# Why He is Here # 5a (Presence)

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Heavenly Father we're glad tonight that we have a Savior Who rose from the dead, now intercedes for us knowing that that is a complete mission accomplished, an office that does not fail, salvation guaranteed, redemption at hand. We appreciate that tonight, Lord, we thank You for your visitation amongst us, the Holy Spirit, God Himself in our midst helping us, opening our hearts and our minds, seeing that everything is going to be just right in the consummation, and completely carried off a hundred percent right. We're glad for that tonight. We appreciate that too, Lord. We in fact that all the years we've known You, we have never appreciated You as we have at this hour. We've relied upon You, and we're grateful for that opportunity, it's certainly wonderful to know that You have not left us. You never have left us, but even come more and more to the church until You are here fulfilling Your own promise Yourself. Trusting no one else, but doing it, we're thankful for that tonight.

So, we rest assured, Lord, that You will show us concerning Yourself, the revelation we have at hand of You, as that Great Judge. And we thank You now that You will take us into the truth in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, we're going to talk about the 'Judge' tonight, and this is message 5a. And I suppose by now there's about eight messages actually, because we do these in series, and 'Why He is Present' number 5a the Judge.

Now, we'll read in Revelation 1:12-18

(12) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me...

Notice, this is strictly conversational, putting him in the prophet class of Moses who spoke with God lip to ear, and they talked back and forth.

(12) ...being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

That's actually lamp stands, because a candle would burn out. This is a lamp where in the wick does not ever become extinguished and the oil never ceases to flow, self perpetuating.

- (13) And in the midst of the seven (lamp-stands, lamps, I saw) one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and (girdled) about the paps with a golden girdle.
- (14) (And) His head and his (hair) were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were flame of fire;
- (15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
- (16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
- (17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

- (18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death.
- 2. Now, last Sunday you recall we read paragraphs 165 to 172 in [Patmos Vision 60-12-04] and found that when John turned to see the Voice, he saw the One of the Voice as Judge in the midst of the seven lamp stands.

Now, we note that He was identified as a Judge, because of His dress. On His head, which is headdress, He wore as white wig. He was clad in an ankle length garments. He had a golden sash around His breast. The position of the sash is a particular importance, because had it been around His waist, He would have been recognized as High Priest unto the Lord mediating and interceding. But this revelation of Jesus Christ.

Now, don't get carried away. So many people get carried away they think they have to have to have everything run into a chronology. And consequently, they get all mixed up, because you cannot many times find a sequential chronology which runs one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, as in the scenes of a drama which we'll talk about; where there is a certain continuity. Rather you are being introduced to Him in this particular position at this time. And you mustn't run away with the idea that just as soon as this breaks, well there is no more mediating, there's no more interceding.

3. See, not this is where people go, and misunderstood Bro. Branham so thoroughly. And so, when during...after the Seals the question came up: "Bro. Branham is it now that we don't try to win anymore souls."

And he said, "Oh my, (he said) who ever gave you that idea?" Well, he did, inadvertently. Because the people were taking everything and applying everything it said according to their own understanding. Not waiting to see what he said, so there would be the ultimate conclusion of what he said, rather than their own drawing of conclusions. So, I'm warning you on this tonight.

The same as Bro. Branham said, "Whatever gave you that idea?" I want to squash any idea that this is anymore than a revelation and as to the sequences. We'll come into more of that as time goes on, and why this particular revelation is as it is. (See?) So, I pretty well got you understanding now, I hope anyway that you're not going to try to second guess me, or beat me to the punch, or draw a conclusion, that you'll just listen. (Right?) Okay, now that's good. All right.

4. Now, but this revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave John, places Him at the last day in Revelation 1:10, 'The Lord's Day'. Now, this is why there is the definitive revelation. It has to come at a certain time of 'The Lord's Day'.

So, you look down the road and you say, "Now, He's got to be Judge, and it will be manifested way down the road." Now, you won't know when that's going to take place. Because that's a secret. So, it takes a prophet. (See?) So, the prophet said, "This is He as Judge."

Now, don't draw conclusions. So, He's Judge, wonderful. Let's hear the rest of the story. See, all right.

5. Now notice, immediately and never forget that what John saw was proceeded by a great voice like a trumpet. Now, what he saw at that time, 'that a great Voice like a trumpet'. So, you put it all together: In the spirit, that's what John was. A great trumpet like Voice in a vision. Three things: ... John was in the spirit, ... trumpet like voice, ... a vision breaks.

And with that, you come up with 2 Peter 1:15-21... Amos 3:6 ... Exodus 19:16-20, Numbers 12:5-8 ... Daniel 7:9-14. (And so on.) Now, let's read what I have said. John in the spirit, he's caught up in a trance, in a position taking him way down the future, seeing at the end time, a trumpet like voice, a vision breaks.

- 6. Okay, let's check this out, how this works with the Word of God. 2 Peter 1:15-21.
  - (15) Moreover, I will endeavour that (you) may be able after my decease (my death) to have these things always in remembrance.
  - (16) For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and (the Presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Now, he's telling you right there, when the Presence and power was known in Matthew 16: Which was indicative and preceding precisely the Millennium. Right? Not right?

- 7. Okay, let's go back. (I lost you, didn't I? Now, ah-ha, I thought I had you better trained, we're going to have to rap some knuckles, spiritually speaking.) All right:
  - (28) Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Right? Matthew 16:29. And so He carries them up apart. They're carried up now into a higher elevation. And there they see this: which is the vision of the future. That which is indicative. Right? Sure, it's right. I said so, Bible says so.

- 8. All right. he tells you: [2 Peter 1:]
  - (16) ...we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and (the Presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, (I wasn't there. Three people were there. That's all. Now, let's keep reading:) we were eyewitness of his majesty.
  - (17) For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

What if that Voice had have said, "Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." That's what It said to Bro. Branham.

- (17) ... This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- (18) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- (19) We have also a more sure, word of prophecy; whereunto...

Now, we have also, "the Word of prophecy made more sure," he says. How can you make the Word of prophecy more sure? Well, let's find out.

(19) whereunto (you) do well that (you) take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your (heart):

- (20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- (21) For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

He's telling you right here, that absolutely the only way that you are going to have that Word of prophecy made more sure, that which was spoken by the prophet is God Himself bringing it.

Now, until this transpires, the Day-Star rise in your heart, the day of the dawn come, and this is type and typing of the Presence, (John saw Him) and that which precedes the Millennium. (See?) This is His Presence that John was looking at in this hour, and Peter is talking about It. The Presence will be fully vindicated by God. This is that One. "Well, how are you going to know it's that One?" God's going to fulfill the Scripture concerning It.

