

Token #7

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...want to voice our gratitude and satisfaction Lord, for the privilege of being here, gathered together in Your Name and Your place that You've given us to worship at this time and we're very happy for it Lord, but above all happy for Your Presence which we know that You've come and You haven't gone away because You're at the head of the Church to raise the dead, to lead us into the Millennium. These things we know, Lord, and we have the full sign of the Resurrection amongst us and all that which was one with the Word has been demonstrated to prove that that this is surely You Lord. So we have no means of turning aside Lord, as though our faith weren't in full assurance in this hour as though we needed something else but as Your prophet said, "*All under that Seventh Seal and the Seven Thunders what was going to put us into the Rapture.*" And we agree that and we thank You for it.

So Lord, we pray now that You'll help us in the study of Your Word. May our meditations be correct, oh God, because we've...that's the way we want them Lord, for this hour to be exactly right, Father. And we believe You gave them exactly right and there's a people and we count ourselves a part of that who can get it right. So we're trusting You tonight Lord, and thanking You for that grace You've extended to us and manifested to us.

Now Lord, we pray, You'll take away all doubts and fears, nervousness and tension, infirmities Lord, whatsoever might be, oh God, that comes because the enemy Lord, and not just that but this is the end hour Lord, of all flesh and we know things are quickening, they're going down Lord, and all this is a day of reckoning, so it's also a great day Lord, of fulfillment of Your Word, so we're looking to the fulfillment of Your Word and the help we get there from.

Remember, also at this time Sis. B...?... Lord, in the hospital, knowing she's very old now, according to the time allotted to people on earth. We pray, Father, that You would just help her to have the strength and the blessing, oh God, freedom from pain and whatsoever Lord, for her days here upon earth. So we ask You Lord, to help her as we would desire help, oh God, in our hour even as we pray for others in Jesus' Name we pray now. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now before we read from the Token, it might be well to just bring a couple of important admonitions that Bro. Branham gave us in this message. First of all, this message is not only doctrinal but it is also an invitation to come into Christ. Now Bro. Branham pressed that. Secondly, it is not only invitational but it is judgmental and constitutes an Armageddon warning. Now we might note quickly our first proposition that it is both doctrinal and invitational. The doctrine, of course, is 1 Thess 4:16 "As the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a Shout, the Voice of the archangel and the Trump of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." And Bro. Branham says this, "*In the evening time it shall be light, that's when comes Christ the Holy Spirit,*" doesn't say physical now, "*that's when comes Christ, the Holy Spirit, Jesus,*" now that, of course, is the reference to the Pillar of Fire, not the man in the flesh, "*Jesus comes down and sets Himself at the head of the Church, then He will resurrect the Church being His own body.*"

Now before the physical body can come to the physical Church, the physical Church would have to be resurrected. And so somebody here to do the resurrecting, He's called Jesus; you can do what you want with it which is what everybody is doing anyway. No problem, no fuss, no fight; this is what he said, this is what we believe. We're not fooled by double talk because this isn't double talk. It tells you exactly, the Holy Spirit, Jesus, in that form, the Pillar of Fire come down with the Shout; put himself at the head of the Church to raise the dead. Now there'll come a time when that physical body will have the physical headship. It doesn't at this point.

2. Now that this has already occurred and is called the Appearing in contradistinction to his physical Second Coming is seen in this statement, "The hour is here when the Token Himself is identifying Himself right amongst us and proving that He is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, and that He is right with the Word." In other words, identical to what the Word says, He is that Word forming Itself or manifesting Itself would be the better way to put it, right in our presence and we can see it.

In Spokane in '62, Bro. Branham said, "*This is my ministry to declare that He is here.*" This message unequivocally sets forth the doctrine of His appearing as boldly as does the sermon on The Rapture. [65-1204] There's no difference between the two. It is invitational. That is every one of us invited to receive a portion of the life that has appeared amongst us. This will be the seed or Token that is the prerequisite to the Millennium and it is the only authenticated and recognized seal of God. It's authenticated because we know who the Seal Himself is and we have a portion of that. This invitation was preached with such urgency that he said he preached as though all men were lost and must possess the Token to be saved from the wrath which is to come.

3. Page 20, the first part, Bro. Branham says,
[19-12] *The evening...Message is to apply the Token.*

Now he says, "*His message is to declare that He is here,*" and then he says, "*The Message is to apply the Token.*" And he says, "*The Token is here,*" and he said, "*You have to apply the Lord Jesus Christ who is here in the fullness and the Holy Spirit,*" and he describes more and more which we will get into what that Token is which, of course, is a portion of His Life.

4. And on page 22, and the fourth paragraph.

[22-3] *The Holy Ghost is a positive Token that your Lamb died, and that you received the Token upon yourself, (that's epi-baptism upon baptism) ['epi' means 'upon'] for His very life is in you. ...There is no make-believe. There is no put on. There is no impersonation. It is there. You know it; the world knows it. The Token is there.*

Now he tells you that unequivocally that the Life that is manifested amongst us is to be in us. Now, of course, that is to be understood that there is not one person here who could receive in totality the Lord Jesus Christ the way a prophet does. Now there are some who become insane and personally moved by some force to believe certain abstract and far out things but this is the thing I've brought to your attention here.

Absolutely it is proven that Christ died. In other words, the sacrifice is entirely efficacious; He has come back to let you know that it is. Judgment has been passed over because it passed over on Him, and the very Token that's in our midst is giving of His Life and there is no impersonation. In other words, you can't have something else to differ from what is going on

now and has gone on, if you do you haven't got the real thing. Now that brings it down to a simplistic form but that is true.

5. Secondly, he stated in no uncertain terms that this message or his message was judgmental for with the advent of the Token there was nothing left but Armageddon for those who did not receive the mercy of God through the impartation of an identified life which would be their own personal Token. In other words, the life has been identified, although you and I haven't been identified. That's true, I mean, no matter how much you apply a Token or manifest what the Token is, you and I don't come into that realm of identification and only the prophet could do that. And God only identified a prophet because he wanted to identify Himself; that was the way God identifies Himself by identifying a prophet. See? So it's now the impartation of an identified life which would be their own personal Token. It is this time that Mt 24:38-44 is fulfilled, Lk 17:30-37. So we're going to look at those just for a little bit because I think they're worthy. It says over here,

- (38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, (Now the flood, of course, is the type of the great finishing off) they were...drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,
- (39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (That's the Presence, His Appearing. So shall, also, the Appearing of the Son of man be.)
- (40) (There) shall two be in the field; ...one...taken, ...the other left.
- (41) Two women...grinding at the mill; the one...taken, ...the other left.
- (42) Watch therefore: ...ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. (Now it tells you He's already present and then it says He's coming which is true. That coming can be one and the same or there could be a difference in time.)
- (43) But (he said) ...if the goodman...had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- (44) Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Now in there this is Bro. Branham said this is the separating of the people, the Bride from the church, and the world, etc by the end time message as it says in 2 Th 2:1, by our gathering together unto our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Now you go to Luke 17 and this of course, we see again the Appearing of the Son of man, ...and he said,

- (30) Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. (That is the very thing that was said over there about the Presence in Matthew 24.)

- (31) In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him...not return back.
- (32) Remember Lot's wife. (Now this is where before the fire fell, so you have your identification here very close to what Bro. Branham said in identifying this hour with Genesis 18.)
- (33) Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
- (34) I tell you, in that night there shall be two...in one bed; the one...taken, ...the other...left.
- (35) Two...grinding together; the one...taken, ...(one) left.
- (36) Two...in the field; the one...taken, ...one left.
- (37) ...they answered and said... Where, Lord? And he said..., wheresoever the body is, (there) will the eagles be gathered together.

And that, of course, is the Rapture where the people are separated. Now, and judgment, of course, follows.

7. Now notice how clearly this is set forth in some other Scripture. So we go back to Matthew again and I guess in the fine age of seventy-one I'm beginning to smarten up as to why, I always wondered and wondered and looked at Matthew 3 from the time I was eighteen years old and onward. So that is fifty-three solid years. Of course, I haven't wondered all that time; I've known a bit since then. It says here...

