

Trees, Books and Fountains #9

(#5 Book of Confessions)

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Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we're grateful that you came on the scene to manifest yourself, to let us know that you are that God which truly lives. We appreciate that, showing us the way to true worship. And we also believe you're here, Lord, to teach us the Word at this end time. For you said, "All thy children shall be taught of God." You're here Lord, to differentiate for us, to show us the truth and error, that we might walk in the truth to take the good and shun the evil. So we pray you'll help us this morning as we study your Word, that we might know that which is for this hour, Lord, that we have the light to walk by and definitely walk in it having fellowship with you, with each other, the Blood of Jesus Christ cleansing us. Lord, we ask these mercies and that is all we require. In Jesus name, Amen.

1. Now, this morning we are going to contemplate what I call the Book of Confession, or the Confession from the Book. And in the study of the Book of Confession, we will see how the original or passive faith, (that's one of the things we'll see, maybe the main thing in this study), we'll see how the original or passive faith was the true basis for a God approved active faith. Now I want to read that again to you, because that's kind of a startling statement. In the study of the Book of Confession, we will see how the original or passive faith was the true basis for a God approved active faith. The initiating of receiving the promises of God, with God's approval, is a lesson taught us under the seals. Again that's a pretty rough statement. The initiating, in other words, the starting, doing that which you would do on the grounds of faith to receive a promise of God, can be approved or disapproved. Now, everybody seems to believe that you're terribly remiss if you don't just go in and grab every promise. I have news for you, that you can be highly disapproved of God, even by using your faith in contradiction to the scripture that says, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

2. It comes to us under the seven seals, as Brother Branham taught us. The first century church had a great deal of trouble understanding and doing this, as is seen in the Epistle of James. James, of course, demanded of the people that they have works to manifest their faith, which is logical, which we have no argument with. But that's not what we're dealing with. Again the Apostle Paul warned that people on different occasions, when they were making serious mistakes concerning the outworking of their faith, for they had left the true doctrinal passive faith for mere works. They weren't at all lacking in labors, as John the Apostle was given to understand by God, in the Book of Revelation. But they weren't getting very far with it.

3. Now, the Apostle John as a scribe, took a message from God, who told the Ephesians church age, "Do the first works". Evidently, the structure of the church was already teetering from a lack of a proper foundation, as to the valid outworking of faith

based on truth, and not power apart from works, apart from truth rather, or works apart from truth. So he said, "Do the first works over". There must have been something wrong with the way they were doing what they were doing, which they were doing right in the beginning, and then were failing to do as they went on. In fact, from the garden of Eden to the millennium, we see man's great problem is with the Book of Confession.

4. Now, to set the problem straight and enter into the divine principles of faith, we go where this book is mentioned primarily in the Book of Joshua, chapter 1:8-9.

- (8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.
- (9) Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Now, there it is. The Book of Confession, or the Book we confess, which is the revealed Word of God of the hour. Now this is very important to realize this, because you will notice that God specifically mentioned Moses. As Brother Branham said, "*God did not tell Moses to build an ark and float down the Nile and across the Red Sea and into the promised land.*" He did not come with Noah's message. This was a very particular message and you will notice Josh 1:8 does not have it's birth in the exodus. Joshua 1:8 is not in the exodus, it wasn't given then. Not even in the actual time of the giving of the Word. He wasn't commissioned at the time of the giving of the Word. Either at Sinai, or Horab, or any other place.

5. It was given after the Word was finally given according to Deuteronomy, chapter 4, verses 1-2.

- (1) Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgements, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.
- (2) Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

So, the Word evidently was absolutely and finally fulfilled.

Now, even then, the command was not given until after the forty years of wandering, when all the old Pentecostals had died off. And even Moses, the Prophet, was taken from the people showing clearly that there wasn't any more message, because the prophet was gone. And now that the people had finally settled down to the Word, with all the old Pentecostals dead, because they were finally settled down, to live, die,

sink, or swim; we are going in. Moses had the truth. We're not looking for any more. This is it. God then called Joshua to lead Israel over and possess the land and divide it.

6. Now, that's when this was given, the Book of Confession. It was entirely wrapped up. And that was it, word for word. And so today, we have an exact parallel given to us beginning in Rev 18:1.

