

Question & Answers # 2

'Balaam and Pentecost Today'

'What is a Genuine Vowing?'

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father we know that the Message that You brought us by vindication through the prophet has the power of life and death that's the sweet savor of life unto those who believe it and of course it's a savor of death unto those who disbelieve knowing that what lies behind the Message is the Messenger Himself who is the great Messenger who came down according to Rev 10:1 who was also that One of Rev 5:1, who was that same One who came to Paul on the road to Damascus and now has returned in the last day in the form of the Holy Spirit in the Pillar of Fire, knowing Him to be Jehovah Elohim the One and only true God who came here in human flesh and He was called by His name Jehovah Savior, even given to the One that was by Mary by Divine intervention. We thank You for that Lord and therefore we ask You because this is so, help us in the Word that we might trivialize It in any way, we might be very, very sincere to know the exact meaning of it and exact impact... help us at this time, because we know we do not have access to You through a prophet who is vindicated, but we do have the same One who gave the Word here to help us and we pray we shall be helped, because only You can help us in these things Lord that are vital to us. And we know they are vital, because people ask many questions, and in their questioning looking for answers they begin to build upon whatever answers they find or believe to be true. And we know if that answer a hundred percent correct, a hundred percent right, we know it shifting sand and the building is going to collapse and fall.

So help us Lord to take every precaution, every method we can look at, knowing Lord You've set before us different ways to show us Your truth, though there is one particular way which is by the vindicated prophet which we do not bypass, but knowing also Lord that we watched his life, and even as John said, "He watched the life that was there," would handled it and knew it and was able to tell others by reason of the fact that he was there.

Even so Lord, we know that there are those around who were with Him in His ministry asking questions and watching, observing all these things and we know that they also contribute. We pray therefore Lord as we look at truth no matter how we look at it in the sense that how we must look at it, and why we must look at it; what truth is there, we know that if it isn't definitive and again we're right back to shifting sands... the building will not stand. Help us at this time, and we give You the glory in Jesus' Name amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, before we go into attempting to answer the questions as we did a couple of Sundays ago, I want to just bring out a little point that I've been noticing during the last few days concerning Bro. Branham's Message, on 'Does God ever change His Mind about His Word', and of course God does not. Can no more change His mind about His Word and anything, because if He ever changed His mind about His Word, and of course He'd no longer be God, and that's because there'd be no stability in Him. And if there's no stability in Him, then how in the world could you yourself be stabilized? You'd be hunting and jumping and running as Paul said, "There's so many voices in the air and none without signification," but you must know what is the right voice that is in the air, so that you can follow the Voice; where the Scripture said, "The sheep hear the voice and they follow him." So there must be a voice that gives us the ability to actually follow Him, that "Where He is, there we may be also." That is the idea of following.

2. All right, what we're looking at then is the fact that when Moses was given vindication by God, he was ordained to lead Israel into the Promise Land. And of course we know that he was fallible and he

smote the rock the second time in direct contradiction to the Word of Almighty God which was iniquity. As Bro. Branham said, "*Iniquity is when you know to do a thing and you don't do it.*" Of course you could just reverse that, you know what I mean, it's go ahead and do something you shouldn't do.

So anyway, Moses was not allowed to lead Israel into the Promise Land, but you notice that actual truth of the matter was, that Moses was literally not the leader. The Bible distinctly tells you in 1 Corinthians 10, that that Rock and that Cloud that followed them was the Lord Jesus Christ. And you can find it over here,

(1) Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

(2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3. Now, you notice they were baptized unto Moses, but the cloud and the sea was actually doing the literal covering, so therefore you'll see that Moses was only a figure-head. He was there because it was necessary for God to use someone, and of course Israel was lead by God to ask God, they said to Moses, "Now you tell God for us that we don't want see God, we don't want to hear from God, we want a representative and you be that one, and you will deal with us as God deals with you." And of course that premise was set. Now today people don't want that. Israel didn't want it, that's why the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus and killed him. And that's why every time you get a group of people together they'll completely crucify the Lord Jesus Christ, destroy themselves and the people. They don't care two-bits, because it they want to put something into it, they want their say.

Now, it takes one person and only one. It's just like... he use to be the president of South Africa and he said, "If Moses had been a committee the children of Israel would still be in Egypt." And what you're looking at here is the one that God gave the ability to lead and representing Him, though He Himself was doing the leading. They all drank of the same spiritual drink, drank of the same spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

4. Now, the question is: When did Christ ever cease to lead the children of Israel? He lead them right into the Promise Land and when He did He had Joshua, which is Jehovah Savior, He did the leading by reason of the Word which was left, which was the conduit of the Holy Spirit and God stood right there guarding His Word. "I stand over my Word to watch over It. Keep my eye upon It. I'm seeing that My Word is never returning to me void."