- (8) Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:
- (9) And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children (to) Abraham. (Now they had to change their complete thinking on that remark because that's where they put all their faith, their genealogy; like people put their faith in the denominations.)
- (10) ...now also the axe is laid (to) the root of the trees: therefore every tree (that) bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- (11) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (Now watch!)
- (12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but...burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Now you're looking at the fact he's going to burn up chaff. Okay.)

8. We go to Matthew 13, to get a little different perspective, here's the same really....

- (24) Another parable put he...unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- (25) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and (he) went his way.
- (26) (And) when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
- (27) So the servant of the householder came and said..., Sir, didst...thou (not) sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? (Now listen to what he said.)
- (28) ...An enemy hath done this. The servants said..., Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? (Now that sounds pretty logical, to do something about what is apparently to be done.) ...we go and gather them up?
- (29) ...he said, (No), lest while (you) gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- (30) Let (them) both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather...together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather (my) wheat into my barn. (Now with that starting at verse 36...the disciples...)
- (36) ...the multitude (went) away...and (the) disciples...(said), Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
- (37) He answered and said unto them, He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man; (Now notice who he calls the Son of man. So that has a time element prospect.)
- (38) The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
- (39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; (Now most people don't want that; they want to spiritualize it but believe me, it's not just spiritual; it's physical because that's where it came in the beginning.) the harvest is the end of the world; ...the reapers are the angels.
- (40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. (That's this age, this world system.)
- (41) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them (that) do iniquity;
- (42) And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- (43) Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (That's the Millennium.) Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Now from what we read here, the burning of the chaff, the burning of the tares, you can find that the life has gone out of the chaff as Bro. Branham said into the wheat, the seed, and now you have another basis which doesn't only say burn chaff but in the end of the world here it says concerning the same judgment that all that are left are the weeds or the tares.

9. Now we go back to Malachi and you can see the very same thing there. [Malachi 4:]

- (1) For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; ...all the proud, yea, ...all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:

Now remember, the stubble is the part of the grain. So you can see now what is stubble? Stubble goes back to the Lutheran age. Now you don't have anything really before that outside the Catholics; now they've been changing and changing and changing. So you got stubble. According to the prophet this would be a Lutheran age, Wesleyan and Pentecostal and that's the stubble and the chaff.

- (1) ...shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, ...(leaving) neither root nor branch.
- (2) But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; (That's immortality.) and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
- (3) ...(you'll) tread down the wicked; ...they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. ...
- (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Now that's at the time just previous to the setting up of the Kingdom where the children of light, the children of God, the wheat will go into that Millennium. So therefore, this is that Armageddon destruction and the great destruction upon the earth where they're burnt up. Now it says here, God is going to send Elijah in the day that He is there with His fan in His hand, now remember, Elijah does not have the fan in his hand. No way shape and form. And you'll see more and more why Bro. Branham could say the Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He only was using a man. See?

10. Now I'm going to send Elijah, now he says, the day comes when I'm going to do so and so. So that's the great and dreadful day of the Lord coming on the scene. The fan in the hand is going to burn up the chaff, burn up the weeds, burn up the tares, burn up the stubble. In other words, there is a sharp line of demarcation. There is a fence and there's two sides of the fence and nobody straddles the fence. It's going to be a complete judgment. A lot of people think there's going to be a... Israel is going to be here and certain nations that have been favorable to nations, to Israel rather, for nations; they're going to be here. The Bible doesn't say that. This is going to be a burning over and a renovation; it's going to be like the days of Noah. There wasn't one person on earth that lived, only those above the earth. See? And that was above the highest mountaintop. None of the earth that didn't have water on it. Now Noah came down to take over, the ark signifies the landing of the Bride back on the earth with their prophet which is God in human form the Lord Jesus Christ.

11. Now Elijah is going to come in the great day when the fan is in the hand of God. And it's going to be God who turns the hearts of the children back to the fathers through Elijah otherwise God Himself would curse. Now you show me where God Himself ever delegated His authority

which is His omniscience and omnipotence, His sovereignty to anybody? He never did. He never delegated sovereignty. The only way anybody could have sovereignty is if God said, “You just say My words,” and then God backed His words up.

So here you can see at the end time very clearly that we’re heading for Malachi 4, and the judgment upon earth, the believers going away gathered into the garner. Now to all who’ve heard and still hear the message Bro. Branham went to great lengths to show the timeliness of this message and that is it is now. It is the now message. Everything that he says is for this hour not some other hour. And to make it very plain he made this hour the antitype of Moses leading Israel out of Egypt into Palestine. That was the midnight hour that all those under the Token lived but the rest died. Today the Bride is coming out of the church, leaving the rest to spiritual death.

12. Now that’s where we are in the message at this time, and we want to move on then to read to see how much we can cover. Beginning then, he said,

[24-2] *Death was ready to strike Egypt that night, at any time. It was a fearful time. All their ceremonies, all their feast days and fast days—God (had) visited them; God had showed His great signs and wonders in the midst of them. What is that? (In other words, what now? What is going on? What is all going on?)*

[24-3] *Now, stop a minute. God had showed them His grace.*

Now we showed you the other night, read to you what I believe grace is, it’s an opportunity to believe and receive or reject, it’s an actual time extended that they might be saved from wrath through mercy. In other words, God gives the time in there where you can receive His grace and go on or you can turn it down. Now that grace extended at a juncture, at a time like this depends upon a person. Israel of themselves was not qualified to be anything but receivers through an intermediary. No way. And this is the same hour. That’s why he said, “I will send Elijah. I’ll be there myself but I’ll have My own mouthpiece,” but you see people don’t want that. They’re just not interested in that; they don’t want it. See?

13. Now God showed them His grace through the prophet. He gave them opportunity till they couldn’t turn it down. Now it isn’t that they couldn’t turn it down; it was the fact that God did something that they didn’t have a choice in to say, “Yeah, we’ll take that or we’ll not take it.” God just put it right down in front of them, proved His point and said, “Now there it is.” Now you say, “Well, that’s arbitrary.” That’s exactly how God is; He’s arbitrary. A lot of people don’t like arbitrariness except when it’s in themselves. See? But God’s arbitrary and He’s sovereign.

[24-3] *They said, “Ah, there is nothing to that.” (Now what they could do is turn it down and they could call it some type of foolishness.) Said, it’s nonsense. It is just something up in the cataracts; there is an eruption of red mud flew out. That is what made the...red (sea).”*

Well, now I guess it could be scientifically proven that you could have a red dust storm off the Sahara Desert or somewhere and the whirls, you know, those great currents of wind take it up there, moisture gather around it, more and more moisture, dump it over here, we could have red rain. There’s no problem there but that wasn’t this. That wasn’t it. That wasn’t it. There’s lots of things that you could, you could say, “Well, it’s this and that.” And there’s where Bro. Branham says, “*No impersonations.*” In other words, this is genuine and of course, the authenticity lies behind God in human flesh which is the prophet giving the words out of God which God stands

behind which the words of man cannot produce, those words produce it. Now don't forget your definitions. That's what this message of the Presence is all about and the Appearing.

14. They said,

[24-3] *It is nonsense.*

[24-4] *Then the hail came. Then the frogs came. God had prepared a place and put His Word in a prophet's mouth, and when he spoke, it came to pass. And they saw it, they couldn't deny it.*

So they couldn't deny the fact that something happened. Now they could say, "Well, who knows, just lucky guess." People get very hard of heart. See? In other words, Bro. Branham said, "They had to face what was in the land and make a choice." Now people think by deriding it, being derisive and saying things about it that are, well, you know, derisive, that will annul it. It won't annul anything. See, that's where people got fooled on this business of discernment. Bro. Branham standing and using the sign of the woman at the well, the woman touching him; and there represents the Church and that's exactly the Bride, that's how it's got to be. Well, that's too tame for people. See? Once they saw the healings and the things that were there and other discernment where he could just simply tell people dreams they'd forgotten, things like that. Well, that was too tame. See, well, this here didn't cut with the people either. So what Bro. Branham is doing is warning through this type of our today antitype, the people must be very cautious.