- (1) And after these things I saw another mighty messenger come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His glory.
- (2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.
- (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
- (4) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
- (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
- (6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled to her double.
- (7) How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
- (8) Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Verse 23,

- (23) And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee (in Babylon); and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries (her prescriptions) were all nations deceived.

(24) And in her was found the blood of the prophets,

So you can see here, there is absolutely no word of God in the last day church. And they'll be using the same Bible we're using.

7. Then over here in Rev 19:7-10.

(7) Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

(8) And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Now how did she make herself ready? She made herself ready by washing her garments, according to Rev 22:14.

(14) Blessed are they that (wash their garments,) that they may have right to the tree of life.

And he said unto me. Right. Blessed are they which are called. "Come out of her my people, unto the marriage supper of the lamb, (which is also come out of her,) come forth to meet the bridegroom." And he said unto them, "these are the true sayings of God."

8. All right. Rev 21:9-11.

(9) And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

(10) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

(11) Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; (and so on).

9. All right. Now with that, we're going to go back to Dan 2: 44-45.

(44) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

(45) Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof (absolutely) sure.

10. Now we see that in Revelation 19, beginning at verse 11.

(11) And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Now if you want to know who that particular person is, you go back here to the 3rd chapter of Revelation.

(14) And unto the messenger of the church which is of Laodicea write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness.

11. In other words, thus these things saith the Amen. The God of Truth. That's it, the God of truth; that's the one you're looking at right there. The beginning of creation of God. Notice what he's doing. He's coming back incarnate because he has a crown on his head, his eyes aflame, he doth judge and make war. Rev 19:12.

(12) His eyes as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crown; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

(13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called the Word of God.

(14) The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Maybe that's the bride.

(15) ...out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress with the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

(16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

12. Okay, back to Dan 12:1-10.

(1) And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time

of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Now that's the great tribulation, the sealing of 144,000. At that particular time, he's talking about the end time.

- (2) And so many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- (3) And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and for ever.
- (4) But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

And knowledge is increasing at the rate of doubling itself about every year or so, or even less than that.

- (5) Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.
- (6) And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?
- (7) And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swear by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
- (8) And I heard, but I understood not, then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?
- (9) And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
- (10) Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

13. Now, you can see in there, that there are two things being discussed. One is concerning the Jews, and one is concerning the Gentile kingdom. When's it going to be? When's the stone going to come down and crush and grind to fine powder? What is the end of Israel?

Well, the end of Israel is absolutely when the stone comes down and grinds everything up. There isn't any humanistic government left. It's going to be because the Bible says, at that time, "The kingdom of God will come and it will never cease." So there can't be another kingdom. You're looking at the final picture. So you got the two in here at this particular time.

14. Now, go back to Revelation 22, and beginning at verse 10. It says the book is 'sealed up'. So therefore, the mystery to the Jews is sealed up. The mystery to the gentiles is sealed up. When is this thing going to be? Alright. It's going to be according to Revelation 10, when the mighty one comes down to earth, bringing in his hands the book that was sealed up in heaven and opened in heaven. And the silence in heaven, there could be nothing said concerning it, till you come down and see the seventh seal in Rev10:1-7.

Now the book is opened when it comes down, though it is not allowed to be revealed. And that's exactly what the seventh seal is all about, bringing out the seven thunders. Okay, now it says it's open. And he said, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecies of this book, for the time is at hand." Now watch. "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, he that is filthy, let him be filthy still."

15. Now, back in Daniel it tells you. It says here, Dan 12: 10.

(10) Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

So, you've got the Scripture very, very clear here, that when the seals are open, divine revelation will suffuse the Elect, and darkness will completely take over the non-elect. Even to the extent of the foolish virgin, though they are not allowed to understand, they will die. Because they simply do not have the Word that will contain the life. It's only the Word that contains the life.

16. "Now he which is filthy, is filthy still; righteous, righteous still; holy, holy still; behold I come quickly my reward is with me to give every man according to his works shall be, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end the first and the last, blessed are they who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life."

So therefore, the washing of the robes is the putting on of the clean linen, which the Bride comes back in. Which, of course, is Ephesians 5. That he may present to himself his holy, sanctified, and wonderful bride.