So all right, we find that Moses was the one that who was ordained, then we find Israel going into the Promise Land. Now notice, that they came across King Balak and his stooge Balaam. Now Balaam was a stooge prophet. Now the actual fact of the matter is that Bro. Branham nailed him a hundred percent, when he said, "*That Balaam used a gift of faith.*" Now I never noticed that until I studied it with you, and that's the most amazing in all the world, because it says in Romans 12 here, that you prophecy according... it says here,

(3) For... the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

And every single member of the body of Christ has a measure of faith. And that measure of faith that you have is the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, it tells you that I think in Thessalonians there. And you have these gifts operating according to the gift of faith, and the grace of God whether prophesying, you prophecy according to the proportion of faith, you see.

5. In other words, this is where the people make terrible error concerning the gifts of the Holy Ghost. They come into a building, a meeting and they feel out for an anointing, they feel for God to do something and they sort of try to whump themselves up. You know, hey, I can flap and I'm not going to take off, I'm not a bird. Is there anyone want to help me flap my arms? It ain't going to do any good. But in the spirit you can reach out and get an anointing and it'll destroy you. Because you see, you're not operating, if you're a real born-again Holy Ghost filled believer, you have a proportion of faith. You have a measure of faith, and you positively know it there's a gift operative, because you can operate it. Now you won't operate it every single time. You may operate it one time and that's the end of your career. But everyone has that measure of faith, and all of the gifts are not nine gifts of the Spirit, as in 1 Corinthians that 12th chapter, but absolutely some of those gifts are prophecy and then it mixes in the ministry which is a five-fold ministry. That's why if I teach I positively know I have a gift and I'm not afraid to use it. But I've got to open myself up to it; to the measure of faith and see what God will do. I get my anointing before I ever hit the pulpit. If I don't there's going to be problems. Sometimes there are problems, because I haven't waited long enough to get a full anointing on the subject, but you people are good at pulling it, so therefore we operate it together.

6. Now then he says, [Romans 12:]

(7) ... teaching on teaching; (ministering on ministering;)

(8) ...exhorting on exhorting: (ruling on ruling and so on.) and sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

As Irenaeus said, "There are hundreds of gifts in the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ," that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, a gift of faith goes with it, and you notice that's the first that's mentioned in 1 Peter, "Add to your faith virtue." And Bro. Branham used that word 'virtue' as *dunamis*. And if he used it as *dunamis*, he was telling us something that you cannot find in the Greek, because the Greek does not use it in that respect. Bro. Branham used it as *dunamis* because virtue went out of Him at the time of the healing of the woman. The word virtue in 1 Peter is a different word; more along the line of a fruit. But Bro. Branham placed it in this hour, which is a correction of an understanding, because the fullness of revelation comes in the last day, and Peter was not a prophet. So when he said, "*Dunamis*," it's *dunamis*, which is power. So correctly you will see first of all the measure of faith which is supernatural, which is given to you, because they're all in the Holy Spirit, and they're all in each one of us as we build correctly to the place where the Holy Ghost has complete control.

7. Now then, you can see why the gifts of the Spirit are no good in the church; they're on the shelf, because nobody wants to abide by the Word. When Bro. Branham wanted to put his own church in order they said, "No way." And they ran down to Junior Jackson's church. I'm not against Junior Jackson. The point is, Junior should have kicked their butts back. We're invited... pardon the expression, but I'm still not going to take it back. That's what he should have done.

Or, and he should of said, "We will call Bro. Branham here to set our church in order," because Bro. Branham wanted that. He wanted me to come to Louisville, buy a big theater; we put a church in order, evangelize and do what's necessary and send the converts to pastors. The thing fell through, then he said, "*We'll try Chicago*." So he warned me ahead of time while I was going up there. And I ran right into a loggerhead, Dr. Meade, he refused to let me have the pulpit a Sunday morning, which meant I didn't have a chance as getting voted in as pastor. I didn't want it anyway.

8. And Bro. Branham said, "*Lee, we'll go together and put the church in order with the gifts*." Look what Chicago turned down. Look what Jeffersonville turned down. You would of got the true

under-standing of discerning of spirits at the door, and everybody with the measure of faith and the people then would of not of extended themselves beyond themselves to entire a realm which they weren't qualified for. Now, I didn't mean to get into discerning, but I got real good at it. Bro. Branham said so, and I got a record that's very, very, very strong, with pure discernment. I was in a wrong ministry, so see, I wasn't entitled to it.

So, what I'm trying to show you here, this fellow Balaam is a perfect picture of this hour in which we live. See? Now, Moses alone was vindicated for the Word. These other fellows were fundamentalists who were organized. And they said to Balaam now, "What I want you to do buddy is you come on down here and stop these people from going into the Promise Land. You get them to come with us."

9. Now, Bro. Branham categorically said, "This repeats in this hour." So what is Pentecost which is chaff, fully anointed to gifts, but erroneously so, because they don't operate it to the measure of faith that lies within them and they don't even know how to be in contact with the Holy Spirit to know what is going on. I'm going to stop right there and bring it back, remember where I'm at in case I forget.