- 9. Okay, let's go to Amos 3:6. Everybody loves to talk about secret Rapture, secret this, and secret that, and oh, everything is so hush, hush. You bring him over here though, watch him turn tail and run like a whipped dog, a scalded dog. Amos 3:6-7
  - (6) Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?
  - (7) Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Now, the prophets are brought in, because God can't ever speak without a prophet. And a prophet can't speak without God, therefore God and prophet are absolutely identified. He becomes God to the people and Word of God is the Word of the prophet. And the Word of the prophet is the Word of God. And If you believe that prophet, you believe God. And if you turn down that prophet, you've turned down God.

# 10. All right, Exodus 19:16-20

- (16) And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.
- (17) And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.
- (18) And mount Sinai was altogether on smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.
- (19) And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses (spoke), and God answered him by a voice.
- (20) And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

That can't repeat! Now, people say, "Hey, tell you what, let God do so and so. Let God do so and so." Shut up!

Stinking bunch of rotten Pharisees and Sadducees, they said, "Give us a sign."

"Well," He said, "I've been giving you every sign in the Book."

"Oh, tut-tut, we want our own sign."

He said, "I'll give you a sign, death!" They died.

God said categorically and It doesn't change: that when you deal with God as a people, you deal with God through a man. The same as He did It in Jesus. He did It all the way through the prophets. And He's done It all the way through Seven Church Ages. And when He does It the last time, it's through a man, he's got to be a prophet.

"Behold I send you Elijah the prophet." [Mal 4:5a]

11. Let's go to Numbers 12:5-8. (Oh, I'm not mad, I just feel good. I feel good I yell. It seems to sort of make the point better. It doesn't, I could whisper it.) (phfft) Look it, the Word of God could come out of a door knob, It's still the Word of God. We just get carried away, because we're a little bit too sensate. Ha, ha, ha, is that the good word 'sensate'? Sensational.

All right! Chapter 12:5

- (5) And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.
- (6) And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.
- (7) My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.
- (8) With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

All right, now there you got that kind of a prophet. God absolutely not even dealing in visions, but coming right down appearing face to face and talking. The same as John did! It was a conversational voice, so is this a conversational voice. (See?)

- 12. Okay, let's go to Daniel now. In Daniel 7:9-14
  - (9) (And) I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
  - (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.
  - (11) (And) I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn (spoke): I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.
  - (12) As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. (Now, this

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- is through the Seven Church Ages, he comes to the end were judgment begins to appear.)
- (13) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.
- (14) And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Now, you can't get too much chronology out of there, but you come up with the understanding this. That before the Kingdom is passed over to the Son, which is the Millennium, the Judge has got to be somewhere. Exactly what John saw. Exactly as Peter: "For the day dawn, or the Day Star arise," [2 Pet. 1:19b] before Jesus has His day. An absolute control, and we like the Adam's, not in the first Adam, but in the last Adam's. Come and live and reign with Him. There is a Judge in the picture. Now, don't try to figure it, just accept it. There is a Judge in the picture. Okay?

13. Now, Revelation 1:12-18, which we won't need to read. This is the same One, the same One that John saw, Daniel saw in a different period. Daniel saw Him in two periods. He saw Him previous to the kingdom being turned over, and he saw Him at the White Throne. And It was the same One that he saw. It's the same One John saw that Daniel saw, that Peter spoke of concerning His Presence and His authority.

So therefore, we have a key. And that key is: the Judge has to come into view somehow, somewhere He's got to be It, before the Millennium, and at the White Throne.

- 14. Okay, back to Hebrews 12:18-29
  - (18) For (we) are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
  - (19) And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

You like my preaching? Then you don't mind if I keep speaking like this? There's some who do. I'm a little sarcastic, but I want you to learn something: The Bible is being fulfilled to the last jot-and-tittle. Sure, the big sneer is on.

- (20) (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: (See, man hasn't changed.)
- (21) And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)
- (22) But (you) are come unto mount Sion,...

Not to that mount Sinai, because that was death to man and beast! You come unto life. I believe even the beast coming forth. I don't mean 'the beast', I say beast, animals and birds, everything else is going to come forth in their own resurrection. God knows how He's going to do it. But, I'm going to tell you, if we can put many people on one sixth of the entire surface of the

earth as we've got, and put a whole lot more; when God turns this whole thing into earth again, I think you can bring back every single thing He ever made on earth. Except we're not going to have the beast and his bunch back, that's just... He said we didn't have to tolerate that.

# 15. All right:

- (22) (You're come on to) mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of (messengers, or) angels,
- (23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all... (that's what It says) and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (it's now.)
- (24) And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.
- (25) See that (you) refuse not him that speaketh...

But not from Sinai. But now hold it, you come to God the Judge. Now, there again your thoughts are going to bother you. You're going to draw your own conclusions. Why don't you just give yourself a break? Just give yourself a break. Just let your own thinking go for a while. Don't draw conclusions, just accept it. Hey, great, ain't that nice? What can we learn about that? What lovely good thing can come out of this? Now, you weren't thinking that way, because every one of you are scared stiff about judge. Because you've been caught speeding too many times down the road. [laughter] Talking about farmer's fences. [Bro. Vayle chuckles] Now, I know what you're thinking, don't worry. It doesn't day that.

# 16. To Jesus the Mediator;

(25) See that (you) refuse not him that speaketh... (Judge, speaking in the Son.)

Now, just don't...just keep your thoughts, "same yesterday, today and forever." God became a Son, it wasn't that there's three gods. God took a form of flesh, and He doesn't change. Now:

- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now (promising)...Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- (27) And this word, Yet once more, (signifies) the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- (28) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom, (God, Judge speaking,) kingdom... let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- (29) For our God is a consuming fire. (Judge enveloped in fire.)

All you got to do is just believe what the prophet said. See how easy it is? Notice how this dove-tails with Daniel. But certainly, the kingdoms are shaken down. It's all over, right to the end. And at the end there was a Judge, and He was in two places. Pre-millennial, post-millennial. And He was the same One, and His hair was white. It was a wig.

Daniel 7, is Revelation 1:12-18, because the verses I read.

- 17. Notice, Genesis 18:25, and compare It with Malachi 4:1-3. All right.
  - (25) That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Come on, Malachi 4. (Now, you can be a way ahead of me right now, I forgive you, because if you can't see this, now God have pity, I've wasted all these years here talking to who knows what.)