[24-5] *Now what Moses called for, that is what Moses got from God, because, he only spoke the Word of God. (You notice I read that one way because he only spoke the Word of God. Let me read it another way.) ...because, he only (nobody else) spoke the Word of God.*

15. Now that...they say, "Well, I...that's great, that was fine for Moses' day, hallelujah, we believe that." Bunch of liars! Bunch of flat-footed liars caught right with the hand in the cookie jar, right up to the elbow. They no more believe a prophet of God could come in, why He alone was the Word of God. Then, "Oh we got the Word, too, bless God. We've got something, too, bless God." See?

[24-5] *God said, "I'll make you a god."*

Now Moses was typed... Bro. Branham was typing himself after Moses here in the exodus. That's the identical type for the day.

[24-6] *Moses was a god to them. They knew no difference, so He said,...*

In other words, there couldn't be any difference from what God wanted and the people wanted. They're stuck with it. See, the people don't believe they're stuck with Bro. Branham. Now the strange thing was with Israel was glad to be stuck with Moses two thousand years after Moses was dead. See? People are glad to be stuck with Jesus two thousand years after he's been gone, but they're not interested in what His Word said for this hour.

[24-6] *...He said, "You'll be a god, and Aaron will be your prophet," (See?) "You'll be like a god. For I'll take you, your voice, and I'll create with you. I'll speak, and the people can't deny it because right there it is. What you say will happen."*

16. Now we know the Bible distinctly says that God creates all things by Christ Jesus. In other words, God in the form of Sonship. Now he got right back to the revealing of the Son of man and

so you have any work that is creatorial which there were some. In other words, just as great. Everybody thinks that creation is the great work. Well, I have to go along, basically it is the great work but believe me, brother/sister, far as I'm concerned creation is all over and done with, give me now restoration and get me back where I should be. I won't worry about the rest. You can have it. You want to worry about creation, be my guest, jump up and down, do what you want. I'm not interested particularly because I...well, if God wanted it and I could see where the prophet ever changed his understanding of this last day, where the great and mighty ministry would be to the great prophets coming to Israel and the church has seen her last sign, if I could be reconciled that he merely lied about it or made a mistake or I misunderstood, then I might be interested in these things but at this point I can't be interested because I feel we've seen everything we need to see, heard everything we need to hear; it's just a matter now lying in the presence of the sun and getting ripened. And that means that the Word of God becomes living to us until it outrays throughout our very bodies. See?

[24-6] *...What you say will happen.*"

[24-7] *Oh, my! I'll show you those things. And Egypt saw it. They saw it—just at the evening time...*

[24-8] *He showed them His goodness. ...*

[24-9] *Magicians tried to do the same thing—the impersonators. You always find them. There was Jannes and Jambres, they stood there. But when it came to the real thing, they didn't have it. That is right. They followed along a little while, but after a while, their folly was made manifest.*

17. Now you show me one person has perfect revelation like Bro. Branham. I'm talking now in the terms of discernment, and as a prophet with dreams and things. The one man that comes the closest, can tell dreams; he's right down here in Cincinnati, Ohio, is a very great state. What a state, we're in the state of Ohio, you know, and that right there that's that connotation that lets you know that we have problems because we've got perverts and we've got the homosexuals, we've got false anointed, we have polygamists—we have the whole bit and who knows what else we have, what's under the table yet, dictators and God knows what. And there's none of us that can point the finger. None of us that's...might not fit that description; we're still no good within ourselves. All right.

18. Now, the Bible and the Bible...

[25-1] *And doesn't the Bible say...the same thing will happen in this last day. "...as Jannes and Jambres... (False anointed, the whole bit, just literally, tell you dreams that you dream but make mistakes. Bro. Branham didn't make mistakes. See? Now he's using the exodus again to warn us today. And he said,) ...So it will it be again. There it is.*

[25-2] *Men of perverted minds, reprobates concerning the Truth...*

Now that's the worse one of the works because you can always spot a fellow that's out there doing a lot of mischief, you know he gets picked up by a cop and this and that and the other thing, which isn't the worst thing in the world. This is the worst thing in the world right here, reprobates, reprobate mind. What's a reprobate mind? Well, if repentance is a change of mind, a reprobate then is one who didn't change his mind. Which means what? He didn't take the truth. He wouldn't take the revealed Word for the hour. See?

[25-2] *They might have congregations, and great things, great high, big, flowery things, but the hour will...arrive. Stand steady with the Token! That is what God wants us to do.*

[25-3] *Death was striking. God had showed them His mercy, showed powers and signs.*

19. Now what is it to stand steady with the Token? What was the Token doing in our midst in the first place? The Lord descended with a Shout; that's the Message, showing the One who is He Himself, Heb 13:8, the Jehovah of the Old Testament, the Jesus of the New came down and absolutely showed who He was. Now that's what the Token is. Now you can stand steady with Him. How do you stand steady with Him? By believing what He said. Which is what? The Message that the prophet gives us. Now what's he say?

[25-3] *HOLD TO HIS WORD. (Just what I said.) DON'T MOVE FROM IT. STAY RIGHT WITH IT. The Bible said so.*

Now if the best you can say is, "Hey, there was a prophet in our day. I can't tell you what he said. I really don't understand but I know we had a prophet, and that's Elijah, and we're going to get out of here." That's just wonderful. You've got it made right there. That's all you're responsible for. Now if you know a whole lot more, then you're responsible for that. Now remember, everybody's responsible for a life whether you're born again or not because the deeds are judged and the motives are judged. I don't care if you're born again or not, so that won't cut. The only thing that's going to stand is stand with the Token which is the Word. What is He here for? He's here to raise the dead but that's not what He's here for now. So you got to stay with what is current. You see how the Message is very simple to understand.

[25-4] *Now, let's just think in our minds, back to what He promised would happen in the last days. I wonder if we hadn't just about check up, too. (In other words, is it time to just check it out what was to happen?)*

[25-5] *He did all...things, and yet they still desired not to repent or to believe the Message of the day. They still didn't want to do it. Although it had been displayed before them, and...was surely made known...*

Now they didn't want it. What's he doing? He's bringing us to the antetype, what they didn't want back there, they didn't want in the days of Jesus, didn't want in the day of Paul, they don't want now.

20. Now over here in 2 Peter 2 and this is very much the end time Scripture which you well know. He says here,

- (1) ...even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Now in there you can take that word 'denying' more than one way if you care to. Now one way, of course, is the word 'deny' means to say 'No' to. To say, "No, I don't want it." The other way would be to say, "No, that's not God." It's from the academic viewpoint. You're just simply standing back there. You might call it spiritual. You might call it discerning. I call it simply academic. That's all because the person may know some of the Word of God. And they'll say, "Well, that won't be God; that would be the devil." That's fine. Just ...?... your life away, no problem with me. That's your problem. I'm not being callous, it's just the truth. Now the other person could say, "Well, there's something there alright, and I guess you'd have to call it God

but I'm not going to touch that." So that's the other party. Now that's where Bro. Branham warns about very carefully as he delineates in this subject. You can see what he's saying.

[25-5] *Now He did all these things, ...yet they still desired not to repent or to believe the Message of the day. They still didn't want to do it. Although it had been displayed before them, and...surely been made known...* ("Behold, I stand at the door and knock." "Get away, I don't want you." I repeat of chapter 8 in the Book of John.)

[25-6] *And when you see such things taking place, it's the sign of oncoming judgment. (There's your Armageddon.) Judgment will follow those things. It has always done it, and this won't be any exception. Judgment follows grace.*

21. In other words, a period of time where God gives you a choice and remember, no age ever had this choice. You know, I told you that after Bro. Branham died I didn't know that he would come back and be amongst us again. I had nothing from God, nothing from him, but as I said I had...I would be more surprised if he didn't come back than if he did. And my reasoning was that look, time is gone and if God used an ark and Noah and that was merely oh, one portion of time gone but this is the great showdown for eternity. Then could not God have obligated Himself to bring back Bro. Branham from the dead as one last showdown for the world? The answer is certainly He could if He had wanted to but that wasn't His plan. This is His plan.