We're talking about Balaam and how he was trying to stop the people from going into the Promise Land; and how we see a repeat, because people do not know how to use the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

10. I was at a meeting many, many years ago in Forth Worth, there was a bunch of the Latter-Rain Pentecostals there and being a little bit more secure in understanding in the gifts than they were operating them said the ...?... publicly especially, I said, "Listen, you know what's wrong with the Pentecostals?" I said, "I'll tell you what's wrong; as soon as they are in a meeting and the Spirit of God begins to move, they receive what they think is the anointing and most of them immediately jump up and start speaking in tongues and every thing else." Now, I said, "How do you know you are supposed to do that?"

I said, "Let me tell you a little experience I had. In a meeting I felt the presence of God in a most unusual way, and I thought boy 'this is the time to explode'. And so in my usual Pentecostal manner I would of exploded in tongues or something you know, anointed speaking which wasn't true prophecy but anointing, and suddenly I realized, 'Hey, what do I know what God wants'?"

11. Remember the voice that Samuel had, he heard the voice, finally old Eli gave him the understanding, he said, "Hey, listen son, what you are neglecting to understand is this: when you see something or hear something, you say, 'God what is it all about, what do You want your servant to do'?"

So, I suddenly stopped dead still in the pulpit, now you'll find this entirely unscriptural, but you can do it anyway; now I very candid, because I teach the prophet. So I said, "Lord, what do you want me to do? I'm aware of You, what does this awareness mean?" And like a voice said, "Open your eyes." I opened my eyes, [a voice said,] "Look in the back row there's a lady sitting there,"(I didn't even know her) and He told me what was wrong with her. And I said, "Keep you heads bowed, but sister you in the back row on my left hand side, you know what I'm talking about, but you've never been here before," something like that, and I said, "You know what's wrong, such and such and such."

And she said, "Yes sir."

And I said, "Let me pray for it now."

When I showed those people what they thought was the anointing, was only the awareness. I said, "Listen, when the telephone bell rings, 'dingle, dingle', you don't scream, jump and holler, talk in

tongues. You lift the receiver and say, 'Hello', waiting for information." But they were willing to stone me; they hated my guts spiritual and otherwise.

A man came out after that meeting and he was quite a wealthy man as far as I know, that's as far as I know, I never got his money, I didn't want his money anyway, I was well taken care of. And he said, "Bro. Vayle," he had tears in his eyes, he said, "You didn't go over [well] with [those] people in there, but what you said was the truth and I know it to be." The convention hated me because I brought them the truth.

12. Now, let's go back to Balaam. Balaam is in that same area, he had a tremendous gift of faith and that gift of faith was powerful enough to pull in the prophetic utterance, which was true prophecy that indicated the future which came to pass.

Now, what did the people want to do with that gifted man? What did the hierarchy want to do with that gifted man? They wanted to use him to stop Israel from going into the Promise Land. Are you getting hot to understand now? What do you think Pentecostal chaff, and believe me it's everywhere, we'll bring the tape that Bro. Dwayne Dean sent me and we'll play it her, by Father [John] Bertolucci. And if he isn't the most vigorous Pentecostal that I've ever heard in my day, listen to his voice carefully; you are going to be amazed. And he's right ready to make Demos Shakarian going right to Rome to do it, no doubt a living saint, and at the same time he speaks in tongues and prophecy's and is lead of the Lord to pick up hitch-hikers and go places and minister what he believes by praying over the people is the Spirit of God, leading who he believes is Jesus Christ Himself, he quietly talks about the pope being the universal pastor of his church, and talks about the fact that the communion, transubstantiation, is perfect and everything is a hundred percent, he's just like that gal named 'Ford' who's a Catholic theologian, and she said, "Yes you Pentecostals get this fact, get this fact now: We have the Holy Ghost whether you want to believe it or not, and don't you dare touch our theology."

13. What I'm trying to get across to you is this: We have exploded today in the world religion, down in South America which is totally Catholic they've lost so many priests they cannot replace them, they've lost them to Pentecost. Half a million people per year from Catholicism to Protestantism, Pentecostal. The biggest church in the world is in Seoul, is Pentecostal. The bishops have come together and they've endorsed Pentecostalism, the neo-Pentecostal, the Charismatic movement and it's all the charisma, the gifts of the Spirit, everything and they don't realize that the gifts of the Holy Spirit is no different than the gift of God in giving you that lily, but that's not God. They cannot differentiate; they cannot understand what Bro. Branham said.

Now, here's what I'm driving at: time after time I've quoted from Deuteronomy, where Moses said to the people, "This people going to the promise land, you could not go there, there's no way you could survive in it. There's no way that land could take you, there is no harmony with you, except through this Word." Now throw that in with the fact that the Millennium is a further place of satisfaction. Throw it into the fact the heathen are going to come up and have the gospel preached to them, which I don't understand so don't ask me. Go to the prophet, he said it, I didn't, but I'll preach it. And I know this one thing, if he said it, it's so. And Bro. Branham based upon the very fact that this exodus is identical to the one that Israel going to the Promise Land, this bunch of people out there are going to do their best to stop you from going in.

