, (Who) think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.

(26) Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

- (27) For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Now, you see, there's something right there that the Jews will still not take any blame for. They'll say, "No way, that's a bunch of hogwash. Don't you try to sell him as God to us."

12. Now they may turn around and what someone said, "Well, we boo-booed because he was a prophet. We should've listened." What's Messiah to you but a prophet? See, they still cannot see the Scripture being fulfilled in the death of the person, because they cannot understand how God could accept a human sacrifice for blood when that is contrary to the Word of God. They can't do it. Like eat my flesh and drink my blood. No way, they couldn't drink blood, period. Even after the council of Israel...of Jerusalem, what should we tell the brethren, how should they conduct themselves across the board because the Gentiles aren't under law like we were? They said, "Well, tell them to refrain from adultery and from things strangled and drinking of blood." I want to ask: where'd they get that from? No doubt they got it from God under a permissive basis, because it wasn't spoken in the first place.

When Moses went to God over the man that gathered sticks on the Sabbath day, it was right in the book, there. Don't you gather sticks on the Sabbath day; it's all done on the day before. So it came back according to a Word. All right. The Word was in there, no strangle and no blood. Well does that obtain? If it does, what does it obtain for? You can't do anything else but put it almost to a dietary law or some type of a type when all types...when all types are fulfilled. Now you don't put a pot of blood here and something strangled and say, "Let's not eat this," but you wheel in the Communion table and the elements...in a little tubs and do it... (towels and feet.) So I don't know what it's all about too much except just don't do it because they said don't do it. If it's in the Bible, I'll take it. I wouldn't want it anyway. Ew. So much for your blood sausage. I know that it was eaten by a lot of farmers and people but...if it's doubtful, then you used to say it's dirty. If it's doubtful, then it's not of faith, leave it alone. All right.

13. Now, they condemned him. [Acts 13:]

- (28) And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.
- (29) And when they had fulfilled (What was the cause of his death? Jealousy and envy. Jealousy and envy, that's what it was.) And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.
- (30) But God raised him from the dead:
- (31) And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. (Now he was seen by about five hundred people, and he was seen about forty days. All right.)
- (30) But God raised him from the dead:
- (31) And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are...witnesses unto the people.
- (32) And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

- (33) God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Now notice the begetting is the Resurrection. Now you've been begotten again in your soul and spirit but not your body. You're waiting to be begotten from the earth, which is already been redeemed by the Blood. You're waiting for that fulfillment. So that's a begotten-est too, and that's a real beginning again too, and that's a real rebirth again. Now some people get so mixed up; they get these all mixed up. They just simply go to one and leave the rest. Anything we can find out from the Word of God and the prophet taught and how it comes together, we just claim it all, brother/sister. I tell you what: if we're going to...I think maybe, if you got the right nature you can't help but be like the person that owns a pecan tree and maybe a whole bunch of them, and you get one of these nut shakers out there and he goes, he moves that tree around and 'til all those nuts come down and maybe there's a few on the top and he say, "I want to get them down too." Why? Because it's nuts. Good pecans, good walnuts, good almonds; that's a good Word of God. You shake the Book until it all comes down in your lap. You don't say, "Well, hey, I think I'll leave part of this." If you do, you've got a jaded appetite. You've got something in there that wants some little finagler thing in there. We don't want that. See? All right.

- (34) And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

14. Well, what's that? He rose to be the executor of his own will and to bring every single thing to pass; He's doing it. We don't only have a surety in Jesus Christ risen; we have God Himself, and the same God that started the redemption is here finishing it. "I'm Alpha and Omega." He came down and He put a sword there in order that they couldn't get to the Tree of Life and now He put another sword that we can get to the Tree of Life. See? You've got Alpha and Omega; it balances out perfectly. There's no problem here. See are what...these are the things Bro. Branham tried to bring to us all the time in order to thoroughly convince us. In other words, bring us to the assurance of faith. This is not our faith. This is the faith of Jesus Christ Himself. This is God's own faith that is manifested so that we can rely on it, not our own; therefore, any faith sensibilities you have of your own you can put by the board and say, "Well, I'm a happy onlooker." See? All right.

- (35) Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (Which he didn't.)
- (36) For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:
- (37) But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.
- (38) Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:
- (39) And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

15. Now just a minute, there was nothing that the Law of Moses could not justify you from in the sense that God would say, "All right, the sacrifice takes care of it, looking forward to Jesus Christ." But remember, as I said the other day, when Adam and Eve were in the garden, they

were innocent; they were not righteous. We are not innocent; we are righteous. Now that may sound very peculiar, but Bro. Branham categorically said, *"You didn't even do it at all."* So therefore, if we didn't do it at all, and yet we had done it, it all falls back on Satan. Someplace down the line we were guilty, because the Bible said, *"The guiltless were the guilty."* So we're not innocent by any stretch of the imagination, because we're born in sin, come into the world speaking lies, just like Bro. Branham said.

But when Bro. Branham said it, as the Judge told him to say... Oh my, listen, everybody would like from all around the world to know that Bro. Branham had the authority to say this: *"Little Bride, you're the virtuous, sinless, spotless Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. I no longer call you 'Church'; I call you 'Bride'. I don't call you 'Saint'."* Oh, they loved that if William Branham had gone there and identified himself with them and said that, but he didn't. He identified himself outside the city gate. You bet. Outside of old Babylon, dirty old Babylon, prostitutes beckoning day and night: *"Come on our way. Give you good pensions. Give you this and give you that."* Oh, give it to the apes. Don't give it to us; they'll take over. We know something: that we're going to take over. Who needs their Cadillac's or anything else, see? All right.

(39) ...justified (in) the law of Moses.