Then in the days of the Jews, the three and a half years, the two witnesses do rise from the dead. I had the wrong Elijah in the wrong time slot. Now I got them in the right time slot. That takes...sometimes you... because you don't see things too clearly; you're too involved emotionally yourself but you've got to...God's got to deal with you. It took me about six weeks until something like a voice inside me said, "Though one rose from the dead they will not believe." And I knew then he wasn't coming back to convince anybody. And I begin seeing the Scripture and realizing he said, "*Everything you need to put you in the Rapture you've got it now.*" So even though he bewailed the fact of the lack of rapturing faith no one needs to doubt that it's already there. We'll have it. Don't worry, because let's face it we'll be already resurrected. When you're resurrected, rapturing faith, it's not that's it's non essential; it is: it's just that you've already got it. See?

[25-6] *Judgment follows grace. When mercy is spurned, there is nothing left but judgment. So, it will always follow.*

22. Now you see, he's putting the emphasis here on the manifestation of the Token in order for people to receive their portion of the Token, the life, get a part of that Life that is now extant and appeared amongst us in order to escape.

[25-7] *Now, the scene. Every spiritual happening is a sign from God. ...*

Now turning and opening your refrigerator door and the light doesn't go on; it's not a spiritual happening, brother/sister. That's Pentecost baloney. And the reason I say that because there's people...just everything is some kind of a sign. Look, forget it. Forget it, brother/sister. Please don't get taken with that.

[25-7] *Watch. Every spiritual happening (spiritual). Everything that happens is a sign. (He's talking spiritual now.) We're not here by accident. These things just don't happen by accident. (What things? His ministry, what's been going on, what went on at the time of Moses, going on again now.) It's a sign. It's a sign we*

better get to safety, quickly. (Certainly. Noah, Moses, Jesus, sure. Seventy years, 70 AD Titus came in. Now we're back to a very crucial time.)

[25-8] *Noah was a sign to his generation; Elijah was a sign to his; John was a sign to his. ...*

What did Bro. Branham say? "*A prophet is a true sign overlooked.*" The prophet himself is a sign. See? And remember at the end time there's a proliferation of prophets and they'll be anointed, wrongly and there's a proliferation of teachers, everything. And he's warning now to get into the Message.

[25-8] *The Message of the hour is a sign.*

23. Now I'm going to tell you something, that's a lead balloon right there. They don't understand. They will think, "Oh, God sent a prophet. Oh, God just sent a prophet to pat us on the back and just tell us a few things and you know, chug-a-lug, we're going to... Well, you know how it is." No, what...you just think Noah came on the scene and pat him on the back, and Moses, you know. They preached judgment. See?

The message is the sign that this...notice, this message is so different. Why did people say, "Hey, what's with this fellow anyway?" Now I'm going to tell you something, I know a lot of people aren't like me and thank God it's for their own good, you know, I'm not being proud or anything but it's just a good thing you're not.

But I remember years ago before I got to really know who Bro. Branham was, to really appreciate what we were into in this last hour, I got to the point where I had to do something about this business of women with long hair because to the point that I had come I couldn't stand women with long hair. Their tongues were usually longer. What they did was a whole lot meaner and all I ever saw was, wow, they reminded me of that old black cow I had that every time she was going to go tearing across the meadow running like a...you know, one of those bugs had bit her, she'd get that wild look in her eye and put her horns into some kind of a something she could rub up and take off. Well, most women were like that about their long hair and I could never get into my mind about Bro. Branham and his crazy long hair stuff until one day I said, "Look," to two men, I said, "I don't know. I can't tell you what long hair is all about but there's one thing I know that this man he doesn't fool with tiddly-wink stuff." Now I said, "There's no way. So there's something about long hair I'm not getting and it's not tiddly-winks. So I'm going to go out and tell my wife, 'Look, you do what you want but I think you better let your hair grow because this man is not like other men.'"

24. Now you see that is the right attitude. Not because Lee Vayle did it because we might still go to hell, but it's the right attitude and this is what a prophet is all about is that he does something to you by a word that he says that you're not with. Now if you're...now if anybody was with everything that this man brought then this man was not necessary; he was not a prophet. I don't care what he did. See? He could come down from heaven on a t-bar bar with a pair of skis, wouldn't bother...what of it. What is it? It's nothing to do with you.

So you begin to see where we're at in this Message and the importance of what we have in our hearts and our minds and what we've gone through is strange to people, not understanding ourselves what this is all about. We're seeing tonight in...well, it's like your TV screens, the more lines, the sharper the picture. So the more that you and I get filled in on this what has happened in our days, the more the picture fills in and the closer we come to the image of what is here that we're looking at, that's in us, that's going to work through us to bring us into the Resurrection and the Rapture. See, so that's what we're doing.

25. Now he said,

[25-8] *The Message of the hour is the sign.*

Now he said, “Noah was a sign. Elijah was a sign. John was a sign. Prophets are signs. And the Message is a sign.” Now what I just said makes you know that I’ve told you the truth because John came and John, look at what he said.

Well, he said, “Don’t think you’ve got Abraham to your father, drop dead. Oh,” he said, you bunch of bums.” He said, “God can raise up stones unto Abraham. What are you talking about, you birds? Let me tell you something, He’s here, the fan is in His hand and He’s going to thoroughly purge His floor.”

“Why,” they said, “the guy’s nuts.” They said, “Nobody talked like this fellow.” And so some people got a little excited, they got to looking into it; they’re the ones that got something. Jesus came on the scene and they said, “Hey, nobody talks like this guy.” They got in on the deal.

People could come up and say, “This William Branham, oh God, Kentucky hill-billy. Schee, can’t even speak English.” Well, I suppose God speaks English. Just like the old German lady that read from the German Bible, “Adam, where art thou?” in German, she said, “See, God speaks German, there it is right here.” Well, that’s one of Bro. Guenther’s favorite little jokes because he speaks German. And you know what? That’s funny. It’s a joke. But you know what, it ain’t no joke; it’s the truth. That’s the way people are. They don’t see; it goes over their heads. It’s simple.

[25-8] Now it’s a sign. *Everything has a meaning. See?*

[25-9] *At no other time could this type of a message ever happen.* (That’s right. Now listen! You and I are a little impatient at times to try to see where some of this is going. We got to be patient with God and His Word. But you know something?) *At no other time could this type of a message ever happen.* (See? The Presence and what the Presence brings us, P-r-e-s-e-n-c-e, not present, but presence...) Now *it could not have come in Luther’s day*, (How would you like to think of this message in Luther’s day? It wouldn’t work.) *Couldn’t have come in Wesley’s day. It couldn’t even come in Pentecostal day. It couldn’t do it. There had been no such thing happen. And yet, it was promised in the Bible.*

Now the subject is the Message. Where is this in the Bible? Eph 1:17-23. But who would have thought it? Well? So you see there you are, the educated man should have pulled it out but he can’t do it.

[25-9] *We’re at the end. Nothing could happen... It couldn’t happen till this time,* (What time is this? 2 Thessalonians, our gathering together to the Lord Jesus Christ, the One that came down with the ring of angels, right there on the wall. See? It’s the hour that we’re living in.) Now, *and it’s happening for a sign, a wonder. What is a sign?*

[26-1] *Oh, little people, my brother, my sister, get under the Token, quickly.* (Now he’s talking about a sign, and the sign was the Token is in our midst proven and get under it. Now he said,) ... *Don’t, don’t take any substitute. Don’t, don’t, don’t, don’t do that, see.*

26. Now you will notice the emphasis. Now what's he talking about? He's talking about here the prophet coming is a sign, the great divergence of his word from anybody else's word is a sign. That which was caught by the camera is a sign. Every single thing is a sign. Now he said, "*Don't take any substitute for that.*" Not just one part but all of it because it's a unity and we're going to see how he weaves this in a little bit down the road. See?