All right, here listen, we'll read It:

- (1) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that (it'll) leave them neither root nor branch.
- (2) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and (you'll) go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
- (3) And (you) shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD...

And what was He? Judge. Think, very nice.

- 18. Now, I hope you noticed that Genesis 18:25, is Genesis 18:1-2
  - (1) And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: (as) he sat in the door in the heat of the (tent) [day];
  - (2) And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, (behold) three men stood by him: and when he saw, he ran to meet them from the tent, and bowed himself toward the ground,
  - (3) And said, My LORD, ... (men.)

God in the form of a man, a Judge. One like a human being. That means, the form He took, not fire, man. Now, here's the question: not just a question, but here's what you got to look at. See, don't try to get sequences, and don't try to get chronology, just understand this: that God Almighty can be in a man today in a Pillar of Fire tomorrow, and a cloud the next time, or a whirlwind, or a voice.

See, people try to stereotype God and it won't work. There is no stereotyping. Just one stereotyping alone, "He's the same yesterday, today and forever." [Heb. 13:8] And He never ceases doing things the way He did them. There's no way. (See?)

All right. Now, just keep this all, in mind while we sort and search something here to help us. In other words, we're going to talk around and get back to it. We want to talk about this great Elohim of the role. The Great Elomim of the drama acting out by a mask in a drama of life.

- 19. Okay, back in Acts 9:3-7. Now here we are, part of the drama. He's out-working something, He's engaged Himself in the out-working of this tremendous purpose and plan. Verse 3.
  - (3) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

- (4) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why (persecute) me?
- (5) And he said, Who (are you), Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom (you) persecutest: it is hard for (you) to kick against the pricks.
- (6) And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- (7) And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice...

In other words, they heard like the reverberation, but they had no way of telling, except they knew It was like the voice of a man, they didn't hear what It said.

# 20. Galatians 1: (all right) 11-12

- (11) But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.
- (12) For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Jesus Christ Himself, revealing Himself brought the Gospel.)

That's exactly what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:1, (we won't have time to read It.) "But I didn't come to you (he said) in man's wisdom and man's word, but I came to you in the demonstration and the power of the Holy Ghost, showing you categorically that what I had received, I had received of God."

Notice how he puts this in 1 Corinthians 11:1-2, this is just for illustration.

- (1) Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- (2) Now I praise you, brethren, that (you) remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them (unto) you.

And verse 23,

(23) For I have received (also) of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...

In other words, everything he got through this revelation from God in the Pillar of Fire, he distinctly put into the Gospel and delivered It to every single person with whom he came in contact.

- 21. Now, in 1 Corinthians 14:36, notice the authority that he uses:
  - (36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? Now, he told me deliverance to them. They didn't get It.
    - (37) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.
    - (38) But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

In other words, that he doesn't know how the Word of God comes, he's ignorant let him be that way, if that can't savvy the prophet. If they simply will not stop and recognize the way God does things he's ignorant, leave him, get away from him. Stupid is stupid. And God never put a premium on stupidity, or ignorance. Not when He tells us He gave us His Own wisdom, and His Own knowledge. For that puts you up in the God class. Not in some insane institution, we're the only ones who do have our minds. (See?)

- 22. With that, 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 (we'll go back to that now) Paul telling you:
  - (9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (Now, those things are there.)
  - (10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Now, that tells you the things that God has prepared. Which is not essentially mansions in glory. It's the plan and the process of redemption, and that which is kindred to it. Now, God wants you and me to know them. And those are the deep things of God.

- (11) For what man (knows) the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God, (doesn't any) man (know), but the Spirit of God.
- (12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; (and Paul is talking about himself) that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- (13) Which things also we speak, (speaking in the editorial 'we', then they in turn spoke the same thing) not in the words which man's wisdom (teaches)...

Your theological seminaries won't do this to you, they'll botch you up. The Jews had to learn a new theology, so do you and I have to learn a new theology, and so did every Church Age have to learn a new theology. Absolutely, had to know God all over again.

You say, "You mean to tell me you're saying tonight, we're the only ones that know Him?" Well, if the Bible means anything and we're right, that's the truth. If It isn't...well, (phfft!) who cares? Just forget everything. Drop...forget it!

23. Look, you either got to come to the place where we believe, or don't believe. Because God hates the luke-warm. Didn't say He hated the cold. Didn't say He hated the hot. He didn't get nauseated by the cold old boy out there, got nauseated by the luke-warm gink.

Sure, because if you want to vomit the doctor gives you luke-warm water. Get a luke-warm Word here, makes God want to throw up.

(13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom (teaches), but which the Holy Ghost (teaches); comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

In other words, the Word of God absolutely dove-tails, and you never go outside the Scripture with the Word, you stay only with the Scripture, they started doing back in the first Church Age. I've got the Books, early church father's, they said, "Hey, isn't it wonderful how the Resurrection is

symbolized in the Phoenix bird. The Phoenix bird (you know) he comes up in Egypt. He's born down there. Flies up to Asia Minor, lives his life there. And then you what he does when it's time to die, he goes down back to Egypt. And then in Egypt he sits in a hollow log or somewhere. And he dies, and there's a worm inside and eats him. And the dutiful worm then takes the feathers on the Phoenix bird and he goes flies back to Asia Minor. Hogwash! Might as well prove this by Pinocchio. [laugher]

You laugh, Jim had the experience of being where a preacher was preaching about this Message through Pinocchio. [more laughter] I bet some preachers would make pretty good Pinocchio's. [laughter] Ho, ho, brother/sister, how ridiculous can the world get? Here's the Word of God opened before us clearer and clearer every single day. But they just can't listen, no, no. They can't listen.

24. Well, all right, let's keep going now. Now, were going to Ephesians 4: and I'm going to put It together for you. Because that's why I stopped to insert this little thing, and put It together for you. All right:

- (4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Now, Paul starts with Him and the Holy Ghost. God in the form of a Spirit, the same Jesus. Now listen: Jesus was not Jehovah Savior, except God was in Him, because no man can be God in himself. He's called the last Adam, the second man. There's only one way He could be Jehovah Savior, Jehovah Savior would have to be in him. He was given his Father's Name. But God came down and indwelt him.

Paul saw that same One, Who's the same "yesterday, today, [and] forever." [Heb. 13:8] Met Him face to face, and talked face to face and said, "Listen, I want to tell you something, I received the revelation straight from Him, and I gave It straight to you. (See?)