16. Bro. Branham said was...there wasn't a divorce, a complete remitting as though they hadn't done it. See? And under Moses' law, it wasn't that way, because you had to keep coming back. Although looking forward to Christ, if you died the next minute, you're all right. Listen, poor old David got caught up in his lust, just too much lust that's all, just like his son got the same way: too many women. The whole thing botched up. Too much booze, everything else. He killed a man to get...he took the poor little woman and, I don't know what her thinking was, but I guess she couldn't turn the king down or something. I'm not going to argue that case. The thing was he was wrong and he killed the man, thought he got away with it.

Now do you think he's any less a man after God's own heart? Do you think he's any less a type? Now you do what you want. You see your mind goes blooey. Well, there's only one perfect person, and is it the extent of the sin that counts? No, he that offends in one point is guilty of all and what if you offended in one teeny little point, like one day you got envious, you coveted your neighbor's livestock? Well, you're shot right there. You don't have to kill the neighbor and get his wife, you just...but you might as well if you think you're justified. See?

So I want to get you to understand the difference here. They could look forward to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord, but this is an hour when God Himself reverberates with a...along the corridors of our soul with the voice of the trumpet from heaven: *"You are the sinless, righteous, perfect, didn't do it all, Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ."* Would you deny this? What are you going to do with that? Now either you believe it, or you don't believe it. Either you believe you have become the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, or you don't believe it. See, this is where we're at today, because we're down at the end of the rope, the end of the line. And how in the world could Jesus be the head of a part illegitimate woman? No way, shape, and form.

(40) Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken...in the prophets; (Now listen! Here's the point I'm getting at.)

(41) Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which (you) shall...no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

17. Jesus came and performed his ministry and explained it and laid it out, and they killed him. Now the prophets are perfect types of this, and they will declare the work of God in the

generation, and the work of God for you and me is to believe on Him. So if you are a man who understands grace and works, then the work is to believe, and that's the battle of Armageddon which is the hardest of all, is to pull the mind down to the place where it has nothing of itself, is completely denuded of its own ideas and seeks out the ideas and understanding of God which God Himself has confirmed. And it takes a man to do that!

(41) ...though a man declare it unto you.

That's where Bro. Branham got his thought: "It's a man. It's a man. It's a man. It's a man. It's a man." They can't stand it. They've got the spirit of hell upon it because Satan couldn't stand Michael: "It's just another archangel. It's just another archangel. It's just another archangel. I'm bigger than he is. I'm smarter than he is." As he, Satan led, I understand, in the worship of the heavenly host. Couldn't take it and that's exactly where people are. It's very strange that the Roman Catholic mind can take it, so they must have a whole lot of truth way back there than the Protestants got today. As Bro. Branham said, *"The Catholic Church in a mess in two thousand years, the Pentecostals couldn't go two hundred and be a bigger mess,"* and I say right now, not trying to amend the prophet or outshine the prophet or anything else, I believe right now they're just as big a mess, if not bigger, because they're tongues evidence. And the pope can speak in tongues, and I believe maybe this pope did; I believe John XXIII did. And I believe the popes after have spoken in tongues and their theologians, like Jacqueline Ford, speak in tongues and Father O'Conner, so-called, yet honor a man in a way that perhaps we should have honoured and in the spirit of Christ.

18. Now you carefully what I said there: in the spirit of Christ. You couldn't do what they do to the pope: kiss his toe and everything else. But you honour the fact of the vicariousness, you honour the fact of a messenger, and we did not honour William Branham as we should have. We took him as a man of our level and our stature, rather known as the Scripture amply revealed to us through Bro. Branham that the Pillar of Fire was in Moses, and the Word of God categorically said, "God was in the prophets."

But I think perhaps the Pentecostalism of gifts of the spirit, prophecies in the church, and the Jannes and Jambres on the scene blew the whole thing and, maybe now, coming full term with Bro. Branham as he did, and I believe we are here to come back to this basic. We might have an understanding, which is not only more appreciative of the prophet, but absolutely ironclad, stone-clad with the rock of revelation, and that's going to do something for us, brother/sister.

19. Remember, the woman said, and Bro. Branham brought it out so many times, the woman said to Elijah... (it was Elijah? Elijah, Elisha, no it was Elijah.) He said, "Go first, and make that little bit of bread." [1 Kg 17:13] He said, "You got just a tiny bit there..." Now you got me beat on it, that was Elijah, wasn't it? I always get puzzled on that. I think it was Elijah. Elisha did eight miracles but this one, he went to the woman, it was a time of famine, they had no rain or anything, and he said to the woman, he said, "Now look," he said, "I know you've got that tiny bit of meal, tiny bit of oil, but you bake me that tiny loaf first." See?

"Now, nevertheless, at your word, I'll go ahead and do it."

Mary stood there, and the angel talking to her, she said, "Nevertheless, at thy Word." She said, "This thing has never been done, but at thy Word, I'm going to believe it." So therefore, here a man declared, though a man declared it. I... Perhaps the reading of this Scripture is not the best; in other words, the translation might not be the best.

(41) ...a work which (you) shall in no wise believe, (because) a man (declares) it unto you. (Because it came through a man.)

20. Now if they'd have said, "Hey, that's all right if we picked the man," and that's where Catholicism is, so it's not too far from Judaism, and it's not a ways off either from Protestantism, but the Bible says, "Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth." Sure, "and calleth," the man that You appoint. See?

That's why Bro. Branham said, *"You could vote in the church for a pastor and vote in deacons,"* and everything else, but he also condemned them in one place. He said, *"The voice of the Holy Spirit is in the voice of the majority, providing the majority is full of the Holy Ghost and listen to God."* They haven't got axes to grind. See? For Bro. Branham said, *"Look for a woman that's got character, not sex appeal."* Turned around and said, *"Don't put the mayor of the city in just because he's somebody."* See? That's right.