In other words, Eph 1:17-23, Rev 10:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 2, where somebody's got to bring the truth in contradistinction to the error, otherwise God could not judge. How could there be a judgment in the earth based on God's message, God's own Word unless first of all God had warned the people to everything that is proficient through the outworking of God's plan so the just can be taken away and the unrighteous can be judged.

27. Now he said,

[26-1] *Don't just imagine it. You stay there, until you know that the Token is applied. Until...the mind that was in Christ is in you; ...*

Well, just a minute, what is the mind of Christ at this time? The very Word that is being fulfilled and the way the Word is given is accurate so that this is the only accurate revelation of that Word. Don't think Israel didn't have the Word when John the Baptist was there, when Jesus was there. They had the Word. What did they do about it? ...?... our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Why," he said, "you made void the very words that you're resting on by your traditions." In other words, unless you get the exact revelation it isn't going to help you any because there is a revelation concerning it.

[26-1] *...the mind that was in Christ is in you; until all the nonsense of the world is gone, until the whole heart's desire is He.*

Which He? The Token in the midst of us. See? That's what happened in Elijah's day. Who is God anyway? Now what's the difference if Baal had four hundred prophets, at least they were smarter back there, Baal was only one god. Today they got three of them. How many more the Catholic Church? I don't know because they makes gods out of them because they pray to them.

[26-1] *...all the nonsense is... ...all the nonsense of the world is gone, ...all the...heart's desire is He. ... Then you know—then, you know something is happening.*

28. Now in other words, he guarantees this that if you stick with this Message and you're entirely sold out to the events and the realities that have surrounded the prophet and the Word that he brought, you will be growing up in the stature of that perfect man. You'll be coming right in...you'll be coming right up.

Now listen! Receiving the Holy Ghost and growing up into the Holy Ghost are two different things. One, he's talking of a birth, the other he's talking of a maturity. See? Now this is a sincerity that is needed for this hour. Like I got...I got sincere a long time ago concerning short hair.

Bro. Branham said, "*You stick around...*," he said to my wife. He said, "*Sister...*" My wife asked about the long hair.

He said, "*Well, Sister Vayle, you just stick around;*" he said, "*you'll let your hair grow.*"

You just stick around this Message, you'll start coming up. But you can't be questioning it, and fussing about it and wondering this and wondering that; you've got to receive it.

[26-2] *Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe,"—not make-believers, but believers.*

Now do you think he's simply quoting John 16? No, you know what he's really quoting from. You know as well as I do; this is peripheral.

29. Let's go back to John 14, then you'll see where he's quoting from. ...

- (12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, (singular) the works that I do shall he do also; and greater...because I go (to) my Father.

That wasn't composite to the church, that's the time of somebody coming. See?

[26-3] *Now, we don't want to take any chance on it. You mustn't do that. The Message of the hour is a sign to the churches. It's a sign to the people. ...*

Now he said, "*The Message is the sign.*" Now you know that's a lead balloon, brother, as I've said, brother/sister. That does not make sense to anybody. You say, "Anybody can get up and flap his mouth," but this man didn't get up and flap his mouth. See? Oh, they demanded so much of Bro. Branham; they don't go back and look at their Bible and see how God always used fallible men with an infallible Word to prove the infallible God. Too bad they didn't smarten up and know that; well, we wouldn't have known either except for God. So we're not trying to be smart about it.

[26-4] *Are you catching it? I hope on the tape, that they are doing the same thing, and other parts of the world. The hour sign is here. There is a Token that's got to be applied, and at no other time could it have come.*

30. Now is he saying there wasn't any Token ever before? He didn't say that. He said, "*This is a Token time different from any time, but the Token Itself is here, Himself; it's the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ that descended with a Shout, with the Voice of the archangel, the Trump of God.*" See? And what...he's telling you that that life that's on view must be received in a portion by every single one and it won't manifest out of us like we were prophets but in our proper category it will definitely convey God to the people. Now, that's a good thought.

31. Let's go back to Ephesians, and I don't know just how much you've grasped what I've said about Ephesians [4:]. Now it says here, ...

- (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.
- (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (Now it tells you, according to the measure of the gift of Christ, which is what? The complete fullness. All right, now watch.)
- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, (Now it's everyone of us that gets a measure according to that grace and that fullness of that gift. It doesn't say you get it all, but it says you get

it from there. Now let's watch it.) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (All right, he gave gifts unto men. That's your watching.)

(9) (Now...he (that) ascended, what is it but that he...descended first into the lower parts of the earth? (I will not leave my soul in hell. So the very soul of Jesus Christ went right down, the very life went right down into hell. All right.)

(10) He that descended is the same...that ascended up far above all ...things.)

So that spirit went up. Then what did it do? It descended. So the very life came back to a body, now according to the measure of the gift. Huh? Now let's watch that. Did God ever give it all? No, starting from the feet He's building a body to the very head. And the Cornerstone and the Capstone are one and the same. All He wanted to pour into that Church that He had poured into Christ He gave in a measure, seven measures in Seven Church Ages and in different ways to different people in each age, so that the end time comes the head which means knowledge and control and government. Christ is our head of gold, not Babylon. Babylon is full of gold, wrong kind of gold.

32. Now watch!

(11) ...he gave some, apostles; (he gave)... prophets; ...evangelists;
...pastors ...teachers;

He gave a five-fold ministry. Now you notice what I'm telling you here, he's talking about Him coming back in the form of the Holy Spirit and giving gifts in a measure to the whole body and that body is segmented, yet one, many members yet one. And in here he's telling you there is a five-fold ministry that has a special gift and ministry, and above this is a prophet. And at the end time the Son of man prophet comes on the scene, like the Bible says. So therefore, the whole and entire Word must come from that one mouthpiece and no other, and then comes dissemination according to what they have. And you will notice, that none of this is predicated upon character, uh-uh, it's predicated upon gift. Now nobody says that character is not there but you cannot use character as a criterion anymore than you can use a man's knowledge as criterion. See?

It's according to a gift in a measure, so therefore, if a man comes on the scene with a peculiar message you'd better watch him. It doesn't say he's going to be right. But it doesn't say he's not going to be right, for there's going to be those that are right, and there are those that are not right. So therefore, there must be an understanding of Scripture what the sign is of the prophet and the signs of the prophet, and the sign of the Message. Put them all together, now we're going somewhere, but notice how it's coming and this is going to perfect the saints, though this is the work of the ministry, this is the building of the body of Christ. Till when?

(13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, (It says it's going to take the spirit to do that)
...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

It's going to have that, too. Now in there will lie your virtues. It takes gifts and ministries to bring you to this place of stability. [Ephesians 4:]

(14) ...henceforth (not being) children, ...

33. Now you're supposed to be a child in your thinking and your reasoning and your love and your faith but not in your knowledge. If you've got so much love and so stupid you can believe The Book of Mormon, I can tell you one thing you don't belong to this age. Now you could have fit back in Luther's day. I would say no problem. And I think you can fit back in Wesley's, I would say, no problem.

You say, "Bro. Vayle, why do you say no problem?" because my good friend Daddy Bosworth whom Bro. Branham esteemed high to the heavens loved The Book of Mormon. Yuk! Had no trouble being fooled by spirits of two little old ladies who wrote...?). You can find between the walls the gospel literature revealed by the Holy Ghost not in this Bible, I'm not... I don't care for paper and ink. Schee, but I'm not afraid to make that boast. I've read the book.

34. Now listen! This is Bro. Branham says, anything was okay for Luther's day, you could get by, this, that and the other thing. You could get by in Wesley, you could get by in Pentecost but you can't get by today. You see how this is coming together. There's no need for things not to come together, brother/sister. This is why I spoke as I did on Sunday; the sobriety of coming to the stature of a perfect man, although it by itself is not the criterion. See? The criterion is the Word of God manifested and brought before us and it all comes together. So if you had love like an angel and outside of this Word and the manifestation that came in this hour so that you can understand... we'll get to it more. We'll get to it, see, hopefully tonight, we'll see it. Yeah, we'll get to it.