17. Now, it says, [Revelation 22:]

- (15) For without are dogs, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters,
(and so on.)
- (16) I Jesus, have sent my messenger to testify unto you these things
in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David and
the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say,
Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.
- (17) And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him
take the water of life freely. (Up to that point.)
- (18) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the
prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things,
God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.
- (19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the prophecy
of this book, God shall take away his part out of the book of life,
out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in
this book.

18. Now you notice what he says, “Behold I come quickly to set up my kingdom.” So, what you’ve got here, as we looked in the book of Joshua, a perfect picture of a Book of Confession. After everything was delivered according to the Word that was necessary previous to the going in. Now, had that Word, or the Message of the hour, not been delivered they would not have gone in. Now this is the simplicity of Brother Branham’s teaching, but listen to me. The human mind cannot take it. The so-called Christian cannot take it. There is nobody but an honest to God, born again, true believer, Branhamite, who will ever go in, according to Scripture, or somebody (if Brother Branham was the wrong person). Now you can have your own thinking all you want. I’m sorry for you, but you simply don’t understand Word. And you haven’t got what it takes evidently to read the Old Testament and apply it to the New, which was written for our example.

19. Now, here we have a Book of Confession that was not given at the time of the Exodus. It was not given to be confessed even as the Word came forth. It was not given even to be confessed in the wanderings. It was only to be confessed after the mixed multitude, or that bunch of old Pentecostals had died off. And the people’s minds were no longer filled with anything at all. The minds were now open for a Word, which was given by Moses, thoroughly delivered, absolutely wrapped up, with no other word to be added to it, or be taken from it.

20. Now, let’s go back and look at that again in the Book of Josh 1:8-9.

- (8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but
thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest
observe to do according to all that’s written therein: for then

thou shalt make thy way prosperous, then thou shalt have good success.

- (9) Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you.

Now, we've got to look at the context. We start reading then, chapter 1:1.

- (1) Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,
- (2) Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.
- (3) Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.
- (4) From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hitites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.
- (5) There shall not be any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Now, he didn't say that you're going to be my prophet. He said, "Moses my servant, the prophet is dead. But I'm going to be with you identically as I was with him." So therefore, you can understand this, that as God was with Moses, so he will be with Joshua and the people of Israel, through the going in and the dividing of the land and the setting up of the kingdom. That is perfectly understandable. But, he will not be a prophet. No way, shape, and form.

21. Now he said in Josh 1:5,

- (5) ... (be strong and) I will not fail you nor forsake you.
- (6) Be strong and of good courage: for unto this people thou shalt divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.
- (7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

- (8) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
- (9) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Now, we might go a little further, taking 16-18. This is the people.

- (16) And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.
- (17) According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.
- (18) Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

Now, you notice in there, that the reason that they backed up Joshua one hundred percent was because that Joshua positively, was giving them exactly what was given Moses, and they understood that.

Now, with these Scriptures we find that God ordained life of faith lived by various elect, recorded in God's memorial book, as illustrated in Heb 11:1 and so on. Now, the reason I'm bringing this in here at this particular point, is to show you that there never was any hero of faith, who wasn't one hundred percent true to the revealed Word that God gave him. He simply did not take a promise promiscuously or his own will, and work out a principle of faith thereby though that can be done.

22. So let's go back to the 11th chapter of the Book of Hebrews and we'll try to get this together for you.

- (1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- (2) For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

- (4) By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Now in there was involved a revelation. The beginning revelation is this: that there has to be a God. And being there is a God as known by creation, that things are made of things which do not appear. That they are positively created by the Word of Almighty God. That's what they were. Now that's a great basis right there. That God created by speaking. So therefore, the Word of God is a very, very powerful Word in the minds of the people, as it should be in their worship of God. So therefore, Cain receives a revelation, and from the revelation, he proceeds to act according to his faith.