21. Now so we see Paul's message stripped off the veils of creeds and traditions in order that the true veil of God, which is the revealed Word, could be known to the people. Now first of all you've got to strip off the creeds, the dogmas, and these things to get to the true Word. Now you notice that Paul tried to strip them of their traditions, and he couldn't do it. See?

And notice how they retaliated. They retaliated in anger to kill. See, the same thing that's in Cain. Why did he kill his brother? Because his deeds were evil and the only thing he could do was to attempt to destroy, either by character assassination or by literal assassination. That's why lies are being told all the time, even amongst us, and we see but I put that across the board. I don't mean in this church here or other churches I have in mind, but I have various things in mind and they know better. Some are so steeped in arrogance that they believe they've got certain titles and certain things and certain things about them that, oh, they got to come before the people.

Look, I want to get away from the people. Why do you think I'm here instead of travelling around? Of course, you know, "Your health bugs you." That's true. My health does, but I'm not interested in being out there anymore. I'm not interested in anything too much except this one thing here. This Word: are we lining up? Do we see it correctly? Are we one with this Word? Thus we can see God and His Word are one.

22. Go over this here again back here. See, we can see Paul's message stripped off their veils of creeds and traditions in order that the true veil of God, which is the Word, could be known, thus we can see God and His Word are one, because if you get to the real Word, which would require revelation, then God has been revealed. He's been declared through the process of exegesis, made known, led forth by words. In fact, there's nothing that you can really impart to anybody outside of the basic of words.

Now I know you can sort of use sign language and get a person to follow you and many things, that's true, but if you want to get down to what is a reality, you have got to have some instrument of communication which goes beyond a demonstration. You see, teaching doesn't simply go to one process of showing; it goes to explaining. See? So you've got to combine the two of them.

23. Now how does a man do this? How does a man explain? How does he declare? How does he take what God has done or is doing? See, how is it done? Well, since God has ordained a man to do it, He has stipulated in His Word it will be a prophet. And since Heb 13:8 says that God cannot change, and Heb 1:1 says that God is in the prophets to do this, and God Himself became the great Prophet, then there is nothing that God can do by way of a true unveiling except He does it in a man.

And the question is what man? A prophet man. Where do prophets come from? "Before thou wast formed in the belly I knew thee." Bro. Branham said, "*When you were in your father's genes, before you came forth,*" he said, "*you were there, but your father didn't know you and have fellowship with you.*" All right. That's the same that we're going to predestination by foreknowledge. Where was the prophet before he was formed in the womb? Well, he was in the father and mother. Okay. Where does the life come from? Well, let's face it: there's a physical life and a spiritual life, and he breathed in Adam the breath of life and the body began to move and so forth; there was an integration there. All right. It takes two to make a child. The woman does contribute. All right, let's say then there's a contribution of the physical genes whereas the life coming from the male brings forth the complement of the other.

24. Now all right, we have then in a prophet, we have a prophet with peculiar characteristics which had to come from two sets of genes, the male and the female, in order to bring him to be the right man at the right time for the right hour, but it was way back there in God in the beginning. And God has given us a prophet and there's no other way it can be done, because God is designated through Deuteronomy 18. That's how it must be done, but the church today, though knowing this, and don't tell me they don't know it because they can read the Bible like anybody else.

I went for about six to eight weeks to a little independent Baptist seminary up in Canada and, boy, did they know the Bible. They sure did, and they could put it together just right in a lot of places and just right to their own thinking. But I'd like to see what they'd do about this one. Well, I can tell you what they'd do: they'd say, "That was for that day."

"What about Hebrews 13:8?"

They'd say, "That's exactly right; God doesn't change but we do. We've got the unchanging Word, who needs it?"

You say, "What about the fact that people have changed their minds, brother?"

"Well, you see, that's just a bit more light."

"What if you come to the place where man runs his course?"

"Well, that will never happen because we've got the Holy Ghost." They got all the answers, and they're all a bunch of hogwash. They're all lies. See?

25. The church...but the church today, though knowing this, repudiates any idea of a prophet needed to reveal God. What do they say, this stuff, we've got it. We are exactly like Israel; we want our own sign. What do I mean by that? God went to Israel...went to Moses and said, "Moses, we cannot take this. It is just much too much. It scares us, because we don't know which way God is going to go next. We don't know what God's going to do. This thunder up in the mountains and light coming on down, this fire, it's too much. I tell you what, Moses, you tell God to talk to you and then you talk to us."

And God said to Moses, "That's great." He said, "That's exactly what I'll do." Now, you notice, man went to God to get his own way. Now that he's got his own way, he doesn't want it. So they said to Jesus, "I tell you what, you give us a sign." He said, "No, you've got your sign." See? They didn't want a Messiah coming by a prophet. They wanted him to be a king in power and then, in order to help the king, he'd be truly prophet, because, you see, if the king was more like Elisha, what's in the mind of the Syrians and where those generals are, then that will make the king just everything. So we're going to have a king; the main thing is king, king, king and the

prophet lesser. Let's get news to you, brother/sister, the prophet's the great one, because the prophet can make and break the king any day or any hour.

26. David went plumb out of his gird, as you might say, plumb out of his line, his element, when he was king dancing up and down, but he had...he let man perform the carrying of that Ark on a little cart, instead of on the priests' shoulders. He blew it; he was too much king and Israel wanted that. See? Saul prophesied, and he blew it as king. And Solomon stood there, truly full of the Holy Ghost, just like a prophet, and he blew it as king. Well I'm going to tell you something: there's a man called Samuel, and he didn't blow it. There's a man called Paul, and he didn't blow it. And there's a man called Jesus Christ, and he's going to be King, although always was, being God, but the great thing is the prophet.