All these other things are out. Then you see, you're like the man that Dr. Newell spoke of, the man standing on the wharf of New York, trying to jump over to London, the wharf in London. The man that made the furthest leap is in the greatest danger. So the man that comes the closest without this is in the worst shape of anybody because he doesn't need this. "You see, Bro. Vayle, Bro. Branham is nice enough; we got some, too." I say, "My God, what you got, man." I bet I can put you under the table with what I got and I've got nothing, all those little manifestations, little this, little that, little this, little that. "Well, I did this." You did what? What did anybody do, come on, just tell me one thing you did except make a jackass out of yourself. You had a good start because you already were one, same as me. I had a better start than any of you, bigger ears. Oh, Lord, have pity. Lord, have pity on people.

35. Now listen! I'm not trying to be mean and sarcastic, this is the thing right here it says,

(14) ...henceforth be no more children, (that are) tossed to and fro,
(being children but not this kind of a child.)

This is the age of the mind. What's past the eyes doesn't move; the last thing that moves is the eye. "Let this mind be in you." The moving is over. That's why the Bride is not in this spirit of ecstasy anymore, dance, dance, dance. Quiet; it's they that wait upon the Lord. See? Keep your spirit in quietness and so on.

(14) ...no more...tossed to and fro, ...carried about with every wind of
doctrine, ...the sleight of men, ...cunning craftiness, whereby they
lie in wait to deceive;

Who was the first to deceive and to lay in wait for Eve? The serpent, beautiful, handsome, dark-skinned person. Might as well tell the truth; that's what the prophet said. I got no fight with anybody of color. They can do what they want with their color. It has nothing to do with it. That's what he said. [Ephesians 4:]

(14) ...they lie in wait to deceive;

(15) But (holding) the truth in love, ...

36. Now watch! That love without truth is a myth and the truth without love what have you got? Like speak with tongue of men and angels and have not love, give my body to be burned and have not love, where are you? So what's he saying? He's saying the same thing Peter said in a stature of a perfect man. All through the ages of virtues and the messengers and the ministers by the Holy Ghost being predicated, designated, fulfilling their obligations to bring forth a Bride; the masterpiece of God. And believe me, it's a masterpiece. What do you think he had to work with? [Ephesians 4:]

(15) ...grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

It tells you everything he poured out comes moving up, moving up; it moves right up to the very head itself. Then He comes down to take over. That's why all this running around, and all these people trying to make a big following. What is that? That's a big gas-off, brother/sister. That's like methane gas, ain't nothing to it. There's nothing to it.

(16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, ...to the effectual working in the measure of every part,

Notice the measure of the gift. Every single age had a measure of the Word and had a measure of the Spirit, had a measure of the ministry, had a measure of the people. Come to the place where there's no more. We're in that hour.

37. You can't preach an end time message like a second to the end time or a third to the end time or fourth to the end time or the first. People think they can. It can't be done. Anybody knows that Israel's got to have a Message. Sure they know that. Any Gentile will tell you. You tell the same to a ...?... "Ah, no, we don't have a Message. We've got it, hallelujah." And then they start doing something about it. See, they try to snow you with the tremendous intellect or they snow you with their tongues and things. Well, that's all right, I mean, if they want to do it, I'm not going to fuss with them but we're going to stick with this Word. Because the body maketh increase to what? The measure of the gift, the Word, the Spirit; a living, moving statue, as Bro. Branham said, for God to live in, to be the Bride in the Millennium, individually, collectively. See? Okay, I hope you're catching it he said. Now here,

[26-5] *Notice God's preparation for that time.* (Now he said, I want you to notice God had a preparation for that time, back in Exodus, and He's got one now.) *Now, ...you know, ...the Bible said, all those things happened for examples for us...* (Now I'm letting you know what I'm telling you about way back in Moses' day, other days; I'll telling you for now. So he said, you just listen to me carefully and we'll get that.) *Now, notice, when God got ready to judge Egypt, first He made a preparation. What did He do at the first time? (He never changes His order now.) The first time, (second time, third time, all time, all the time, no change, one exodus, two exodus, three exodus. No, not going to change. What's His purpose? What's He doing?) The first time, when He got—when He made His preparation, He sent a prophet with the message. First thing He did to His people was send a prophet with the message.* (Now why did He really do that? Okay.)

38. Let's go to Luke 1, and thus and behold, right here, It says right here concerning John...

- (15) For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. (Now you figure that one out.)
- (16) And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.

You know the reason why that this boy could be full of the Holy Ghost before he's born? Because Jesus was going to die upon the Cross for him. Now if the blood of Jesus Christ could do that, what can his blood do now? You know, we live below the privileges, brother/sister. There's something wrong...there's something wrong with our thinking, I can tell you that and you know that as well as I do. [Ephesians 4:]

- (16) And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
- (17) And he shall go before (the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and power of (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (even) the disobedient (those not understanding) to the wisdom of the just; (that's the wisdom of God and what Jesus did on earth) to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

The people were already prepared but they weren't ready. Now, so therefore, there must be a prophet come with the Message to the prepared people to get them ready. It happened in Moses' day. It happened in Jesus' day. It's got to happen in our day. And remember, Jesus had to deal with the living people in order to get the dead out of the ground; He's got to deal with us to get the dead out of the ground or there's something wrong with the Bible. They without us shall not be made perfect. Now see, where it all lines up. I hope you understand. That's where it lines up. It all lines up with what he said.

39. They without us cannot be made perfect. You say why? That's God's business, kid. You know I'm very analytical ...?... I figure things out to my own detriment, and always, brother/sister, sharp intellect with language, does not do it because I'm not even thinking of these things when they come. I don't figure anything out. I can puzzle, wonder. It doesn't mean one thing. It just comes. See? Beautiful. First thing he did sent to a prepared people, a prepared prophet with a prepared Message that got them ready to go where the place was that He prepared for them. See? They had to be ready. Okay.

Now we saw the context there that he had to get them ready for the Resurrection even, to get them out of the ground, the people living, same with us. That's why the Shout. Say, "Why is there a Message?" to get us ready and to get them out of the ground. You say, "I don't think I like that." Well, who cares what you like? Boy, I love cheesecake and all the good trimmings on it. I don't dare eat it; it will kill me. Want to activate your bugs; get the free things from the devil. He'll tell you nice sweet things. "You don't need this thing." I tell you what. A lot of this message is sour grapes because it will keep your teeth on edge. Good, good, good, that's good. The prophet said, "*If it didn't make you sick it didn't do you any good.*" Okay.

40. Listen now.

[26-6] *The next thing He did, to identify this prophet He sent a Pillar of Fire for identification, to identify it.*

Now that's nice, identified. Then came identification, brother/sister. What is that for? You and me. What if He was here in a Pillar of Fire and we didn't even know it? Fine, but now we do

know it. Now what if you didn't know it? Well He'd still do the job. No, but He sent a Pillar of Fire.

[26-7] *...the third thing He sent was the Token. That's exactly right. ...What does the Token mean?—assurance.*

Now I know. See? It's not in gifts. It's not in proof. The Message of the hour is what? Repentance. What is repentance? Change your mind. And what is the mind? Our minds to the mind of Christ. And what is His mind? His own Word for this hour. You don't get the mind of Christ for losers now, forget it. The life that was there is still here. Bro. Branham told me categorically he said, "*You don't throw that life away.*" That little life keeps coming up, coming out; justification, went to sanctification, restoration of gifts, went right the Holy Spirit Himself came right down now, bringing us the Seven Seals, the Seven Thunders, right over ...?... Has the place all prepared for us, to get us out of here. He sent a prepared prophet with a prepared Message to a prepared people with all the prepared signs and wonders and the prophet could prove they were prepared because he could sit in his room and tell you everything that is going to happen down there in a little while. I've prepared. See?