14. And let me tell you right now, men who have understood the Parousia, the Presence, men who preached it, and I've got it in writing from one man's writing. As far as I know they've all gone back or going back to Pentecost. They're going to miss the Millennium as I understand the Scripture, and I am not fooling with the Scripture for anybody. I'm taking what Bro. Branham said, and he categorically brought this man Balaam right to our hour.

Now, I said religion is sweeping the world, and it certainly is. The Mohammedans are turning to Christ in many, many places, because they don't have it. Now let's understand this: If the whole religious movement of the future and it is, is built upon Holy Spirit baptism, which is equated to tongues, and also to other utterances and also to healings and those things that are there, and the Scripture has already told us He's going to pour His Spirit upon all flesh, so it doesn't matter who comes under anointing. And He's already told us, "It's straight and narrow the way, few are going to make it." And he says, "Many will come in that day and say, 'Lord have I not prophesied and done so and so, and so and so'." So the multitude will come in the last day and we're before the White Throne now, because this is what's going on in His Presence. And He's going to say, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

15. Now, either you believe that, or you don't believe it. If you don't believe it, it's fine by me, just don't bother coming back, because I want a crowd here that pulls the truth and we don't have to fight error. I was in Bro. Branham's meeting where I couldn't hear what Bro. Branham was saying, because of thick fog that was in the building by spiritual ignorance, and not only spiritual ignorance, but spiritual disobedience, spiritual fallacy where they made Bro. Branham Jesus Christ and the rest stood by and turned him down flat. We don't want that here, because you see my job is not to the people here, the tapes go out. I always want to remind you, I've no strings on you and you have no strings on me. This is the place simply where the Word is preached the best that I know, and the way that I know it.

Now we're all in it together I believe, because that was our contract and our covenant. But you see, this fellow Balaam is a perfect picture of this hour, and I want you to know this one thing: they try to stop them going in to take over the Millennium. And what are these Charismatic's saying now, all the Protestants and Catholics, "We are going to get..." one man said by the year 2000, "Let us make a gift of Christ to fifty percent of the world." Converts, same old Catholic doctrine. Same old Pentecostal hogwash, "We are going to be such a tremendous people, He cannot simply help but come down and say, "Hallelujah my beloved, I'm your head."

16. My Bible tells me that's the anti-Christ. Jesus said, "I've come in my Father's Name, and if you receive another and he comes in his own name you will receive him." Bro. Branham said, "*That was the anti-Christ.*"

So, these people are doing their dead level best to stop you from going into the Millennium. I don't want to hear one more sister, one more brother eulogize Pentecost, and I've even get it second hand, because I may come down and shake your hand for the last time and say, "Why don't you just buzz off."

You say, "Bro. Vayle, you're rotten."

I am not rotten. The Word is supposed to separate the chaff and the wheat, and if I help it along, I don't know... [laughter] I'm not supposed to, Bro. Branham warned me. But I'm warning you, hey listen, you aren't going in. And Bro. Branham said, "*If we're not Bride, there's a Bride out there somewhere, by the grace of God we won't stand in her way.*" Then don't stand in somebody's way, and don't believe for one minute you can mix any of your hogwash with this Word, because it ain't going to work.

Now remember, the Word corrects the error of the word. Some little time once in a while I find myself a little off balance on the Word, I find the Spirit brings me right back again. And how does He do it? He brings it by the Word.

17. All right now, so therefore I want to bring to you that fact, and it is absolutely factual that Balak with Balaam, government and religion was anointed and fortified to see the Bride did not go into the

Promise Land. So where's your enemy today? Your enemy lies in the spiritual anointing, where the spirit is correct, but the people are right off the Word. And don't you get fooled by signs that follow the Word, and signs that are there in these gifts, when bless your heart it takes a legitimate authenticated prophet to bring the Word and that's the one you listen to and there's one at a time.

So therefore, at the end hour we had a prophet in this hour like unto Moses and Bro. Branham categorically placed himself with Moses and with Paul. And it's right on a tape, you can do with what you want about it.

"So that's it, that's the trouble the big mouth William Branham"

Is that a fact? Why these guys are bigger mouth than he is, and they can't produce. I don't mind how big a man's mouth is as long as he can produce.

"I don't care," you say, "I got a billion dollars."

"Write me a check for at least three million."

"I don't have that in the bank"

"Then you ain't got a billion dollars forget it."

I've never asked for money, I'm just illustrating, because money is the way you illustrate, because money is like faith. If you got the measure of money you can buy anything you want. If you've got the measure of faith it'll come into being. You say, "Well what if you're not anointed to bring the thing in right?" Oh well, what about a fact that you stole your money, you're worse than Mafia. Hoodlums are hoodlums, wolves in sheep clothing are still wolves, but boy are they insulated, that's what wolves are all about. Looks good but it ain't.

18. All right, we're going to go back to Questions and Answers.

Now a few Sundays ago we took up the question of a real life situation for a brother in France, where a young lady was engaged to marry a young man and we learned that both of them were unconverted in an unconverted state at the time of their vows or betrothed. We learned then that the young lady only was converted and subsequently because of the scriptural admonition to not be yoked unevenly, an unbeliever to a believer, or vice versa, she refused to marry him and thereby broke her vow. And of course the brother's question was: "All right, were they married?"