Now you see people could accept...they don't even want the judge. Oh, they wouldn't mind the judge if he judged their way. But you can't be judged without being prophet. And, as a king, you aren't worth two bits unless you are prophet, because you're going to blow it every time. You're going to go your way because you got the power. Remember, God has two faculties that we understand, in the sense that we impute to Him and readily happily do so, omniscience, omnipotence. Omniscience, outside of omnipotence, isn't very wonderful, although it's nice, and omnipotence, outside of omniscience, is a problem, but when you combine them, with knowing what God's omniscience is, you've got wonderment. See? That's where we are today. We've got marvelous things going on for us. All right. Listen.

27. They went to God and said, "Give us the prophet," and God said, "Amen, Amen." Now, listen. The human race today is just as much stuck with Moses and what God gave him as we are stuck and we know it with what Adam gave us. You're born in sin, shaped in iniquity, came to the world speaking lies, and you're stuck. You're stuck and, I don't care what you do, there's none of you who haven't sinned. Everyone sitting here this morning backslides a thousand times a day in your thinking, because you can't walk on the streets or something else; or get stuck in a traffic jam; or anything, anything, anything, anything; or even your wife's cold feet in the middle of your back; and your husband, not meaning to, but spilling coffee on the table, you're still drinking coffee; and you bristle, proving you ain't got it, proving you do got it, but the wrong thing.

You're stuck with it, until the Resurrection of the day by day we're dying out and coming on with God. Hopefully we believe that to be true. You are stuck with that and so you are stuck with this: you need a prophet when God says so or nothing. See? And God is that prophet in all potential to you and me.

28. And when He comes, brother/sister, remember that on TV, when we didn't find TV so bad, the millionaire? Now that was nice, clean TV. If it was all as good as that, I wouldn't mind TV, but all the crud now, you better get rid of that stuff. While I'm on the subject, look it, TV, sports on Sunday, working and things, let's cut it down to the bone and get rid of it, brother/sister, time's too short. See, but back in the old days, The Millionaire, you know, I forget his name. It was't. Cranston; that must be the name....The Green... the Hornet or something, back in the radio days, but anyway, this fellow here, real nice guy. It didn't matter if he handed you the envelope, if there was such a thing as a million dollars, or the man who had the million to give you and wouldn't hand you the envelope. So, you see, if God doesn't want to be seen, He doesn't want to come down and say, "Here I am," shake hands. And we'll talk about this because Bro. Branham brings in, "O, great Pillar of Fire," we read that the other night, "if it had been a great Pillar of Fire running around, oh, they might have looked at that," he said. But just because it was a man, they turned it down.

29. Now look, let's understand this: God came and shook our hand when William Branham shook our hand. God walked across that platform and spoke when William Branham walked across that platform and spoke, because that's how God does it, and he said, "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receives me."

Now we're going to get that down where that's not just the Holy Ghost. I've got quotes on that from the Book of...Matthew, when I get to it. See? Now, we have a prophet as Amos said, "God doesn't say anything or do anything until first of all He brings the prophet." Okay, so, the so-called spiritual people can't cope with the manifestation of this hour that God has proved His appearing openly, not in pleasure, but in rebuke and exposed them that they are wretched, miserable, naked, and blind, when they feel they've believed, or they actually don't believe, but literally own God, got Him in their pocket, as you might say, and have all the answers. They got all the answers.

30. Now let's go to Matthew 15 and you see I'm taking my time with this again. We might not get much of the sermon done, but this gives me that back grounding again I always like to go into because it...when it does you good, it does me good, I'm interested, you know. All right. ...

- (1) Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, (Oh, the headquarters.)

What's going to happen when the big shots come down from Rome and they...in the Babylon of this hour when they all get together? And I'm going to tell you, brother/sister, there's nothing like misery for company. And when it comes time to take those belts and tighten them, this is one time the world will really get together. You watch. In other words, I'm talking about the money system. And they're talking right now again more and more about how they're going to change the color of the money, and it's all set up now that they've got a magnetic thread in it so that nobody can take it in and out of the country, and I take.... And I say, sure that can happen, that can happen. They're not out to get a guy with a few thousand bucks in his sock; they're out to get the big shots, but I've spoke of one thing: seventy percent of all commerce in the world is done by American money, and the nations will thumb their noses at America. I still don't believe it 'til I see it. I could be wrong. It doesn't say that they're calling it in. It would be dollar for dollar. So it could happen. It would be like calling it in to get rid of it, give you ten cents. I'm pretty skeptical on that point; I'm not saying I'm right. So don't you listen to me as though I'm some authority, but you've got to remember one thing, the authoritative thing is this: seventy percent of world commerce controlled by our money, our system.

The nation could default this year...do anything you want? How are you going to tell a nation right now where to horn it in? Italian government fell because of us, over a stupid little incident. The Italians won't fall as far as I'm concerned. But it's America's fault, because they're already tipped off something's going to happen. So we're in a precarious position, but the nations can rise up and tell America where to horn in any day they want. So America thinks they're pretty smart, but America is not that smart. Big shots will take over one of these days, but don't worry, they'll get together in the money system, I'm sure that's what Bro. Branham said. That's the way it's got to be, that's the way it's going to be. [Matthew 15]

- (2) Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? (Now watch this one.) for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

31. Now that washing of the hands was legitimate because God had these words. Eating fish is not legitimate. Most Catholics didn't even know that fish was not in their creeds and dogmas, except they found out that hundreds of years back or two hundred or whatever it was, there was

very little beef and lots of fish, so the Catholics said, "Well, let's have a lot of fish to eat and less beef. And so why don't we set a day aside when you can't have beef, and that will help us, and there again then we will eat fish." Well, that's just nothing but rationing. That's not...that's not even...now they find out that in the twentieth century they tell everybody, "Well, the theologians they incorporated that and it's not a part of our theology. That's just a time of, you know, when there was a little bit of a problem." Well, this was in the Word though, they had to be careful, they had to do certain things. But they took this overboard; see, they took it too far.