41. Now listen!

[26-8] *First, His prophet with the message. He identified Himself among them with the Pillar of Fire, with His prophet. (The Pillar of Fire is with the prophet identified that He was with the prophet, and it was the Pillar of Fire because it's doing the works that only God would do in a Pillar of Fire.) Then, He sent a Token to get under this Blood, that he had accepted this substitute, death, in their place. (In other words, He sacrificed, something died and that gave them the opportunity to exit.) Then the Blood was a Token that He looked at you. (Yeah, He wouldn't have bothered looking before. The old death angel came by instead.) You...heard the message, believed on the Pillar of Fire, and had accepted the substitution that He had provided for you. And you were under the Blood of the very chemistry of the Life that went out for you. (Now that's back in Egypt.)*

[26-9] *Now my, ... What a perfect thing that is. What a perfect thing that is. You're under the Blood. Now, you're under the Spirit—under the Holy Spirit.*

It's true; He Himself is here, going to take the Church out. Where was the Pillar of Fire? Where was the Cloud? It wasn't on their feet. It was above them. It was a Cloud by day and a Fire by night. Haiti, that's where they first had... God had heat in the ceiling years ago out of the sun. People began putting heat in the ceiling. That's not unusual why heat should come years ago. Father and Son. Heat and the Cloud, Pillar of Fire at night. That's right. It kept them warm. It would get cold at night; it would drop thirty degrees in temperature out there in Tuscon. Ninety in the day, sixty at night. Like Jacob said, he said, "I cooked all day and I froze all night." Didn't have enough blankets.

[26-9] *...you believe the message of the day. You believe the power, the Pillar of Fire. You believe that, and you do now...*

42. Now listen! The Blood stood good until now, for men are not responsible for what they do not have. Sure you could get by in Luther's day without the Token; if you had the baptism. You didn't have to have this Word. You were going to go down to the grave. The people of this hour would be perfected, would get the complete revelation, the finishing off, the last one coming in, the knowledge, the revelation. Sure. That would bring them up. See? So therefore, they were not

responsible. That's why Bro. Branham could talk; it sounded as though he said, "Well, it didn't really matter about those people, you know, as long as you were in the election. That's hard-shell-ism, antinomianism. Not that we preach that of course. But you can go off in a very deep end if you took some things he said out of context. See?"

We're not responsible for what we don't have but when you do have it you are responsible. See, that's the thing right there, brother/sister, and this is the thing I know in our daily lives we goof up on, we mess up on. Today death is to everybody outside the Token and remember, it starts with the prophet with the Message and the Token vindicating the prophet and that proving the Token is here. Then how can you and I say the life of the Token is in us and disagree with the very Word of God that the prophet brings, or try to change it or do something else? See where we stand, brother/sister? There's where your growth is and turning from green to gold.

[27-1] *Now look, just to believe it, is not enough—not to walk around where it is at, isn't enough. That is to make yourself worse. "For he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him is sin," ...*

43. In other words, if you know this is really God, what are you doing about it? What makes you think that you're such a great guy that God would come down and do this but for somebody else because hallelujah, here I am? Merciful heavens, none of them could touch Bro. Branham with a forty-foot pole. I don't care how you look at that little fellow. I care less what people thought because I knew him from cover to cover as it were. He was a giant in spiritual matters. And I'm not talking now about revelation and gifts and this and that; I'm talking about the man himself when you talk about the stature of a perfect man, talk about fruit and those things that are innate in the spirit of Almighty God when manifested through a vessel that is completely a bond slave to the Lord Jesus Christ like the Apostle Paul.

Now man then, when you come in this category and see what's going on and you really stand there and look as you should look, you know that means something, and then if you can turn that down; you know what it's like? It's like your old tin-Lizzy and here comes on the market one of these nice new cars that GM paid twelve billion bucks for to buy from Houston because that technology to get that car on the road that Bro. Branham saw in a vision. And somebody with his old puddle-hopper out there that get killed or kill somebody, they say, "Oh, look at my invention, look this car was made especially..." Phttt. What's that car got, boy? Well, mine's got wheels and that's all you need is wheels. That's the way Christianity was so-called alongside of William Branham, let's face it. Obsolete. I guess they didn't like the fact he said what they were eating had worms in it, full of wiggletails. I liked that. I thought that was great. Those border-line..., I do now at least if I didn't then.

[27-2] *Those border-line believers... Jesus spoke of the same thing,*

[27-2] *Hebrews the 6th chapter. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good Word of God, and the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing...they crucify to themselves the Son of God, and count the covenant of the Blood, wherewith, they were sanctified with the chemistry there"—sanctified—it, (isn't) the Token.*

44. That's what he says right there. See, they look back on the Blood and that's fine. Thank God what it says, but here is the living proof that the Blood was shed and effective and he comes right here and says now, "Will you take the one, the life that was in the Blood?" "Oh, we got the Blood, hallelujah." Say, "Just a minute, it won't work." See, what he's saying? It won't work.

[27-3] *The blood is not the Token now, ...*

You could crucify Him all over again if he got into a body. Fine, you could do it. Wouldn't do you any good. That's over with. That's why you could say the Blood is off the mercy seat. You could say a lot of things and make it stick. I'm not about to do that. I'm just trying to get the point across to you, look, you can talk about the Blood all you want, he has already indicated more about the Blood and its efficacy by what he did than a billion theologians in a billion years in billions and billions of volumes of books. Then why not take the Life that came out of the Blood? See, to turn down the Blood then is to turn down the life is to dishonor the blood. To say that He cannot come back upon His Church and in His Church now is to make Him an animal. I tell you, brother/sister, it's a very serious thing that the world's into when you hear the prophet's message and just all these things they come together and say, "My, my, my." You tell me judgment is not in the land. I tell you judgment is in the land. And if it begins at the children of God, the house of God, where will it end?

[27-3] *The blood is not the Token now, the Life is the Token. The Life could not be there, because it was...animal. The chemistry was the Token. You have to have literal blood applied to the door; but now, is the Holy Spirit. We're coming to it, just in a minute, to prove that, see.*

[27-4] *It is the Life that is the Token. Your life is gone, and you are dead, and your life is dead.*

45. Now what about now? It is He Himself comes, descends with a Shout to get us out of the grave and put us in the Rapture then where is anybody outside of that Shout and that Voice? You tell me. You say the blood was shed. Oh fine, the blood was shed. It just proves you haven't got it. You don't know who the Author of that blood was. People talk about the Author. They say, "God was the Father of that body." How was He the Father? They don't know that one either. You see, brother/sister, I'm going to tell you something, it's a fade out of darkness into utter blackness and it's a triumph of that little laser beam of light.

Someone was telling me the other day how they saw a laser beam cut through eight inches of steel, I think it was, or a foot of solid steel, (Schoo!) like a knife through butter. That's that Truth today, brother/sister. Everything in the world just points at this hour of Truth, everything. The robots can just show you there's a control out there in the world, someone is pulling the switch. You bet, the old devil pulled his switch on people. You can't pull the switch on the children of God because they're not switched up; they're hooked up to God. Yes sir.

[27-4] *It is the Life that is the Token. Your life is gone, and you are dead, and your life is dead. You are hid in God through Christ, sealed in there by the Holy Ghost. The mind that was in Christ is in you, and Christ, and the Bible, and the Word is the same.*

46. Right again into The Stature of a Perfect Man, coming right up to Adoption, the whole thing right in there. See? You couldn't believe this if you didn't have that Word to begin with, if you weren't part of It. There's no way, listen. He said here,

[27-4] *The mind that was you is in Christ...and Christ, and the Bible, and the Word is the same.*

[27-5] *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then you, and the Word, and God, and Christ are the same.*

Sure, in that day you'll say, "Believe that I'm in the Father, and you in me and I in you." That's Bro. Branham said, "*That day is when the chaff separates from the wheat.*" When the chaff separates from the wheat the next step is tare, wheat. See? Just like the antichrist becomes the beast.