- 25. Now, listen what he says over here: [Ephesians 4:]
  - (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
  - (8) Wherefore he (said), When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
  - (9) (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He had to go down before He went up. Now, It says:

(10) He that descended is the same that ascended...

He came back in a Pillar of Fire. The Great Inseminator came back at Pentecost in a Cloud of Fire, spread over them, and dropped His Holy Ghost sperm on the eggs that were there.

I got to meditating the other night about Bro. Branham said, "*There*'s no life in the female egg," There's no life. Now, that isn't really right. I can't really buy that for this reason. If there's no life

there, it could be rotten. Uh, uh, it's not true. Prophet's right, sperm can't fertilize a rotten egg. Sperm fertilizes fresh egg, but there's no life for that hits it.

See, you and I were dead in trespasses and sins until the Holy Ghost hit us, by way of the Blood, then joined back to Him. That happened at Pentecost. But, the Great Father, the Sire was there dropping that life-giving sperm. Now, that One came to Paul personally after Pentecost.

## 26. All right, now here's what he says here:

(10) (He that ascended having first of all died and descended, came back on earth as the Holy Ghost) ...that he might fill all things.

## Now watch:

- (11) And he gave... apostles; prophets; (teachers) evangelists; pastors...
- (12) (To perfect) the saints, ... (see? all right) ... for the edifying of the body of Christ: (That's building the body up.)
- (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Now, It tells you that this ministry of the Holy Spirit in Word-officers who administer the Word positively is responsible for the body coming together, until not one more can come in. The fullness has come, and on top of that:

- (14) ...be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- (15) But (holding) the truth in love, grow up into him in all things, (see?) which is the head, even Christ:
- (16) ...whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working In the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

It says that One, the Father returning to the mask of the Pillar of Fire, germanized every single believer that's to come in through the office of the Word, in officers that are predestinated, and it all comes stemmed from Him. So therefore, it all comes down, there's no more to come down. The last one is in and child trained.

27. Now, what I want you to notice is this: notice how we went from the Holy Spirit in the prophet by the Word, (that's Paul) to the fullness, (we're all, you can take this back plumb ages) you can see how God, Holy Spirit was in each prophet by the Word, until Jesus Christ came in a full body. You can bring It to this age where the Holy Spirit came to Paul, and gave the Gentiles the entire Word for this age. And now in this age there is five-fold ministry ordained by God to keep the Light shining. God in a man, God in the Word. Now, God was in Paul, God was in Jesus, God was in the prophets. God is in the Word.

Now, It's that Word that God is in. God the Prophet veiled in... a man prophet, and God living in His Own Word, bringing to pass His Own prophetic Word in a Bride, making her in her own

predestination the Living Word of God manifested. Now, I know that's kind of hard to get that, so I've got to go over it.

28. All right look, God the Prophet veiled in a man prophet. Because there's no prophet outside of God. There's nobody...as Bro. Branham said, "The words of man won't do this. The words of man won't bring this to pass." Look, no man can talk of himself.

The Bible warns you, a prophet right off the bat has got to come and give you the absolute sign of utter prediction in the Name of the Lord and the thing come to pass. Now you know God's talking. Why? That's to prove everything that God said is going to come to pass from that time on. And God is responsible for whatever that man says, because that man cannot say anything, but what God tells him what to say.

So, God the Prophet veiled in a man prophet. And that God living in His Own Word. (See?) Bringing to pass His Own prophetic Word in a Bride, because that's what It says in Ephesians. (See?) The Holy Ghost in Word ministries bringing them in causing them to grow up unto Him. Which conclusion is known as perfection. There's no more to come, It's sealed, It's polished, It's ready for delivery. It's grown right up unto Him, so that He can actually lift us up in the air, He'll fit right on top of the Pyramid. You see.

29. Now, go over it again: God the Prophet veiled in a man prophet. And that God living in His Own Word. Bringing to pass His Own prophetic Word in a Bride. Making her in her own predestination the Living Word of God manifested. Because that's what she's predestinated to. Come on, let's prove it. (Well, give me just a second, hold that.) (See?)

God predestinating Himself and His roles and identified with man. God Himself enters into predestination. Virgin shall be with child, and I'm going to take that virgin born child and live in him. That's predestination. That's election. Jesus in the election. He just didn't pick any virgin. She came down in two series. She had to come all the way from Adam, but particularly through Abraham, trace he back in the Book of Luke, all the way back to Adam. But in Matthew, only back to Abraham. (See?) Showing how Jesus came.

Now watch, this dispensation explained in Ephesians 1:14. Now, I hope I'm not losing you. I'm going to try to get this together for you the best I can, because I don't want to lose you in this understanding of how God is working out His Own predestination and identified with the predestination of the Bride, whose identity and destiny is one. Because they're all going to be gathered together in Christ and back in God. So, we can all say, "I came from God, and I go back to God."

30. Now, watch this dispensation explained, (that's what I was going to tell you about in Ephesians 1:1-14.) so let's look at It. Now, this dispensation I mentioned here that we brought you to the fact of the prophet, God in the prophet bringing the Word. God Living in His Own Word. Therefore, the Living Word in the Bride, she becomes the Living Word of God manifested. Now, He's fulfilling in her, her predestination. He's fulfilling in her, His predestination. Coming right into it.

- (1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
- (2) Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- (4) According (and no other way) as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him...
- (5) (in love:) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- (8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (Now see, there it is, going to bring them together.)
- (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
- (12) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first (hoped) in Christ.
- (13) In whom (you) also (hoped), after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that (you) believed, (you) were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- (14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
- 31. Now notice: Ephesians 4:15-16 runs out in Ephesians 1:13-14. Let's look at It.
  - (15) But (holding) the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
  - (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (It's all over, see?)

Now, Ephesians 4:15-16 runs out in Ephesians 1:13-14

- (13) In whom (you hoped), after (you) heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that (you) believed, (you) were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- (14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Now, that ministry goes. It has to go, because that's where the five-fold ministry carries the people and no further. It carries him right up to Him. It's over. Now, the Holy Spirit's been in a prophet. (See?) The one man with that Word. The Word goes to the ministry, and there's lots of

ministry too, don't figure just with five-fold. But we're hitting the five-fold, because that's where the Word is. Now, the Living Word in them reaches out and catches all these, and brings them to the place of the perfecting and the concluding which has to bring them to Christ. But it only brings them to redemption, and it's over. It's a temporary thing. Now, don't forget that.