- (3) But he answered and said..., Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? (Now watch this. Here's the big one of what I read there.)
- (4) For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
- (5) But (you) say, Whosoever...say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;
- (6) And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free.

32. Now I don't really know what that really means. That to me sounds like something like the Roman Catholic doctrine that, if you commit adultery, it's okay as long as you pay ten bucks for it, drop it to the poor fund. That's right. No joke intended. That's a fact. Might charge five dollars or a hundred dollars, depending upon what they think you're worth. So they can do it.

They can break the law back in Jerusalem and put something in the poor box, or something in the money, or some excuse, something about it, and say it's okay, and the funny thing is the Catholics hate the Jews and the Jews hate the Catholics. I don't understand it; they're twin sisters, couple of not naïve old girls; couple of...you know, they're kind of a... I'm going to tell you something: the Hebrew church was called a prostitute, so was the Gentile.

33. He said, [Matthew 15:]

- (6) Thus have ye made...(it) none effect by your tradition. (Let's read that again.) Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

That's ('tridor?') that you're coming across God's Word with your own saying, crossing up God's Word by your own saying. So like extradite or bring him out.

- (7) (You) hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,
- (8) This people draweth nigh (with) me with their mouth, ... honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
- (9) But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Then people try to tell you, you don't need to know doctrine in this message? You'd better know doctrine. You better know doctrine. You better know what's going on, what's being said by the prophet. You better know when the aApearing. You bet He's appearing. He's been appeared for years, and you better believe He's here, as far as my books, and say, "Well, brother, He was here in the Presence." God was here in the prophet, that was Presence, but Bro. Branham said, "When God left Moses, he was no longer God; he was just Moses." And Bro. Branham said, "Lay in the presence of the Son until you mature and cure and be ripe." Where's Bro. Branham? He better come back. No, he's not going to come back until the appointed hour. Don't worry.

You show me where He came down and left us. You show me where He abdicated headship of the Church to raise the dead. You show me He's not going to take us up. You show me where He's not Heb 13:8. Brother/sister, it's about time people realized a few of these things.

- (9) ...in vain...do (they) worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

34. See? That's why preachers better watch, and teachers, because they lay things out here as commandments. If you can't quote the prophet right down and trace it through the Word the way he did, just lay off.

- (10) And he called the multitude, and said..., Hear, and understand.
(11) Not that which goeth into the mouth defile(s) a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defile(s) a man.
(12) Then...his disciples, ...said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? (Oh, he said, "I apologize very, very deeply. I'll kiss their feet." Did he say that? Here's what he said.)
(13) ...Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

So much for the apology! Actually, how can you apologize for the good Word of God? It's like a one man...man one time once said before, he said, "Homiletics is the art of public speaking of which sermonizing or preaching is the highest order and," he said, "don't ever, ever go before a group of people and thank them for your ability...for your preaching a sermon or giving something to them. They should be thanking you." I'm not talking about me; I'm talking about this.

The apostles were so gross; they thought Jesus having hurt somebody should apologize. And there are many people right today who think love is that kind of a love. Not in the Bible it's not, brother. You have lost your love if you're going to apologize for truth. Now you may apologize if you hurt the person, "Well, I'm sorry that you were offended," but nevertheless, as Paul died for what he said, if I had to die for what I say...I might not be a Paul, I might recant, but in my heart I know that I'd be like Galileo: "The world's still round and it's going around the sun." Whatever that means, I don't know. The assured voice of science leaves me cold these days, and it can't do a thing for you. This does everything for you. It gets you out of...it puts you in the grave safely, gets you out of the grave safely.

- (14) Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

35. Now, you see, he's warning you. Now, you say, "He wasn't very sweet to his apostles." He sure was. He said, "Look, do you want to follow that bunch or me?" He told them, "I am the Light of the world. He that follow me shall not walk in darkness; the Light of light."

They knew where they stood. Now they're going to apologize to that bunch out here? Now Jesus didn't tell them to come by and hear him and invite him in. They came by and listened on their own. Like that guy in Florida; he was really accusing me pretty well of trying to bluff me at the back of the church door, and I said, "Hey, you fuss at me, because I believe Bro. Branham, what I'm preaching."

And he said, "Yes."

And I said, "Look, son, get your own soapbox. This is mine, and I paid for it. Buzz off!"

He said, "That's not love."

Well, Lee Vayle kind of didn't say it was God's love or anybody else's. Fiddlesticks. Why should I fool with that nonsense, you know? I wasn't raunchy to the guy; just told him the truth. I said, "I got the crowd here. You get your own crowd." I've seen it happen time after time years back. That's why I quit going to certain churches. No way would I ever go back. No way, because they knew that a bunch of folk would come and listen, and they try to take over, so that was the first and last time I was in their doors. And the guy that did it continually to me, I lost all confidence, and I never went back with him again, no way, shape, and form. You say, "You could have lost somebody." Oh, come on, God doesn't lose any sheep. I'm not God. See? Let them alone.

- (15) Then answered Peter and said...., Declare unto us this parable. (It wasn't any parable at all.)
- (16) And (He) said, Are (you) ...without understanding?
- (17) ...yet (do you not) understand, that whatsoever enter(s) in at the mouth (goes) into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
- (18) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. (All right.)
- (19) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, (and what's an evil thought? There's no more evil thought in this world than to contradict the revelation, because it is a Cain who is a murderer. Notice,) evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, (and, right, notice the order,) fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:
- (20) These are the things (that) defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands (doesn't do it.)

36. Now if you had a tradition, a little mechanical thing like this, that's all right, but when you cut against the Word of God and deny the truth of the doctrine, then out of your mouth has come, out of your heart, and the words that you say concerning this very thing we're talking about; the Word destroyed, mutilated, added to, taken from is an evil thought that brings murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, ...?... That's why Bro. Branham could preach Marriage and Divorce [65-0221M] and know this, get in this right, and it's over.