19. So the questions that need answering are something like these:

Number one: If indeed two people are actually married at the time of proposal and acceptance does this Scripture apply to unbelievers as well as to Christians if indeed engagement constitutes binding union of marriage?

Well, you know jolly well the first marriage was with two believers. There's was no way that this applied to anybody else but believers. Let's see where I go to find it somewhere, I got it, it's in "Marriage and Divorce, and Bro. Branham brought it out on page 45 he said,

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[45-2] *This is an awful strong thing. I didn't know how to bring it out! What will I do when I got man and women setting in my congregation, some that's been married twice or three times? Good man, good women, all mixed up! What done it? False teaching. Exactly. Not waiting on the Lord.*

Now, there's two things in there, wrong teaching and not waiting on the Lord.

"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder..." Not what man joined together, what God joined together.

Now here's what it is:

When you got a direct revelation from God that's your wife and the same thing, (she gets a direct revelation, that's her husband,) that's yours the rest of your life. See? But what man joins together anybody can put apart.

20. Now, I want you to notice something here: we do not have the ability as Christians totally on surface and always on our command, because the devil butts in, false teaching butts in, we've learned it wrong, the truth had been learned wrong, therefore it's wrong, and we like to throw our own mind and concept into rationalizing either for us against others usually, or someway so we forget what Bro. Branham started when he gave his sermon on Marriage and Divorce, and he categorically said, *"If you believe that you can only remarry after one spouse dies, man or woman, you fall in the ditch. If you believe you can only divorce and remarry on top of it number one because of adultery you'll fall in the ditch."*

So he's telling you there must be someway that you can remarry without number one: dying, or number two: committing adultery. Now he did say, *"If you married a woman who had previously had an affair with another man, had not confessed it, even if you had ten children by her, you can divorce her."* Now of course if you could do a thing like that with those children, it's certainly true that your children never received anything but...your seed by lust, and your family meant nothing; which I cannot conceive anybody except cows, pigs and dogs, serpent seed, and even that, I could not concede or conceive. Conceive or concede, but that's the way it goes.

21. Now he said here,

When you got your direct revelation from God... (he said direct. Not some preacher, not some person but God. And not some man talking you into it. Not some woman talking you into it.) Your direct revelation from God that's your wife and the same thing that's yours the rest of your life. See? But what man joins together anybody can put apart.

[45-3] *But what God joins together no man better dare to touch it. "Whatsoever God joins together," He said, "let no man put asunder." Not what some half-drunk magistrate or something else put together or some backslidden preacher with a bunch of creeds in a book that would let them do anything in the world and the Word of God laying right there. See? I'm talking about what God joined together.*

So, this woman and this man received his proposal and said, "Yes." And we find... we'll be reading some more quotes here, all I can read to you again on this, because I'm not going to cover up for anything, or anybody and if I'm stuck, I'm stuck, but I got to bring it to your attention what the prophet said.

22. So, what I've viewing at this point is: What is a genuine vowing? What is a genuine proposal? What is a genuine contract?

Now, remember that Bro. Branham in the sermon 'Marriage and Divorce' said, "*This is only for the people that I call my congregation, the people I believe I've been sent to pastor that God gave me.*"

So here's what he tells every young man and every young woman, "*Watch it.*"

This is what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7, "Believers are stuck with each other."

You say, "Bro. Vayle she was a believer, I was a believer that ought to make it right."

Not if you didn't hear from God. Don't think you're not above testing; we'll look at that a little later on where Bro. Branham goes into that Scripture marrying, "Because if you're going to burn you better marry so you won't."

23. All right, so I'm looking at the thought of what is a true proposal, a true acceptance, a true vowing out to each other, because he did use the term '*vowing out*' What constitute engagement as a binding union right here, "Then let not man put asunder. Let not the wife leave the husband, or the husband the wife." Let no man or woman butt their noses in, because this is a perfect picture of the groom and the bride, which is Christ and His Bride. And believe me when Christ picked a Bride they were all in God and came down through Him, through the Son.

And just like Eliezer went out to get the bride according to Abraham's victim, for his son Isaac, found the right one, she understood the voice, she saw everything clear and the minute she got to him she knew that was the one she loved, and he knew that's the one that he loved, because they both heard from God. There was a direction there, even though the parents made the decision that they were for each other, both parents said, "The final decision is yours. Now Isaac, do you want her?" And the parents said, "Do you want to go to him and take a look at him?" So, the minute she got off the camel and saw, she put her veil on and all, but there was magic right away. I could make you laugh about that, but I won't. There's magic just the same, and he was so happy that he had her. Notice the time that Jacob lifted the veil he found the older sister, doubled crossed. But if you're not even that careful on your wedding night, the consummation, you've asked to get stuck.... "*For vowing out is*" what Bro. Branham said, "*a direct revelation on both parties.*"

24. Number two question: Is proposal and acceptance the actual marriage contract, that the laws of the land would accept without official documentation?