- 32. This being so, this now calls for Ephesians 1:15-19. Now, let's read it:
  - (15) Wherefore (because of this, and this runs out) ...after I (also) heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
  - (16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
  - (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
  - (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that (you) may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
  - (19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
  - (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand...

Now, that's the Resurrection and the Rapture after the baptism with the Holy Ghost runs out. After the last person is brought in. It's over, something has got to happen. It's got to, something has got to bring about the Resurrection. So, what happens? The Spirit of God comes back in a special ministry to the entire body, which previously was the confrontation of God with every individual believer. But this does not require the individual confrontation. That's over. This requires God Himself in a body. That's all the members in, because the next step, It says right here is to raise the dead, and put him up there where He is. Now, if It's the same power, It's going to do the same thing. It's going to get the dead out of the ground, It's going to change the living, It's going to take up right up where He is.

Now, as Jesus was on the right hand of God when God incarnates Himself in Jesus for the Wedding Supper, the Bride will sit on His right hand. Now, we're waiting for that hour. That hour is here.

33. Now, watch what I'm trying to bring to our attention, (starting way back at the first of the message, I said we're going to divert) the changing of the role, because we talked about the drama, Bro. Branham did. The changing of the role from Ephesians 1:13-14, through Ephesians 1:17-18 is not now John 10:24-30.

Let's go back to John 10: Now, you listen carefully, because I'm going to try my best to show you this exactly as I see It from the Word.

- (24) Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
- (25) ...I told you, (you didn't) believed: the works that I do in my Father's name, they (tell you the same thing.)

- (26) But (you don't) believe, because (you're) not my sheep, (just like) I said (to) you. (Now, He said:)
- (27) My sheep (don't have a bit of trouble, they) hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

He knows who's following. "Foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, the Lord knows them that are His." [2 Tim. 2:19]

- (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.
- (29) My Father, gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.
- (30) I and my Father are one.
- (31) ...the Jews took up stones to stone him.
- 34. Now, Ephesians 1:17-19 in not now that which we read in John. But, it is John 5:20-27, particularly verse 27. Now, let's watch. John 5, you see how Bro. Branham uses Scripture? I like the same Scripture.
  - (20) For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that (you) may marvel.
  - (21) For as the Father (raised) up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.
  - (22) For the Father judgeth no man, but committed all judgment unto the Son:

Now, watch what He's saying here: He quickens and raises the dead. And He does not do it as the Lamb. He's not doing it as the High Priest. This has to do when He's Judge. (Do you follow me?) Sure, it's too simple, the world wouldn't believe that for one minute. They'd say, "Aw, you're crazy." Well, I wouldn't doubt that for one minute. I lost my mind and got His.

- (23) That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
- (24) Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into (the judgement) but is passed from death (to) life.
- (25) Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
- (26) For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- (27) And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Why was He given authority? Because He is the Son of man. Hold it! It has to do way down the road, way down the road before the Millennium and after the Millennium. So, what's He got to be just before the Millennium? Son of man. Now you tell me Scripture doesn't dovetail. I tell you, you don't know your Bible. But you wouldn't tell by anyway what you know.

Verse 27,

(27) ...given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

And I turned and saw a Judge. Yeah, and He had a role. There was somebody standing there that had a role. Yeah, at the end time.

- 35. Okay, John 5:27 is actually Luke 17: beginning at verse 20.
  - (20) ...when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he...said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
  - (21) Neither shall they say, Lo here! lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is (already in the midst of) you.
  - (22) ...he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when (you) shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and (you'll) not see it. (But somebody else will.)

He said, "They're going to kill the Son of man, but the days will repeat:"

- (26) ...as it was in the days of Noe...
- (29) ... (the days of the fire, before Sodom.

He comes back as) the Son of man and He's Judge. You follow? (Yep)

(30) Even thus it (will) be in the day when (He) is revealed.

In the day, of the apokalupsis, the prophet will say, "The Judge." The One that was the Life of the Bride for two thousand years, the One that was the High Priest is now Judge, the same One. The same One that came down in the Pillar of Fire disseminating Himself. The same One that stood there singularly in His Pillar of Fire and talked to Paul. The same One Who anoints in ministries lives in His Word where ministries are, that same One has to come back as the Pillar of Fire. Has to come back before the Millennium, and He'll be the same Judge that sits on the White Throne after the Millennium. But He's not sitting now, He's standing, and He is a Judge, and it has to come before the kingdom in the hour of the Resurrection and He stands there as Judge. Now, don't let you mind go wandering again, just keep it there. Just be satisfied, you've heard the truth and let it sit.

- 36. Now, Luke 17: back in Jesus' day, was John 11:25. Now, that's when He was Son of man standing on earth in flesh, was 11:25.
  - (25) ...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

But now, and that was by the way Ephesians 1:13-14. Anybody full of the Holy Ghost had the absolute sealing that they would be in the Resurrection. Romans 8: same thing. You can't change It, you're sealed until the day of the redemption of the Resurrection. But it is now John 11:26.

(26) ...whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (Do you believe) this?

That's Ephesians 1:19. Let's go back. Here's the spirit, cease not to give thanks, "the God of our Lord Jesus Christ," [Eph. 1:17] give you the spirit. First of all revelation, prophet. Now, Judge for the Resurrection.

37. Now, I'm not telling, I'm not telling you anyone what's in the Bible, I'm just telling you what the prophet said. But I'm trying to clear It to get your minds in a certain channel, away from the channel you once had your minds in. Because you've got to give up your own thinking. I don't care what your theology was, you listen tonight you get the real theology. And I'm not kidding you, people say, "Who do you think you are Lee Vayle?" I'm Lee Vayle, sinner saved by grace. I'm the man with the spirit of prophecy, which is the testimony of Jesus Christ, I will not witness falsely. I'm telling you flat. Your baptism with the Holy Ghost my brother/sister only get you this far.

Now, who got you this far? God by insemination. Insemination does not raise dead bodies. Insemination guarantees there'll be a body. (Yeah) Right, or else, how do you get babies? Now, they came by sex, right? It was all wrong. Now, God will create anew from the dust. The baptism with the Holy Ghost in you as that germitization merely guarantees it, but does not do it.

Now, what is the One that is Holy Spirit that stands here at that day in the 'Day of the Lord'? Judge. Now you see...you don't let your thoughts go, because you've been caught stealing. That's the worst thing you can do. Because everybody gets thinking his own thought, and you better not think your own thoughts, you better go to the Bible, because It says, "The Holy Ghost cause you to compare spiritual things, with spiritual." [1 Cor. 2:13] Makes you to see in the Word of God, through the Word of God, by the Holy Ghost what He wants you to see. Not in some lousy stinking judge's court that hasn't got the brain of a baboon, or the morals of a tom-cat. So, don't let your minds go, bring it back to the Word. Nice thought isn't? Back in John 5: and John 11: He was the great Prophet soon to become Lamb, or great Redeemer Prophet, that was the mask. What veiled today? Judge!