Do you hear what I said? It doesn't need repeating, but if you to repeat it, I will tell you when he preached Marriage and Divorce, this is what he laid down. There's a way that we can marry and live with our wives godly, the whole bit, but get in this Word. The Word will do it. You say, "Bro. Vayle, what have I got then?" Not enough Word. I don't have enough Word. You don't have enough Word. Now where's It going to come from? Understanding who and what said It. We're simply believing, oh, this is some kind of Word of God. This is not some kind; this is the Word of God! This is not just some prophet. This is the prophet! This is the visitation of Malachi.

I knew I'd break something before it's over. This is what we're breaking into. If we're going to go anywhere, we've got to have a basic understanding and not this fooling around with little ethereal thoughts. The ethereal thoughts aren't worth two bits. God has come down to the mud, and think of the power of the Blood. He could come right down here, divested Himself

concerning that ...not element, but dimension. Come here to this dimension, down to our level, use our brother, which is His, become one of us again as it were. Stand there as a prophet and judge and say, "I don't condemn you," and then give us the keys, once more, to the kingdom.

He said the great thing always was, he said, marriage, divorce, and remarriage, and all that sort of stuff. And you see it right here laid out in this Word.

37. Where does it all come from? When Eve got off that first word, she dropped the whole thing on everybody. She brought the evil thoughts that Cain had, the evil deeds that Cain had, oh, those beautiful supercilious righteous, like the Catholic Church. I'm not fussing at them; I'm just giving you an illustration, because Protestants do the same thing, but they do it more open. The Catholics demand more money. They're smart. Shucks, if you're going to make money, make money.

So Frank Sinatra now wants to be married to this Marx woman, whatever, I don't know if her name was Marx because she married Groucho or somebody, I don't know. God knows, I don't, and I care less, but I do know that he insulted his whole family, destroyed his wife's integrity, and the Roman Catholic Church did it because Sinatra's a big shot. Big what? Fap! Blew it. Hardly equate him with that. But it was annulled for enough money or prestige or something... Protestants, no different.

Then you tell me Bro. Branham hit marriage and divorce just exactly where it is, and he hit everything else where it is too, my brother, my sister, greed, incontinence, concupiscence, malice, envy, all through their wicked adulterous creeds and dogmas.

38. He said the preaching...let's get this flat, he said, "*What comes out of a man's mouth comes out of his heart.*" Now how do you commit adultery with your mouth? You commit it with your sex organs, but it starts with the mouth. Go back to the garden. Take the one word: one word off, one word on. Do you see why Bro. Branham inadvertently told a lie, then went and drove two hundred miles to correct it when a phone call could have done it? I don't have the guts to do it. I hope I do, but I don't know at this time. Somebody evidently, when he went to Arizona, someone had put some nuts into the trunk when the trunk lid was open. They came to the Arizona border which they check your cars, you know they do.

"Do you have any plants? Do you have any nuts? Do you have any fruit? Do you have this? Do you have that?" If you do, it must be confiscated and destroyed, because they want their land kept as pure as it can be kept pure from those diseases, the Mediterranean fruit fly, and all the other junk, you know, that's been brought to America.

Bro. Branham said, "No," he said, "*I don't have a thing in the car.*" He said, "*I haven't bought a thing.*" He got home; he found a two pound bag of pecans or something, and he said, "Oh my," he said, "*I lied to that man.*" He said, "*I've got to go back and tell him I lied. I got to get it made right.*"

Billy Paul said, "No," he said, "Dad," he said, "that's two hundred miles."

"Well," he said, "*son, it doesn't matter; I'm going back.*" And his dad went back. A phone call could have done it. Actually going down to Tucson somewhere could have done it.

39. Now he had to go back where you and I might not have had to go back, but would you and I have done what he did, basically done something about the fact wherein we had done wrong? Now, you see, I'm not trying to bring up legalism, and I'm not trying to be a legalistic. That will not get you out of heaven or anything else, but it could stop—a lot of things we're doing—could stop us from getting into a more blessed position because remember John's prayer—and

remember, he was that great apostle of love, a very godly wonderful person, leaning on Jesus' breast—he's the one that said, "I wish above all else that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."

I have one prayer to God, and I must admit it, since I know more and more, the prophet said this, he said, *"Receive this message of healing, it's healing."* Well, look that healing has got to be inside, and I pray God, that my soul may prosper to the place that my body can prosper, because, other than that, it won't do away with a lot of good. And we're still out of balance, still out of symmetry; we're still like the harlot that can go be in the prayer line, or the wicked person can go, and stand there and say, "Hey, great..." and like that believe and walk through healed. What for? To go back to the adultery? Now she gives the person healthy sex instead of the unhealthy sex? Come on, brother/sister. Pardon my language. It's cutting at times, not to cut anybody here. It's cutting down the road in order to make us see the best we possibly can. I hope we can see. I don't know. All right.

40. Now look at here. This is where it all came from. Now, all right, now we're going to go back to paragraph 209 which is page 32 and we'll just take the one paragraph and we're going to quit at this point because I think our time must be pretty well run out.

[209] *So...now in this age...so...now in this age, (is) when the old denominational and traditional veil has been rent from the Word of God, so It can be manifested!*

Now It tells you it was not done before. Now this will go over like a lead balloon. Now if you're a child of God, you can sit this morning and say, "Hey, I'm a Pentecostal traditionalist. I'm a Baptist traditionalist. I'm a Mennonite traditionalist. I'm a Methodist. I'm a Church of God, a Church of Christ, a this or that or the other thing. Traditionalist."