23. Now, Cain did not receive a revelation, a true revelation of the Word, but he proceeded to act upon the same Word without a revelation and was condemned by God. Now that's what we are looking at here to get some understanding. In other words, I say this. Now with the Scripture, we find that God ordained life of faith, lived by the various elect. And you will find that by faith Enoch was translated. How was he translated when the rest weren't? By faith Noah was warned and built an ark. How come he was warned, and he went ahead and did it? By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out to a place, which he should after receive for an inheritance, he obeyed. He went out not knowing where he was going, but Lot went out on his own and he boobooed. See? You simply can't take the Word of God and say I'm going to take this Word and I'll show you I can take this Word and I can do it, because you may just end up doing it, (the same as Balaam) and be absolutely found in battle against God's elect and die with the curse.

24. Now, let me say again. These Scriptures, with the Scripture I read, showing you the basic revelation of God. The true Word. There is a faith that goes with it, a revelation, an understanding which many people do not have. And therefore, taking the Scripture as non-elect begin to work out a principle of faith, and they are in contradistinction to Heb 11:1, through the rest of the chapter down to verse 40. And they arrive at their destination in Mt 7:15, we read this many, many times.

- (15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Now, they are quoting the word of God with a total misapprehension of what that word really means to the end that they will positively destroy with it, and it goes on until it says in verse 21.

- (21) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

And the will of the Father is positively to cast out devils, to prophesy, to do wonderful works. And you notice that they are doing them, and they are right with the Bible in doing them. And he said, "Depart from me, you that work iniquity, you are identical to Cain. The work that Cain did, though it was a legitimate sacrifice," (as I

understand the Word of God) “Thou hast rightly offered but thou hast not rightly divided. Hast thou therefore not sinned?”

25. The work that Cain did was called iniquity and an evil work. Now these people that are doing this, do not kill as do Cain, but they stand up and they spiritually destroy the souls of men who listen, like Oral Roberts, Tommy Osborne, and a whole bunch of trinitarians. You don't like me mentioning names, do ya? Well, I'm sorry for you. But that's the truth or Brother Branham lied and we are a bunch of fools and that's a bunch a hogwash and “Thus saith the Lord” don't mean anything...but who knows anything? We came from gorillas, let's act like gorillas. God pity the poor gorilla. Right here. I will confess to you, I never, ever knew you.

26. Let us go to Psalm 106 and see just exactly how deep you can go. Verse 15.

(15) And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

What is the context of this? Let's begin at the 1st verse.

- (1) Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- (2) Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise?
- (3) Blessed are they that keep judgement, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- (4) Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;
- (5) That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.
- (6) We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
- (7) Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Listen. They didn't understand vindication. You hear what I said? They didn't understand vindication. That's why I say, listen, I preached vindication like Brother Branham. Eighty percent of my messages, one hundred percent with his. In other words, he preached eighty percent of the entire message was on the presence of God and vindication. I preach one hundred percent along the same line and I don't fool myself for one minute. I keep on telling you. We don't believe vindication as we ought to believe vindication! We got to get to the place where Brother Branham stood and said, “*If God*

tells me to raise Abraham Lincoln from the dead, I'll stand down there and I'll raise him or let the armies of the earth come and shoot me down if I can't do it." See?

27. Nevertheless, He saved them for His namesake that He might make His mighty power to be known. Why? Because He had future generations in their loins, because God was dealing with a nation. He rebuked the Red Sea also, that it dried up. He led them through the desert and through the wilderness, dry land, wet land. It didn't mean a thing. He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, redeemed them from the land of the enemy, and the water covered their enemies. There was not one of them left. Then they believed his words. Then they sang His praise. For how long? Overnight...overnight.

They soon forgot His works. They waited not for His counsel but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. They could not wait for God to fulfill His Word, as God wanted to in His own time. So what happened? He gave them their requests, but sent leanness into their soul. They envied Moses, also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord. The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Biram. The ministry didn't understand. Now you think it's going to be different today? You gotta be kidding. That's why I stand here so tough all the time. They think Lee Vayle - he's just mean as a snake. Well, I'm not denying that. The Bible says, "Be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." Well, you say, you got it reversed. How do you know I got it reversed? Maybe you've got it reversed. Maybe you've got it reversed, not me.

28. Listen to me! Let's go over here to 1 Corinthians 13: And let's see this here.

- (1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- (2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not(love,) I am nothing.
- (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not (love,) it profiteth me nothing.
- (4) (Love) suffereth long, and is kind; envieth not, (so on and so on.)