And the answer is "No."

You have that in Rom 13:1-7, and in 1 Pet 2:11-17, where you are bound by the laws of the land, because these officials are of God. Now remember to begin with: some of the laws we have in the land we did not have way back at the beginning. But you've got to put faith in the Word that every official today is of God. And when you see America the way it is today, Bro. Branham said, "*I don't pray for America any longer, because it's finished.*" You must remember those officials must be the ones that God ordained, just like it says in Romans, "Pharaoh and Moses, Balaam and Moses." They're ordained, in other words, they are written about. They're not in that book unto life as a wise virgin and foolish virgin. The word in there, 'ordain', means they were written about.

25. So therefore, they are in a separate book and they are over here, (now they can come through the book of life, because it's natural generation zoe, don't worry about that, all zoe is zoe,) now they are not in the Lamb's Book of Life and book of life as unto life, but they come down through the book of life and they are here and they are written about.

So therefore, you have today in government those people of whom it is written when the Bride sees all these terrible things come to pass, "Lift up your heads and rejoice, because your redemption draweth nigh." See? Bro. Branham even touches the question of AIDS, which I won't talk about; I got a quote on it, without using the word 'AIDS'. And it has to do with the fact of visiting the sins of the parents on third and fourth generation, he said, "*They become mongoloid by the fourth generation,*" which is true, they do, and they can't bear seed they're gone. What about AIDS? One generation. By the way, they discovered that AIDS can come by mother's milk. When is it going to stop? When the government starts stops lying. You're going to know the truth, the government's lying about AIDS, they've always have and always will. They cover up, cover up, cover up. There's too much money made by the drug companies. Didn't Regan himself say, "We will balance our world trade by the pharmaceuticals? Come on, what does the Book of Revelations say about pharmaceuticals? They're sorcerers, they're pharmacists. They're drugs in your system, my God have pity.

26. All right. Can we disobey those laws of the land? In no way, not at least in America. Listen, where even today breach of contract to marry still exists, and now it's called 'palimony', because you shack up and give your sex to man for so many years and be whatever he wants as his hostess and mistress, now you got palimony.

You can't have divorce, because listen, breach of contract to marry is not marriage. It's a contract to. So how are you going to turn around and say this person had a contract to marry, then didn't marry; now what would happen is you say, "Now I'm going to divorce?" There's no record for any divorce. Now you are into palimony. I was his mistress; I'm a high priced prostitute. "Well," you say, "If I'd have known I would have got a lower priced, maybe twice as good.

27. Look at the question in the light of this hour and the Scripture, because you've got to bring both together on the grounds you cannot be disobedient to civil government, because the government is of God. You can say what you want. You say, "Well, the devil's there." Who allowed him? Who took responsibility for him? Said right in there, he said, "*When God made Lucifer, He knew he would be Satan the devil.*" One place he said, "*Satan was co-equal with God leading in the worship.*"

You say, "How could he be leading? How could he mean that?"

Because He had an only begotten Son, who already is the first begotten is co-equal, and if He made Satan stand right beside Him, then He's got another creation that's co-equal. That's why there's a Christ and an anti-Christ.

28. All right, so to marry is not the contract of marriage; which such legal marriage can end in divorce perhaps, and then where would one be positioned legally in all the ramifications that comes from such a mess. So what have they done? If they live together and have children, they're not legally married, yet according to Scripture, having laid with her and having children, and without even having children; you are in the sight of God married. Proven by the fact, if you lay with a whore you become one flesh. That's what God said about His two children, and she leaves an imprint on you.

So they say, "Okay, there's no such thing as illegitimate kids." Illegitimate is not what you think it is. I've told you many times what Bro. Branham actually said it was, "*There are no illegitimate kids, only illegitimate parents.*" But now they live together, have children and whose name they take is usually the man's. Now the women in marrying don't even want to take their husband's names anymore. I think one third of the women now are deciding to keep their own names. Hey, stupid jack-ass, that's your father's name. So if you're truly famine, why don't you get your mother's name? Supped up bunch of idiots. Not you sisters, but your resemblance out there, your phony make-believers. They say, "They belong." You don't belong to that bunch out there. No, no way. You think I'd be with my wife if she

belongs with that bunch out there? Pffft! I even come home mad at her, because of what's out there. She had nothing to do with it. Just telling you the truth and you men if you don't know what I'm saying you're a liar.

29. Okay, the third thing we bring to our attention:

“What does Bro. Branham find, and where does Bro. Branham find in Scripture what he says in Marriage and Divorce, so we can see the principle of what it means to be really vowed out and you really got to know it's from God?”

Well I quoted you from the very fact that Genesis the 2nd chapter, verses 18-24, where God formed man from the dust of the earth, then He formed woman by having taken out a part of Adam and He brought her to him and told him categorically, “This is now your wife.”

(23) And Adam said, “This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh and she'll be called Woman, because she's taken out of Man.