- 38. Let's go to Acts 17:30-32.
  - (30) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:
  - (31) Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, that he hath raised him from the dead.
  - (32) And when they heard of the resurrection...(they) mocked: and said... "Well, (phfft, maybe, eh, we're not convinced, could be sometime, but not this time." I'm putting it for this hour, ...they mocked.)

Now, you noticed what It said here, he put the Judge and the Resurrection right together. Then if there's a Judge in view, Resurrection is around the corner. (See?) Now, that's the truth, I'm giving you the truth.

- 39. Acts 26:6 Let's go back where Paul gives his testimony. I like these Scripture, because, well because they're Scripture. Scripture is the Word of God. Beginning at verse 6.
  - (6) And now I stand am judged for the hope of the promise made of God, unto our fathers:

- (7) Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.
- (8) Why should it be thought a thing incredible...that God should raise the dead?

Now, Paul's judged for the Resurrection. (Oh, we haven't got into this yet, wait till Sunday. I don't think I can even preach what I'm going to preach in one sermon. I better not, the Bible's full of it.)

- (9) I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
- (10) Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.
- (11) And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.
- (12) Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,
- (13) At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.
- (14) And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why (do you persecute) me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- (15) And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
- (16) But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; (or plainly show myself.)
- 40. The Pillar of Fire came often, stood right there with Paul.
  - (17) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, (that's from the Hebrews, the tribes and from the Gentile's seed.) unto whom now I send thee,
  - (18) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
  - (19) Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

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- (20) But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.
- (21) For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Now, what works would a Jew do? Quit the law in the tabernacle entirely, turn to God, and serve God the right way through the Word.

- (22) Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:
- (23) That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should (show) light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.
- 41. All right, Elohim, Jehovah in a Pillar of Fire proved the Resurrection of Jesus, for the same One in flesh spoke and identified and proved that He was that Flame, and that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The same identified One is here proving His Resurrection. Because that's what the prophet said. If He's risen from the dead, and He's "the same yesterday, today and forever," [Heb. 13:8] then He'll do the same things.

What was He proving? His Resurrection. Then if He's proving His Resurrection what is He? Judge! But that's not everything He is, that's one of the things He is. (See?) And that lies in Him. And if it lies in Him, it's got to be exposed and demonstrated. He can't help Himself. You can't help being what you are. No Way.

42. All right, proving His Resurrection, His eternality, and even allowing His picture to be taken to show that He is Judge. First, He was ringed by a Pillar of Fire. Next, He was ringed by seven Mighty Angels forming His wings in a great manifestation across the nation.

Now, what makes the man a judge? His specialized knowledge, and his ability to apply that knowledge according to the truth of that knowledge. I'll read it again: What makes a man a judge? His specialized knowledge, and his ability to apply that knowledge according to the truth of that knowledge. Who knows the Word as the Word Himself? Who can reveal and apply the Word as the Word giver?

- 43. That is the why of Exodus 24:16-18, 18:14, and so on. Let's go look at them. We're going to go back to Exodus 24:16-18, we read that the other day.
  - (16) And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.
  - (17) And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.
  - (18) And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and (got) him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount (and the Pillar of Fire stood right there for) forty days and forty nights.

All right, Exodus 18:14, that's going back a bit, (that doesn't matter though, it's just to get our thoughts a little more, congealed here.) Okay, there we find Jethro:

- (14) And when Moses' father in law (that's Jethro) saw (what) he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why (do you sit here) alone, the people stand from morning (till night?)
- (15) ...Moses said...Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:
- (16) When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws (of God).

Now, what made him a judge? He was a prophet with the Word. He was the one with the Word. He was automatically a judge. He couldn't help being a judge. Neither could God help being a Judge, because He's the Word. But remember, He manifests at certain occasions.

- 44. Now, let's go to 1 Samuel 7:15.
  - (15) And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. (A prophet.) Let's go to Acts 3:19b. We always start there.
    - (19) ...when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.
    - (20) (Even) he shall send Jesus Christ, which (is appointed) ...unto you:
    - (21) Whom the heaven must (retain) until the times of (restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
    - (22) For Moses truly said unto (you)... 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'll) come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.
    - (24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, ...

A prophet judging, and finalizing, setting everything in order. All right, going on down:

- (23) And (it'll) come to pass, that every soul, will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.
- (24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

What days? The days that were passed, the days that were to come. Now:

(25) (You're) the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Now listen, let's understand this: this has to do with that which is previous to the Millennium. So, they're talking of the Prophet Judge. You cannot separate the Prophet from the Judge, and the Judge from the Prophet, at no time. It won't work.

- 45. Now, you positively can have no problem here seeing Malachi 4:1-6.
  - (1) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, ... (leaving you) neither root nor branch.
  - (2) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; (you'll) go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
  - (3) (You'll) tread down the wicked; (there'll) be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I do this, saith the LORD... (Now, He said He's going to do it.)

#### Now:

(4) Remember (you) the law of Moses my servant, (where) I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

You couldn't be a prophet without being judge. You couldn't be a judge without being a prophet. Even Deborah had to be a prophetess as to judge Israel. That was politics. No way, without the Word there is no judgment. And there's no Word without a prophet. You see, all these years we have been without a prophet, there couldn't be one till this hour. Because the first time a prophet appears on scene, that's the Judge that would show that the Bride was completely finished. The Bride isn't finished, she's being finished now.

## 46. All right:

- (5) Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- (6) And he shall turn the heart, ...(because this is already done, that first part) ...the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

All right, the prophet now becomes the judge. You see, God can be one of His many Names and Titles acting it out over different periods of time, yet never could He be the Lamb but once. Now, that's one thing He'll never do again. No more. It is then mediation and intercession. He is the High Priest for that purpose.

But notice, as Melchisedec, which is Priest and King, He could repeat that many times. As often as He necessarily wanted to do it. He could be Prophet at anytime He wanted. And in being a Prophet He automatically is Judge.

Now, He couldn't be Prophet until the end time. Why? Because there can't be Resurrection at the end time. He was already the Prophet that brought forth a Resurrection already. So, when He comes on the scene as that Judge, He is absolutely going to perform a Resurrection.