Now, you can see right there, brother and sister, that positively you can have any amount of these things, manifestations, claim any promise, get every single one, enter into any office, which you're not even called to do, and you will feel that God backs you up. Because you'll have the signs and wonders to follow you and you can be a child of hell the same as Judas was.

29. That doesn't sound good does it? I don't care two bits if it doesn't; it's the truth. I would sooner go to hell and fry (or whatever you do there) believing the truth Brother, Sister, and saying "Yes" to Almighty God, than go there and making him a liar. And I don't intend to. Listen. It tells you right here, "Little children you go through all that. When you become a man, you put away childish things, and when you come to perfection, that's the true Word of Almighty God revealed, that's the time." You're ready for the first resurrection.

So, therefore, seeing these things, we want to examine this Scripture in Joshua and come away this morning as said Paul the apostle in 1 Corinthians 12, speaking on the gifts. This is from a literal translation, "Brethren, I want you to have clear concepts concerning spiritual gifts." So we need clear concepts concerning the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. And also, it's out working, because the grain of mustard seed faith, spoken by Jesus, can produce condemnation or commendation. You can go to heaven never even having used it. Well, that's a pretty scant chance, but you can sure go to hell having used it much of your life.

30. First of all, let us consider what God demands to be confessed, for faith has its basis here. So, we want to go back to Joshua, chapter 1, and let's see what we come up with. Okay.

(8) This law, book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success.

(9) Have I not commanded thee? (And so on.)

All right. Joshua categorically states that God wants to hear Joshua say what Moses wrote in a book. Never mind the heart speaking louder in heaven than the words of your mouth. Never mind the meditations of your heart. At this particular time, listen to the Word and go exactly by the Word. God wants to hear Joshua say what Moses said. That's what he said. Now Moses wrote what God said, so Joshua, therefore, will be saying what God said, exactly what God said, though he did not say it directly to Joshua. Saying it to Moses was sufficient. Putting it in a book made it permanent. Saying it by Joshua is no different from Moses saying it. Believe it or not, that is exactly the word 'confess' in the Greek, in the New Testament. Even as Brother Branham said, "*It means to say the same thing.*" It does not mean to think and to understand per se; it simply means to say the same thing. Remember how Hattie Wright, when Brother Branham spoke of the creation of squirrels and these other things. She said, "Brother Branham, that is absolutely nothing but the truth." He said, "*You say what you want.*"

31. All right. At this point you can see that the Book of Kings and the Book of Confession are actually one and the same book, except it is used by two different people in different ways. In Deuteronomy 17, the King writes out the book, making a copy of the Law of Moses for himself, and reads it daily, that he might know the mechanical aspects of the Word, in order to make decisions for the people. The objective of the King

is to maintain the spiritual and moral original status of a kingdom, over which he has been placed, but which he in no wise originated or established, or had any word to give it.

He was simply put there, of course, by election and the people were to understand election. The power of the King does not lie in the confession of his mouth, but what lies in the book, which law he reads as it is related to the moral condition of the people. He matches what has presently been done by the people, with what is already in the book, telling you what people will do. So the person is judged right out of the book. In truth, the person is already judged before the fact. He doesn't even have to do it. It's there waiting, when he does it. That's why the Bible says, "When there is no law, there is no sin." But law doesn't make you sin. Law just points out that you're a sinner. Thus the Word scrutinizes the deeds of the people and accesses the penalties for the failures, even before there is a fault presented for judgement.

32. This is the judging Word, as we find over here in the book of Acts, chapter 17, I believe it is, 30-31.

- (30) And the times of this ignorance, God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.
- (31) Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Who is going to do the judging? Jesus is. On what grounds? The opening of the books. Wherein is the Word of God that cannot be added to or taken from, that is understandable.

33. We have a case of this over here in the book of 1 Corinthians, in the 5th chapter, where the young man was in such horrible as adultery as not named amongst the heathen. And Paul the apostle tells us here, to judge it. He said in verse 3,

"For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit have judged already as though I were present concerning him who hath done this deed."

Why? Thou shalt not commit adultery. And you'll not have any such lustful acts toward your father's wife, or anybody at all which creates a problem – incest (though it wasn't his real mother as far as I can understand). The Word had already judged the man. It was already there. It was a judging Word. It's a case, also as seen in 2 Corinthians, 5th chapter, and notice what it says here in the 5th chapter, verse 10.