[27-5] "*...if you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you ask what you will, and it shall be done...*" (The invisible union is on right now. We're not going to the Wedding; we're in the Wedding. We're going to the Supper, the celebration. Now notice!)

[27-6] *He put the power right into Moses' lips to go out there with His Word and speak!—and frogs came. Speak!—frogs left. Speak!—lice came. Speak!—lice left. Amen!*

47. But this only Moses did that, nobody else did it. He's talking about himself again now. He talks about us. He talks about himself. He talks about God. He brings it together. Prepared place, prepared prophet, prepared Message, God comes down with the prophet, let's go. Same thing now.

[27-7] *So then, the token was required for all Israel. All Israel was required of this token, and when I see the token, I'll pass over you. Oh, my, my! What...assurance.*

You can't say, "Well, Bro. Branham, you got the Token that will take care of it." No, Moses had to get under the Blood the same as, and so does William Branham. The same manna that Moses brought down for the people; he'd eat it himself or he'd starve. William Branham had to be a firstfruit of this Word. He had to have this Word. He didn't just give it to you and me. He had to have it. Israel was one with the Token. I don't know of one Scripture that says any one Israelite died, that he died in the wilderness, but not coming out. That's a powerful Token. Even though they did die, their shoes didn't wear out, and their clothes didn't. What did they have? They're foolish virgin...?....

[27-8] *Israel coming out of Egypt was a type of the anti-type today. (There it is.) Egypt was the church, and Israel represented the Bride. And as Israel come out of Egypt, so does the Bride come out of the church, ... (That's Matthew 25, sure. "Come out of her, my people." See, that's Revelation 18, "Come out and meet him.") Because there has to come...there has to be something there for it to come out of, and it has got to come out of. (So it's got to come out.) So, if it was the type, the church is down in Egypt, in this world...of sin, and does not care a tinker about your Token. They don't even believe it. But Israel loved it, for it was salvation to them.*

48. That's the way it should be for us. They cannot identify because they cannot see. We see, therefore, we identify. Our identification lies in a revelation. Flesh and blood has not revealed it but my Father which is in heaven. Now they can't see what we see, so therefore, we see something from God. Sure, there's a life goes with it. Whoever says there wasn't is ridiculous.

[27-8] *They don't even believe it. ...Israel loved it, ...it was salvation....*

[28-1] *Oh, Oh, it should make us...should make our hearts... Oh, apply it, Church. (Now the church isn't going to apply it so don't worry. But as a group, the Bride will.) Don't fail. Will you not? Don't...don't...don't let the sun set. Don't...don't...don't...don't...don't rest day or night. Don't take a chance. It*

won't work, children. It won't work! You must have the token.! (Now he's just pleading as an evangelist for the people to be reborn. Speaking here as though no one has it which is he said over there on the tape on, I think, Desperation. [63-0901E])

[28-2] *You say, "I believe, yes. ...I believe the message." That is all right. That is good. But you must have the token.*

Now here's where I said the other day where people let down. They're brought up in this Message. They might have been attracted to it. Something they saw in Bro. Branham, something they knew going on, and they recognized it. But something wasn't there to claim it and become personalized to them, to the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

[28-2] *Do you hear, Branham Tabernacle? You must have the token displayed. Without it, all your believing is in vain. You live a good life; (Now that's not the Token; see, that's just peripheral.) you listen to what the Word says; (That's good.) you go to church; you try to live right—that's fine, but that's not it. (See? Now he's preaching as though nobody had it, remember that. So don't get upset.)*

[28-3] *"When I see the Blood;"—that's the Token, ... He had to see the actual chemistry, because the life was gone—had gone from it. It was an animal. But here's...His Own life that was in the Blood, and the chemistry was only a signal or a sign of sanctification. But the Life itself, is the Token. (All right.)*

49. Let's go to Colossians 3: I've been waiting a long time for this one, and it says,

(4) When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall (you) also appear with him in glory.

When it shall be made perfectly manifested that this is Christ, then it will be perfectly manifested that you are one of His, and you'll appear in glory with Him which is in 2 Corinthians where the glory begins to come through a ministry. See? Now he says, "Our life has appeared and now we claim..." Look it, it's just like Mount Carmel. "Let the real God answer by fire and we'll identify with that God." Now in this hour you've got every teaching concerning the Holy Ghost, God as three persons, as two persons, as one person. You've got evidences. You've got signs. You've got growth. All these things are presented as this is it. That is not it! This is it! This is it! Now you identify with That and in your knowledge you're baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ unto That, not the man now, that being the Holy Ghost in the Pillar of Fire. Now you're getting somewhere and when you do that the Holy Ghost has to come upon you. Now it will be without sensation and because you're interested in sanctification you'll begin to do your best to live a life. And that's good but that's not it. That's only part of it.

The thing will be the identifying with the Word. Now there's many a person gone this far but never gets to the Word. And he's still back in Pentecost. Then don't tell me how much he identifies with this, he's full of the Holy Ghost; it won't cut. Now I'm preaching pretty rough here and pretty hard; I don't mean to hurt anybody. But I know repentance means change the mind. And I know you cannot have the same old dead tired message you had before and I don't care how much good you thought it did you, you cannot have it and believe what he said because he said different. Now it didn't mean he came and took away everything you had. But it meant where your thinking was wrong; your thinking is now right.

50. You can trace religion and what you call mercy and grace in spiritual things right back to your great-great-great grandfather. I don't care how far you trace it back. I can trace my lineage plumb back to the devil almost. He was a very spiritual person as far as the flesh is concerned. I think possibly he had more to do with that than anything except God put that gene cup coming down. It's except for the grace of God. Do you see what I'm trying... I just see what Bro. Branham was saying here, look. You don't take and run with one thing. He said, "*You and Christ and God and the Word is one,*" and let's get in one. What is that one Word? What the prophet taught and it's different. Not just somewhat, it is. Now don't worry about the tape. I'm going to close out. See? Now, just read this far and call it finished. And we'll go over and cut back.

[28-4] *For without the circumcision, ...without the circumcision, without the Token, you're not even in the covenant. The whole thing works together.*

In other words, you think that you believe the Word and you're a part of God's salvation; you are not because you've turned this down. It all comes together. And remember, it's come by a prepared...the place is ready, the prophet's prepared, the Word is prepared, and the people are now to be prepared. And that's going to bring about a Resurrection. See? Now if the prophet's vindicated then what he says is right and nobody else is. And to believe it is good but to receive it and become a part of it is the revelation is another thing entirely because that's the time you're dead to all your old thinking and all your old works, all your everything is dead, and then you're alive unto what is life and what is the Word of this hour. Now that's what we're talking about as far as I understand this message. I could be wrong but I don't believe...I believe ...if I didn't believe I was right I wouldn't preach what I'm preaching but I believe this is right.

[28-5] *If you say you're circumcised to the Word, and it only, then you'll believe the Word. If you believe the Word, then the Token has got to come. (If you believe what's going on; it's got to come. And what comes into your heart is this, then absolutely, you're a part.)*

We'll just go back over that for next Sunday morning if I'm still around and available and what have you. You never know, He could come anytime. We could go anytime. All right. That's fine. Shall we rise at this time and be dismissed?

Our gracious kind heavenly Father, again we want to thank You for the opportunity of being together, knowing Lord, that Your Word comes together more and more and more as we trust You Lord, we've got this faith, the boldness, oh God, and yet it's a very jittery time within ourselves we must admit because within ourselves we don't have any faith. We just throw ourselves upon grace and mercy, oh God, if we believe You'll help us over these places where our minds have a confusion because of the past. But then Lord, if you help us with this then our repentance becomes stronger and stronger and stronger and stronger and stronger and pretty soon the mind of Christ will be in us Lord, absolutely, not just the potential, Father, but absolutely in reality.

Now Father God, where we lack, as Bro. Branham said, "*The chain is strongest at the weakest point is.....*"