47. Now, so we have seen Him as Prophet. And once He is Prophet, He is Judge. He is here in this hour, He is here now, He is judging between all things by interpreting the Word to us which

becomes doctrine and decision. Why decision? Because a Judge can't make a decision without doctrine, or knowledge; correct knowledge of the statutes of the Word. (See?) That's why there must be the correct doctrine in the land before the decision can be brought forth.

That is Revelation 22:10.

(10) And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

The full Word's got to be in view. And It's got to be unsealed and unsealing, doesn't mean simply ripping off the label so that you can take a peek. It means revelation, because unsealing is unveiling. It means the Word is brought into full view, so that the doctrine is set. For no judge can make a decision outside of the full understanding of the doctrine.

48. Now listen, where it came from and where it's going. And Bro. Branham did exactly that under the Holy Ghost. Took us right back exactly like Moses, right back into history, and brought us right at this point, and said, "See, see, see, here, here, here. Fill it in, fill it in, now there it is." Decision.

He could not be Judge until the Word was absolutely restored, and nobody could restore the Word but Elijah. God became His Own restorer. Because He said, "I will restore, Elijah will restore."

So, there stood the Prophet in the man form. And God in the Pillar of Fire form stood there. Remember Horeb. Without Horeb, Moses could not have judged. And the Judge is placed before the Millennium, after the Millennium.

- 51. All right, we've got it all laid out before us. Revelation 22:18-19.
  - (18) (And) I testify (to) every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man...add (God will add) the plagues...
  - (19) ...any man shall take away... (out goes his name.)

Exactly right, see, there it is, the Word set in order automatically, you got It set before you.

- 52. It is once more 1 Corinthians 14:36-38. We're right back to It. Paul the apostle, and he said here in this Book:
  - (36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

What Bible school do you go to, to have the answers? Why, if any man's got the Holy Ghost or is a prophet, the first thing he'll know is the way God operates. Somebody's got to be there that God can get to, of God's Own choosing, of God's Own birthing. A predestinated individual for the hour. He's called 'Elijah'. Then the Word will come forth, and the people will understand this is the Word of God, and the rest are just called ignorant.

Like one man once said, "In the Word of God the Bible said, 'the fool has said in his heart, there is no God'." [Psa. 14:1] God doesn't take time to argue, just calls him a fool and walks on. And at this late hour, God just call a man ignorant. He said:

(38) ...if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

He said, "If you can't catch this, (He said) you're finished." If you can't catch this, you haven't got It. If you can't say 'amen' to every Word, you don't have the Holy Ghost. There's no way. We're once more right back there.

- 53. All right, now starting to wind down, which is about time. We go to page 74, (notice how carefully I use my words, "starting to wind down." [laughter] Just in case you breathe a sigh of relief, forget it.) Page 74, [The Breach 63-03-17]
- [20] Now, you see, I'm just not making that up. That's what... It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. I'll read it to you out of the Book: the sounding of the seventh angel's message, the mystery of God should be finished that's been declared by His holy prophets. That's the prophets who has wrote the Word. (There's no more prophets, there's no more coming over. Somebody else has to bring us something. Last prophet.) At the sounding of the seventh church age, the last church age, all the loose ends that through these church ages have been probed at, will be wound up together. And when the Seals are broke and the mystery is revealed, down comes the Angel, the Messenger, Christ, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea with a rainbow over His head. Now remember, this seventh angel is on earth at the time of this coming.

I said, "This coming." Not the coming, that this is not even a coming. It's a meeting, we're going. It isn't that He's coming, we're going. (Yeah) That's what people...that's the 'coming' people talk about. Bro. Branham talked about too. Now, he said, "The time of 'This Coming'." The Lord descends with a Shout.

- 54. I've learned something today, I finally found out that a certain preacher is still living, that was down there at the river, on June 11, 1933, and he saw the 'rainbow' over the Pillar of Fire. Who came down? (Yeah) I want to go down and see the fellow.
- [21] Just as John was giving his message, the same time the Messiah come in the days... John knew he would see Him, because he was going to introduce Him. And we realize that in the Scriptures over in Malachi 4, there's to be a one like John, an Elijah, to whom the Word of God can come to, and he is to reveal by the Holy Spirit all the mysteries of God and restore the faith of the children back to the faith of the apostolic fathers: restore back all those mysteries that's been probed at through these denominational years. Now, that's what the Word said. I'm just responsible for what It said. See? It's written is right. That's what It is.

He's talking my language, except he's polite. I can't stand polite people. [laughter] They show me up. I hate to be shown up. Nah, I'm just kidding. See, he does a real sweet job.

- 55. Now, but he wasn't fooling.
- [22] Now, we see that this seven-sealed Book is the mystery of redemption. It is a Book of Redemption from God. Now, all the mysteries at this time should be finished at the sounding of this messenger. Now, here's the angel on earth, and another Angel, mighty Messenger came down. See, this angel was a earthly angel, messenger. But here comes One down from heaven: a rainbow, covenant. See? (See, he saw that rainbow) Only Christ, it could be; just exactly as it was...

Now listen, carefully and get this: now you listen, I'm going to read it again:

Now, here's the angel on earth, and another Angel, mighty Messenger came down. See, this angel was an earthly angel, messenger. But here comes One down from heaven: a rainbow, covenant. See? Only Christ, it could be; just exactly like it was in Revelations chapter 1, standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks with a rainbow to look upon as jasper and sardius... (It doesn't say a thing about a rainbow in the first chapter, it's in the fourth chapter.)

56. So, Who's in the midst of the candlesticks? Not the man, the One that was in the man that's been giving the Life. And if Jesus hadn't been sitting there, that God that we honor and worship tonight knowing that He is here, Elohim is here. Call Him Logos, say what you want. Give Him a million titles, It's the same Person, just changing His mask.

Listen, if it wasn't for the Lamb on the Mercy Seat, if it wasn't for the Blood, the intermediatory work of the mediation of Jesus, and intercession, He wouldn't be in the Bride.

Now, at the end time He's got a role to play, and that's the role of the Judge. God Himself, Judge, Rainbow over His Head, Covenant Messenger, God His Own Messenger. God interposing Himself down here doing the work of a Judge. And people get scared stiff, and I'm not the least scared. No, not the least scared. I'm happy, happy, happy. I'm h-a-p-p-y, I'm h-a-p-p-y, I've lost my mind and got the mind of Christ, I'm h-a-p-p-y. Wouldn't know how to be sad.