- (10) For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ: that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

And that's where they come up and they say, "Lord, haven't we prophesied in your name? Haven't we done this and haven't we done that?"

He said, "I never knew you. Depart from me."

You that thought you were doing good, but you had a word, which was corrupt as a springboard for your faith. The active faith, brother/sister, is a pleasure to God, must come distinctly from the inactive, passive faith, that is a revelation. And remember, Brother Branham said, "*We are already before the white throne.*"

34. Listen over here in the book of John, 5th chapter, so you might get the picture, absolutely perfectly concerning what we're speaking of, which is even the Judge and King, if you want to look at it that way. Jn 5:19-27.

(19) Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Certainly the King can do nothing. Or the authoritative executive power can do nothing, until something has been read from the books, that show wherein it was right or wrong.

(20) For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth; and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

(21) For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

(22) For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son;

(23) That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

35. In other words, Jesus Christ tells you he's the one interpreter of the Word of Almighty God.

(24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

- (25) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
- (26) For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;
- (27) And hath given him authority to execute judgment also,

Not just a judge, now the judge is becoming the King. The King as the Judge, stands apart from being the King, though he is the King, he interprets the Word. And the same interpreter now becomes the judge and said, "Didn't I tell you." The judge of all the earth. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?

- (27) ...because he is the Son of Man.
- (28) Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.
- (29) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

That's the general or second resurrection, where they come up and they are condemned for doing the works of God by faith. In the shed blood and by the power of the Holy Ghost, let me tell you something. Let's get this straight. When the Blood of Jesus Christ fell upon the earth, it cleansed it. And their bodies, like Judas' body, came out of the earth, and the blood flowing allowed the Holy Ghost to come upon any drunk, any sinner, any prostitute, anybody, but didn't get down in the soul. You wonder why they can do it? They're the same earth you and I are. The earth was cleansed. But it takes the Holy Ghost baptism to bring this earth back. Understand what I'm saying. That's how the earth gets redeemed itself. It's pure and simple. All you got to do is follow the Word.

36. Now this one here says that the Judge becomes the King. And he said depart from me, you that did these things. But you people that were kind and nice and helpful, something in there touching your heart, a bit of seed was there, something in there from God, and you helped those people out here. You come on in.

Now, if you think that's unjust, you sit there and think it's unjust. Here's a people entirely sold, they're one hundred percent right. Look at that man right there, hated by Pentecostals. And we haven't got the squeeze yet, but it's going to have to come to somebody. Here somebody's going to get it. Hating. Absolutely hating. Fine, good people go to church to be good, but every time they go, they get hardened against the Word, if that's the Word. You're sitting here, you should be getting softer and softer and softer toward the Word. The love of God which is in the Word, because the Holy Ghost is in the Word, which should be shed abroad more and more in our hearts. "Stand up,

stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross, lift high your royal banner.” That’s the sign of victory. There’s only one sign of victory to the revealed Word, which is, Thus saith the Lord.

37. Revelation 19 is the King coming back. Rev 20:11-15 is the King on the throne judging. Let’s go and read it, because that’s the entire picture.

- (11) And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And many will come in that day and say, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and cast out devils in thy name, in thy name done thy works.”

He’ll say, “I never knew you.”

- (14) Death and hell were cast in the Lake of Fire, which is the second death.
- (15) Those not found written in the book of life are cast into the lake of fire.

In the study of the gospel, listen, in the study of the gospel, (this is the King now), the prophet turned King; there’s the prophet right there. Not turned King yet, not even there turned King, getting closer. In the study of the gospel, now you can correct me if I’m wrong, I cannot recall one time Jesus uses the illustration of a King, but there is desperate judgment unto the great tribulation, or even death, both physical and spiritual. Look it up. That’s the Book of the King, same book we’re talking about, the Book of Confession. Yet it is the book of the people and a nation under God.

38. Over here in Deuteronomy... 11th chapter, beginning at verse 18,

- (18) Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Put them upon your wrist, a little box, bang, bang; every work I do for God, every step I take, put in front, every thing I see is the Word.