And this is the hour that if there is something wrong with the Word that I believe I know, see, now I say, notice, "the Word I believe I know," not the Word that God knows and the prophets wrote, see, but that word that you're looking at and you say, "I've got my understanding," I want that veil ripped off. I want it torn away. In other words, I want the grave clothes of my Lazarus to be ripped off, because Lazarus is here, alive, but there's no movement; he's not been loosed. Christ cannot be loosed amongst us until those traditions are all gone. And let me say this, I believe, the animation of God in our midst is equally proportionate to the loosing. Not inversely; correctly proportionate.

41. Like I mentioned that bottle of water, that bottle that was full of rocks, and the guy turns the hose on, and he says, "Hey, I've got a bottle full of water." Oh no, you don't. You see? Now you're baptized with the Holy Ghost, but you're not full of the Holy Ghost, see, because you've got to be some of them rocks out. Now those rocks are not hard to get out if you begin looking at The Stature of a Perfect Man, [62-1014M] which took me years to see that. You know, look it, I stand up here very honest before everybody; I spill my guts and I don't mind and you do what you want, because I'm not going to be a hypocrite. See?

That sermon bugged me and I mean bugged me, because it was legal to me and not only legal it was...horrible in the impact that it completely undid me, I said, "Merciful God, where am I anyway?" I go back in my mind and I say, "Look it, add to your faith virtue. That was power." Well, I did that. I can tell you when it was. And I can let you know certain men boasted that they began doing this in 1974. I did that way back in 1952, before '52, did it in 1950 when I went back to ministering. I said, "God, I'll never minister again until I pray for sick and I see results, because I've got to stand in faith, and I've got to stand in power." There's no way.

42. Now I don't mean it to say I'm not trying to compare myself, but I'm trying to let you know, look, we look at this so many different ways and so many ideas, and we've got to look at the way the prophet did it, not the way you and I think. Now he said, "Look, you don't have a thing to do with them as to their inception or conception, they are birthed into you. You already have in you the seed and you do have, for the complete manifestation, your faith and your virtue and your knowledge and your temperance and your kindness," and what's the other one? There's six or more. You get six and then you get seven and then you come to eight. It doesn't matter anyways. I could look them up in 1 Peter, but they're all in there. See?

Now look. You are being full of the Holy Ghost through the genuine baptism where you become an actual idol, the stature of a perfect man, a walking image when you let all these come into your life. Now you won't go around healing the sick. Bro. Branham said, *"Everybody doesn't pray for the sick,"* but it is in there in the complete knowledge of God who does this, and that modicum of portion is in you, and you believe in It, and you're willing to do It. You stand with It, and you grow in It. Like Bro. Branham said on the tape, and we read it the other day, he said, *"Now,"* he said, *"I'm anointed up here,"* and he's going to pray for the sick and call you up, but he said, *"you've got to be anointed to It to believe it."*

43. How do you get anointed to It? By reading what the Scripture says about It. So you begin to cultivate your mind in the realm of healing. Get Dr. Bosworth's book on Christ the Healer. Get T.L. Osborne, get any of them, get Simpson's, get your Bible; start reading, watch your faith begin to move. So you see then faith and virtue, see they're growing, they're in there. Now you're going on to...what is it? Temperance, I don't know what it is, I could look it up, but you're going on. Every one of those is in there. See? So therefore now, your old rocks have been superseded by the new rocks, revelation, of what you have attributes, and then you capitalize on those attributes by believing it and giving room for them. Now you're getting more and more full of the Holy Ghost. Then God has control of you, and I'm going to preach It, brother. If I die tomorrow and haven't got It, I'm going to preach It. It's there! And I don't care if all of you deny It; that's your business, act what you want. It's still there. This Word has already been judged in righteousness by one Christ Jesus. We've got an infallible Word.

44. I say when that man walked across the platform, God walked across that platform, because He was in him. They weren't looking at a man. You're looking beyond the man. You're looking at God. If you shook hands with him, literally you shook hands with God; God in a man. People shake hands with you, they shake hands with what God you've got in you, because you're a temple, you're a tabernacle but now to become the living image. See? We're aiming toward that.

45. Get rid of the traditional veil. Get rid of Pentecostal. You say, "Well, I don't really understand Godhead is true one God." That's all right. There is one God. Better go with that. "Don't understand the mysteries." Well, that's fine. I don't understand the mysteries, but I know there's one God. Explain it. That's just it; they can't. In other words, you blot out all the thinking contrary to it. Brother/sister, Jesus on the cross blotted out the handwriting and ordinances which was contrary to us. This is a part of that contrariness. It's gone; count it gone. Rid your mind of those things the prophet said if it's contrary. Forget it. I can't answer you; get out of here. See?

Jesus didn't write a book on theology, and the devil said, "Why don't you make these stones into bread?"

He said, "It's written." He said, "You...man should not live by bread alone." He said, "Hey, I've got something else I'm living on and, if I die by fasting, I'm still living." Just get out of this old cesspool body. Now his body was no cesspool but we're talking about you and me.

"Well, I tell you what, why don't you cast yourself down? And be a big name, be a big shot, do something great?"

"Why," he said, "that's tempting God." How is he tempting God? By falling for the same thing Moses fell for: glorifying himself. People glorify themselves. See? Put their two bits in, this and that. Play low key. In honour, prefer your brother.

Now he said, "I tell you, what why don't you worship me?" That's what he would have been doing if he had done the other two. Now Satan comes right out of the woodwork and he says, "Well, why don't you...look it, I'm asking you to worship me. Listen to my word." That's exactly what Cain did. That's what Eve did. She right there became hybridized. See? The mind's very important, so we've got to accept what the prophet said. You say, "Well, I don't understand some things." I'm doing my best to break it down fifteen thousand ways almost for your good and for my good.

46. Now, he said,

[209] *...the old denominational...traditional veil has been rent...so it can be manifested!*

It's manifested that what the churches have is nothing but tradition, evil, malice, envy, murder, corruption, wrath, ignominious shame, judgment but unto us we have joy, peace, love, honour, goodness, glory, all of these things. It's been manifested what God is.