There It is, the Great Judge. The Prophet turned Judge. The Prophet is the Judge. I don't care if God's Teacher, Apostle, Prophet and the whole bit. He's Judge. And I don't care if He's Judge, He's still Redeemer. And I don't care if He's Redeemer, He's still coming King.

As Irenaeus said, "Hundreds of titles, but one God." I got a book at home I couldn't find it. When I try to find something never can find it. It's a book by Stone(?) it's all the names of God. Great big thick book like this, I don't bother even looking at it. Plus, I couldn't find it, who needs it?

- 57. All right listen: Prophet turned Judge? No! He already was Judge. He's coming forth in His role. Now, the Prophet Who is God, Who is Judge. That is the Prophet Who is God, is Judge. And why not in the light of Psalms 119: let's just read the 7 verses.
  - (1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
  - (2) Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.
  - (3) They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.
  - (4) Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.
  - (5) O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!
  - (6) Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.
  - (7) I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
  - (8) I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Listen: law, testimony, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, it's all the same thing. The great law giver is the only One Who could be the Judge. Nobody else could. And that One Who was in the form of a man said, "He's Judge because He is the Son of man. And He's come amongst us as the Son of man, which is Prophet and Judge, and the Resurrection is right around the corner.

58. I told you a few weeks ago that from what I knew in my spirit, God quickening the Word to me, that's what He told me He would do. Remember, over in Quincy I said the same thing. I said for a long time I thought because He showed me in the heavens He would keep doing it then in the earth. And I was fooling myself and puzzling you people, until about the fourth Sunday, I said, "Hold it, I've got it." I am not dealing ever with any sign on earth, or any sign in heaven, it is the Word. And He told me as I told you, and I never hold anything back from you.

He said, "I don't want you looking at anything, but what's the Bride's." And that is Christ Who is the Word, that's the Bridegroom.

Now, the Word has recently to become quickened which I will tell you about it as time goes on. And what has quickened me and started this which is in my mind, which I'm preaching tonight, and preached last Sunday, will continue to preach, is a little thought from the Word that made me know He is here to raise the dead, and the pendulum has swung to the Resurrection. You can say what you want. They say, "You're not a prophet." No, I'm not a prophet, but He told me to watch the Word, and I watch the Word. (See?) And that Word will always go to Him if there is any truth in what the prophet said. And I stand before you not as a liar, but a man of a least a certain amount of integrity. There is no way that I'm ever going to tell you anything that's worth a plug-nickel that has any truth, except when it goes to Him. Now, He's here to raise the dead. He is the Judge, because He is the Prophet. Because He is the Son of man. (See?)

59. Now, I've laid the foundation for next Sunday as well as from last Sunday now. Then we'll go right into Sunday's message, and show you what that Judge is, on the grounds that He's dealing with a Bride. That's a secret. (See?)

The God Who is the Word, Who is the Prophet, Who is the Judge, and here amongst us and has revealed that He is here. The Judge of all the earth Who never changes has Appeared in mercy and love. And the next time it's destruction. But I'm going to tell you something, every single time He Appears, there's a separation.

The One Who said, "Come out of her my people," could only say that on the grounds that He was judging what was right for us according to His Word. So, every time you think a prophet from now on, I want you to think a judge. (See?) You follow what I said tonight now? You got a clearer picture? I hope you have. I did my best now to try to follow you through and show you that as Bro. Branham did.

60. Look, there's a God Who is playing a tremendous role in His Own drama. And He predestinated Himself in these roles. And He predestinated His children in our roles, and He dealing with us in His role, is seeing that His predestination and our predestination is identical, so that all things having come from Him return to Him. And He becomes All and in all. And it's taken many roles (as it were) to do it. And the great role at this moment, see, the great role we're looking at it at the end time. As He stands there as Judge. Follow me?

Now, just don't worry from that point on. Don't worry about trying to second guess me, figure things out. You can if you want, but you may spoil everything for yourselves by doing this one

thing, the minute that you try to let your mind go, and go where my mind goes, you're not going to do it, and I've got living proof. And if you ever challenge me, and don't do it for your own good. I can name names, and tack you right down that was tried, it won't work. Because you cannot see.

Bro. Branham warned me himself, keep your nose out of my business. Now, I can come right behind him and teach the same thing. But I cannot go ahead of him. Now, I want you to know this, what you've said in your hearts and minds now peace with yourself. Look, not matter what it costs you, no matter what it's going to take, you've got to face it.

61. Now, suddenly each person in this building was suddenly stricken with paralysis, you got to face it, you're paralyzed. What are you going to do, scream? Tear your hair, you can. You got to face certain things. And the facing tonight is not one of disaster, it is one of consolation. (See?)

Now, already you know what I'm aiming at, but I want to take facet after facet on the subject on Sunday. This Judge, what has He done at this hour? What has He said, what is He doing? Now remember, the prophet said, "Always looking back, always looking forward, never know what's going on." I'm going to tell you something, we know what's going on. I'm not saying we're the only ones that know it. But we know what's going on.

Okay, the Lord bless you. We can consider yourselves dismissed in a minute or two. Let's pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Light that You shed upon Your Word. We thank You, Lord, that You are the Judge, because we know that from Hebrews 4:12 that the Word of God is quick and powerful, and is a discerner, the Judge between. And it certainly does. And absolutely discerns thoughts and intents of men's hearts. And all things are open and naked with this Judge, the Law Giver with Whom we have to do. And if this being the case, then there can be no Judge which is more superior. And You knowing the intent of Your Word, and the intent of the law that You've written in Your statutes, your ordinances and all these things. And You in the position to reveal to us, that position You hold as the giver of Your Word, and its consequences upon us.

Then, Lord, if those consequences that devolve upon us should be, 'come ye blessed' and take over the Kingdom prepared, it would have to be the decision of the only Judge, and the only decision that would ever come to pass. And we're looking at that tonight, Lord, and the happy experience of Your Presence. And It is the most devastating against fear and doubt. Surely, if Daniel was a dissolver of doubt being a prophet with vision, who could recall a king's dream that he forgot. And we saw a man who did it time after time. Then, Lord, You in our midst, Son of man, Prophet. There shouldn't be one person with one speck of doubt anymore at any time. No way, no way, no way.

And we thank You, Lord, and it's just so good that, "our hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' Blood and righteousness. All around my soul gives way, (and it sure did) Thou then is all our hope and stay. In Christ, the solid Rock (of revelation) I stand." No place else, we're grateful for it. And we thank You for it, in Jesus' Name. Amen. The Lord bless you.