- (19) And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

For heaven's sake, that's all we're going to be doing! Right! What do you expect to be doing in the Millennium? Well, hey, Brother, do you remember dear old Sister Jones came to church that time drunker than a Hoot owl. Here Brother so and so thought that he was a spirit and he fell flat. We'll talk about something nice! Remember when Brother Branham talked about so and so? Well, you might recall a bit of that. If I understand anything, this Word was to get him ready for what they were going to talk in the future. People talk about a little heaven to go to heaven in. And they talk about some blessing, some glory in the soul. Well, this is what the Bible teaches, not something people teach.

- (20) And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

- (21) That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

That's looking at the Millennium, if I know anything about it.

39. Now then, there is a harmony. The harmony is this: from the King to the least member of the nation under God, there is to be a pre-eminence given to the study of the Word of the Lord, so that all men (bar none) may know the precepts given to us by God through his prophets. Just one Psalm alone, Psalm 119, literally sets forth 176 verses specifically relating the statutes to the well being of the person, in the sight of God and his fellow men. We are not even talking of an in-depth revelation of the mysteries of God. We are not talking of the millennium, the new heavens and the new earth. We are simply talking of a people who acknowledge God as a being, and then go further. They hear His Word and they honor His Word, as found in Deuteronomy, which we just read a little while ago, chapter 4, going back to it again. Verses 5-10.

- (5) Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

What are you going to do in the millennium? You say, "Well, I'm going to keep the Word of God, for sure." That's exactly. You'll be one with the Word.

- (6) Keep therefore and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

- (7) For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

40. Try to apply that to the Pope of Rome! Even got the Mafia. They've run houses of prostitution, taken the money thereof. Merciful God, and then people still look at churches and wonder.

- (8) And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?
- (9) Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen...

Vindication! Ah, Brother Branham's gone. Let's look for something else. Hogwash! I'm looking to see what he said fulfilled.

- (9) ...and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;
- (10) Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, (there it is right there,) when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children, (and so on.

41. Now, let's go to 1 Kings. Under Solomon, chapter 8: beginning at 54.

- (54) And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.
- (55) And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,
- (56) Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised:

(Shalom). Evidently we are not believing God's Word sufficient as given to us by a prophet. Now, I'm not saying you're going to be taken away from the trials of life. I'm not talking of that. As long as we're here, we're sort of like Israel in their homeland, the enemy only too happy to inundate us and try to knock us for a loop. Trials within and without. They'll be there. But there is a peace like a river. Given rest. This is 2 Thessalonians, chapter 1:7. You at the time of the descent right there, rest with us.

Relax. There has not failed one word of all his good promise by vindication, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

- (57) The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers:
let him not leave us, nor forsake us:
- (58) That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.
- (59) And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:
- (60) That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else.
- (61) Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, ...

42. Now, how's your heart going to be perfect except through a revelation of God's Word as given by a prophet?

You can't get a walk that'll please God outside of number one, which is your passive faith, which is the truth, which is the doctrine, which is right there in this hour. Which is right there in this hour.

And you can say what you want; this makes it in Psalm 1:

- (1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, stands in the way of sinners, sits in the seat of the scornful.
- (2) But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and he meditates day and night. He'll be like that tree planted by the water, rivers of life.

He'll be just like the tree of life itself in the New Jerusalem. He'll be a subtree of life as so it was.

43. No wonder America's all washed up and lost the souls of the world. No wonder the prophet ceased to pray for American priest, the indictment of this generation. It, America, it is actually more and more against the law, in the land, to worship God and believe His Word, while all manner of heathen idolatry, spiritual wickedness, and the utmost of corruption is held by the law. Right. You can do anything you want. Murder, rape, pillage, it doesn't matter, there's an excuse. But don't you dare try to educate

anybody with the Word of God. Now if you want me to feel sorry for America and not want to get out of here, rejoicing in the fall of Babylon, there's something wrong with your spirit. There's something wrong with it.

God doesn't take any pleasure in the death of the wicked and neither do we. I'm going to tell you something. I take pleasure in the Word of God; that's going to get me out of here. Moses never prayed for Pharaoh. I don't intend to pray for America either. Pray for your children, pray for your loved ones, but America's finished.