[209] *You see what I mean? The tradition says, "All those things are past." (What "those things"?) (Let It sink in a...bit!) (He said, what "those things"? Let's read and find out.) ...But, in this last day, (now he's going to tell you what they won't believe for this last day,) that traditional veil has been rent apart, and here stands the Pillar of Fire.*

And anybody says, "Here stands the Pillar of Fire." [Bro. Vayle makes sound of derision, "Neh, neh, neh."] "What do you mean, Pillar of Fire?"

"Doctor so and so, is there a Pillar of Fire?"

"Well," he said, "we don't need no Pillar...we don't...?... no Pillar of Fire. That'd be wrong. We don't need any Pillar of Fire. We say our ah-men's and a-men's just exactly right, and I want to tell you, from my great theological background and my hundreds and hundreds of years of study, which I didn't do, but my great father before me did, and I read the book, I want to tell you that Pillar of Fire is nonsense, because we don't need It. See this here book...look, I want to tell you something, I investigated for years and years..." He's a southern gentleman, see. Oh, they're sweet, soft spoken, they've got their... Oh, I'll go back to being a Yankee, maybe; I can't talk like ...?..., sounds like Canadian. "We've got this great book because that's where I've got it. This book is finished. There was a time, yes, when Elijah was necessary, but not today because, you see, we believe." They believe in three gods. So they don't need It.

47. That's what Bro. Branham said.

[209] *(Let...that soak...) "The things that are past." (There's no Pillar of Fire anymore.) See? Here He is, manifesting the Word for this day. (How? God in a prophet vindicated. See?) The veil is rent!*

"Oh," they said, "your veil is rent, you nut. It shows you're an idiot. Well, what school did you come from, jerk? You have a seventh grade education. You going to go out there and do the things?"

He said, "That's what He said and I'm saying it." Let me just get you something here. How's our tape doing? A few minutes left? A couple of minutes? Okay.

48. Let's just read these two verses here. Matthew 10...

(26) Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

(27) What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

That's exactly a prophet. It's all covered in hidden veils. He doesn't stand out there and not tell you, "Folks, we're going to have a great ceremony, bless God. I raised the dead this morning, hallelujah, and raised the dead. You stand by hear this Word, glory to God!" That is a barker at a county carnival, some Pentecostal preacher getting his dander up and the lather up so he can astound the people.

I want to tell you: he gets by himself and God speaks like with Moses and the rest and he comes out and tells and the Seals were not a darkened room; the blinds were down, the lights were on, and what God spoke in his ears, then shouted from the housetops. Servant of God; that's how this Word comes, brother/sister, veiled in a man, absolutely. Yes, sir. That's what he said.

[209] *Now, the world...don't believe It. No matter what, they don't see It. They don't see It. It wasn't sent to them.*

49. I want to ask you a question. To whom did Bro. Branham come? Why did he come? Who sent him? Who sent him in Whose stead? What did he have to bring? Why did he have to bring It? I ask you a question: did he bring It? Did It do the work? Or did God plans fail? Now there's your answer right there why we're talking the way we're talking on this message and taking our time, minute by minute. I don't care if it takes the next eighteen sermons. I'm not going to budge from it. I'm nervous. You bet I am. It makes me very tense knowing that I'm dragging my feet, so to speak. And I was ready for twelve pages this morning and twelve pages went down the drain, one paragraph, and that's enough. One paragraph we'll start Wednesday, I don't know. That's up to whatever happens. The Lord bless you. Let's stand and rise, rise at this time and dismiss yourselves.

Heavenly Father again we say earnestly, sincerely, we cannot praise thee enough, oh God, for Your love and Your mercy, Lord, there's just no end of it. We think we see certain things and we do, Lord, and we come right back and see them all the more clearly, all the more indelibly in the Scripture there, Lord, knowing therefore, my God, that we are a part of this Word because we respond to It. Now, heavenly Father, as we said this morning, we don't have any fear of The Stature of a Perfect Man anymore. We believe it, oh God, we just only hope and trust, heavenly Father, that there's enough of us...of You in us, Lord God, that so thoroughly identified that these things we arrogate unto ourselves, Lord, by having listened, and having been a part of It, in a sense of the Word, Lord.

Father God in heaven, we pray, therefore, that that stature will be ours, but we know this one thing for sure: if It is not ours we saw in one in whom It was and there will be those who have It, Lord. It may be that we're misunderstanding the full implication of It, Lord. It may be that we will not rise to that place of a completion as we know that until we're immortalized; there's no such thing as perfection this side of the Resurrection, we know that. But, Lord, we don't want to fall short of any promise of God. We don't want to, Lord, under any consideration, because that

is not exactly what the depths of the truth was; It said they seem to come short or felt in their hearts they were missing It and they...and it wasn't part of It. Lord. We are a part of It. We are not missing it, Lord, but we are very, very hungry to see in our lives a standard that You Word has declared of Christ within us.

As Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life that I now live I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me," [Gal. 2:20] and, Lord, our plea this morning is that Christ's life and that faith get together in us, Lord, not that we want to be somebody. Heaven forbid, Lord, You know our hearts, but that we might be what You want us to be, what we see there in that great...in the potential now and in the great reality of this hour, because there is that image. Yet not only do we see in the Word, but we shall become. Father, we know that this is true in this hour and we believe It, Father, or something is greatly remiss, but we don't believe It is remiss, Lord. We believe that man is; we just haven't got in harmony yet to the great Conductor of the great song, the great opera, the great drama. Help us, Lord, to get in that perfect harmony this morning and the oneness of attitude and mind and rest and have peace in it. O living God, tonight have pity on us for our sins. And may the people realize ... [Tape ends].