(24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

(25) And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

30. Okay, so the Lord God took the man, took the rib, brought the woman to the man, and said, “This is yours.” Now, if that's not a direct revelation, you tell me what is?

You say, “Hold it there boy, how can you have a revelation like that?”

You can. I did and I told you how it was. Very carnal in my way, but I knew I wanted to be right with God, and I have always been right with God in that particular area. I said, “Now Lord look, if you don't get me the right woman, I'll sure in heaven mess up.” I'm satisfied; I got a better than she did. I always said, “She never prayed.”

She'd of prayed, “My Father which art in heaven get that guy out of here,” maybe. That's her tough luck. Now I believe that without prayer whatever, we're suited for each other.

31. Now, let's go over here to the book of Matthew the 1st chapter, and we're going to look at the fact that what we see what's an espousal, and in the New Testament yet a continuation of the Old, because Christ was not yet born. And it says here then, verse 18,

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: (Here's how it happened) When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, (their marriage was not consumated) she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

(19) Then Joseph her husband, (marriage not yet consumated) being a just (person,) and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

(20) While he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: (You're her husband...)

Now, hey you say, “Boy that's fabulous, but that couldn't happen to me.”

Liars. I don't mean that in the way you take it, but you're lying to yourself. You're in disbelief it's pitiful, because my, my, my, look just listen what could be yours.

32. So, let's go to the Book of Luke, so I can tell you the truth. Now, verse 35, [Chapter 1:]

(35) And the angel (said to Mary,) The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Now remember, the children born especially to those correctly vowed and married, your children are holy, and even when you are not correctly married, a believer to a nonbeliever, the Bible said, "God looks upon that as a legal marriage, else your children were unholy."

What I'm trying to show you here is: the holiness of Jesus Christ is not far from our families, those children born to a properly united people, vowed correctly joined by God, their children above all would be holy.

Now, I'm going to go a little further, he said,

(35) (He said,) that which (is) born shall be called the Son of God.

(36) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, (which) also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

(37) For with God (being present, that's the literal translation) For with God (Himself being present) nothing shall be impossible.

Then what in this hour with the Presence of God, the Pillar of Fire, Jehovah Elohim in the form of the Holy Ghost, in a Pillar of Fire, Present now leading us to the Millennium, don't tell me that you cannot be directed by God to get the right one. And don't tell me by God that if you are engaged to the wrong one, that you marry him anyway. []

33. Now, with this we notice carefully Mt 1:18 we read it. There's absolutely no doubt whatever the espousal meant in that day was marriage which allowed and almost guaranteed consummation physically. Thus today, what is that definition that allows us for consummation?

Well the definition is as Bro. Branham said, so therefore sexual intercourse is actually second, though I do admit that people, I don't suppose, I don't know anybody who'd get married strictly for companionship on the basis of purely plutonic, unless there's something a bit wrong with him. Because, male is male. Bro. Branham said, "*Be all the male you want to be as a male, woman the same way, but you better be married.*" And of course you want to be married before God, something which is indissoluble, read about that too, goes on if we have time.

34. Listen, I have seen the attempted and enforced application that has come by taking a stand that proposal and acceptance by any or all is marriage. It is rotten, nothing but wickedness and destroyed lives. And in this particular if the woman is now told she's married and cannot now marry, how can her husband divorce her especially on the grounds which would have to be fornication if the woman is no doubt a virgin. See?

The church has no power over the unsaved. So how's the church then going to say to this woman who is now saved, "You go back, because you are married to that man and you live with him and get the papers that can prove it." I wouldn't be in that preacher's shoes or if the church's shoes were fifteen solid seconds and take that responsibility.

He'll turn around and say to her, "Now, listen girl, you cannot go to church." He might. "You cannot read your Bible, you cannot pray." Then she's got to divorce him and remain single. You know what the trouble is? Preachers are sticking their noses in too deep in people's lives instead of preaching the truth to the congregation and their kids, ripping the covers off. I know I say things here, you got to go home and explain to your kids, you've got it coming to you, and you'd better explain to you kids, because you're responsible. You bet your sweet life you are.

35. I said many a time, "When have you women (they're adults) talked to your daughters how to love your husbands before they even get married?" And I'm not talking about sex, although that could be involved. I won't ask for a show of hands, because ninety nine percent are guilty, not everybody. So, who's kidding who? You think you can take something like this and make it stick and say, "They'll be happy, happy, because God said so," and your church enter into this thing and you see terrible conditions prevail? Why, I got a couple some of you people know, I could them up here and testify and tell you what happened. I get hotter under the collar with this question.

36. Let me tell you something, before I give you my testimony, I did it before, I'm going to read you something. John who was not even a prophet, he was an only scribe. And he said, [1 John 1:]

- (1) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
- (2) For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;
- (3) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you may have fellowship... (What's he doing? He's giving a witness to having been with Jesus Christ.)

Let me give you witness and I've given it many times concerning this very question here: "Are you married?"

37. There's a certain young man that I know very, very well that doesn't live within many, many, many miles of here that Bro. Branham got to know and he got to know Bro. Branham. This young boy was in a dilemma, he had proposed to a girl, they planned to get married, now you can't plan to get married without a proposal, because he said we're getting married; one day he found there was certain things in her he didn't desire, he said, "We not going to make it." He went with a second girl, perhaps not as pretty as the first girl; the first one was very, very beautiful. When I saw her I could understand why he fell in love with her, but he was looking for character with the beauty. It wasn't there.

Number two [girl] I never did see her, didn't even know about her. He found in her that which was not desirable as a real wife and a future mother, and he said, "I guess we can't get married."

The third girl came along... this boy's a believer. The third girl came along and he found in her what he's looking for and Bro. Branham did too, because he said, "*Now, you've got the right one,*" and married them. Yet Bro. Branham would not marry his own son. And yet Billy Paul did not divorce her and the girl did not divorce him it was annulled, but who annulled it? His dad and her dad split those two kids up, and Billy with tears in his eyes said, "Lee, I believe I know we could of made it if they'd just left us alone. Yeah, on the Day of Judgment who's going to answer for those two kids? Well, there's only two people, William Branham prophet of God and the man. Did William Branham do right? There's no

way he couldn't do right, because the girl's father and mother forced him. Now brother you hearing this tape, you'd be upset. I'm sorry for you, but there's nothing I can do about it.

38. Now, let me go all the way and read some quotes I've got on this business of marriage, kissing and the whole bit, because I am not going to leave any stone uncovered. I don't pretend to answer all your questions; I haven't got all the answers.

Bro. Branham said, "*Separate yourselves, don't yoke yourselves up with unbelievers that's right.*" [HEBREWS.CHAPTER.3 JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901M]

Time's run out? Well, next time around we're going to take all these quotes. I'll have more quotes than perhaps. But I want you to know this is very serious subject in the light of the young people here getting married. In what you're doing now and getting married, you are preparing for the Millennium and the rest of eternity, whether you know it or not, because what is bound on earth correctly by the Word of God is bound in heaven. What any two people bind on earth and that goes for marriage also correctly is granted by Almighty God. There're ramifications here I don't understand and I don't pretend to. I'm not a prophet and if I weave and if I were, I wouldn't guarantee all the answers, because only God has all the answers.

39. But I want you to know this: this is a very solemn question. This church has some of the best marriages I have ever seen or ever hope to see. Some of you men have some of the finest wives this side of heaven, and if you're not perfectly happy and contented, I'll say it's your fault, you're not putting enough into it in many cases. See, I do fight for women. Just don't get on the street. Stay where you're at be faithful to God's Word and you will find this, that your marriage will be increasingly better. Make sure you have family devotions. Make sure you don't have the charismatic run the race better than you run that race, because your life, your whole family is at stake, going into that Millennium and I believe even as God allowed the children of the last, the first age to take them in, there will be these little ones absolutely can go in, what would stop them, they are not responsible. You're responsible.

You say, "Your marriage is a sacred thing and be the most wonderful thing in all the world." As Bro. Branham said, "*The next best thing to regeneration is a good wife, and if God would of found a better thing than a woman, He would of given it to him.*" That's the Bride of Christ multiplied. So we have everybody can have a blessed happy marriage in the Word of Almighty God. Not that things will run smooth as though you are in the Millennium, but they will run in perfect harmony or love and grace of Almighty God to see you safely over there by the life that's in the Word, thoroughly preparing you for that thousand years, or whatever lies ahead we have to have it to get in. It is necessary, we can't make it any other way, don't let anybody fool you. I believe that's what it's all about. Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father again we thank You for the Life we have in Christ Jesus and we know Christ is the Word. We thank You for the Judge we stand before, which is the Living Word, Christ again who is that Judge. We know that that great One You have returned here Lord, to take authority and power over Your church, to lead them unto all righteousness and the ways of Almighty God. We thank You Lord for it and we trust Lord people have gotten some good of what said this morning Lord. And I know that many people cannot receive and believe and understand these things, and I appreciate the fact they go strictly to what the prophet said, but many times they only take one part of what the prophet said, and they do not weigh it in the light of what has been previewly so the whole Word comes together and once more we find a vindicated prophet bringing us the truth like other prophets before, and it becomes a jigsaw to the puzzle. And as Bro. Branham said, "*The have the cow eating grass on top of a tree.*"

Help us Lord to understand the truth that the prophet brought, and in a reality brought it, showing that there was a context, a perfect setting of Eden, what happened that set in and what can happen. Yet

grace and mercy overrules it all, and yet in this end-time there is a people that come into the absolute fullness and we believe that's the generation of our children. Second generation, though they are according to what we saw in the first great Exodus. Our children can hear and know the Word of Almighty God and not fall into the traps we fell into, though we're forgiven. March right on to Zion, I believe that not only possible, I believe it's true. And we hold out our hopes and faith and love in our heart firmly locked into the Word of God; believing that dynamism the Life that's in the Word as joined to our life, our expectations... [Tape runs out]