The angel with the inkhorn is even now marking the foreheads of those who sigh and cry over sin and unrighteousness. It's like Menkin said, The courts in America today, (and he said this a long time ago), are just like the trial of Judas and Jesus. They come in there equally, but the bets are on Judas winning and not Jesus. The odds are strictly stacked against Jesus.

44. All right. Back to the Book of Confession. We go back and forth, 'cause it's the same book, we just have to watch the conditions, to whom it's written, where it's written. Again we note, it is the same book as the Book of Kings, but notice how it is used and to what end. It is not set forth as a standard law of correctness and correction, to a plurality of people (as in the Book of Kings, principles of conduct), neither is it set forth to a King who is to be established in an established kingdom, that is to be continually established. It is given to one, a Commander, who will himself establish the kingdom, by taking it for a possession for himself and his people. Right? That's exactly right.

45. Notice #1. He, in himself, has no guarantee of any success, nor is any required of him. The only success before God and before him is that the Word of Moses be spoken unerringly, no deviations, no changes, for the Word of that hour alone can be fulfilled. Nothing else. The Word alone can succeed because it's going to be fulfilled, and thereby the man succeeds. Right. The Word places the man, not the man the Word. There's a big difference, Brother, Sister. As Brother Branham said, "I, the Lord, have planted and watered it, lest any man pluck it out of my hand."

46. #2. The Word of God is not to be meditated upon and then spoken of from the viewpoint of meditation, or as though it can be analyzed and become a part of natural cosmos. It is to be spoken and the mind is to receive it exactly as spoken. In other words, you've got to say it, (or whoever is supposed to say it), it's got to be said exactly as spoken. The mind must receive it. And for the mouth to speak and the mind to receive it, is the greatest battle ever fought. It's the toughest thing in all the world, to put the mouth ahead of the mind. Because you and I know people often say, I spoke without thinking. That is a lie. You spoke by thinking but you didn't think long enough.

47. The prophets do not think, they speak. And as they speak, it registers in the mind. The mind is to have no influence on the Word, through reasoning processes and sense knowledge. This puts man in the prophet class, the God class. Thus Saith the Lord. As God said to Jeremiah, "I have put my words in your mouth." How then will I get the Word of the Lord in my mind? I will get it by speaking it, which is a confession, which is saying the same thing as God. The mouth speaks it, the ear hears it, the mind receives

it. The mind does not try to figure it out; it holds it there continuously in its mechanical state. Word for word as given by Moses. Thereby every channel to the soul is filled with the Word, not thoughts of the Word or interpretations of the Word, but the soul is filled with the Word, spoken Word, though it comes from your own lips. And spoken word becomes manifested Word, which is logos. You say, "How can it be?" He said the words that I speak are spirit and life. Did he say, did it matter on whose lips they were? Notice in particular, never is an hypotheses, or a situation applied to this Word in meditation. It simply says, God said it. But rather the Word is applied to the situation. The situation cannot be applied to the Word. Umh. Umh. Nope, nope, nope! The Word's applied to the situation. The lips constantly say what God says or is saying, for there is a Word of truth for the moment of truth. The moment of truth is when the chips are down. There is a Word of truth for it.

48. Joshua means 'Jehovah Saviour', and the Hebrew word, Joshua, is the same word in the Greek, 'Jesus'. So we can look at him for an example. When Jesus came to the earth, the Kingdom of God was in our midst according to his own words in Lk 17:20. He was fought by the devil as he was about to establish his kingdom, in Matthew 4. He met the devil head on. There were three sets of circumstances or temptation. He ignored the circumstances and applied the Word. He never argued, he never reasoned. He simply spoke the Word and Satan was defeated, and the Kingdom of God came on earth in manifestation. How's it going to come any other way?

According to Heb 3:1, we are to, "Consider the High Priest of our confession, even Jesus Christ." Or the one who said the same thing as God, which is the Word, and we say the same, "We are to consider the High Priest of our confession even Jesus Christ," and listen to His voice. As it says in the Bible, "Hear Him," for he is the supreme authority as head of the church. Hear what he has to say.

49. Over in Heb12:1-3, we are commended to look at Jesus Christ as our example, who did exactly what we are talking about.

- (1) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, (that's at chapter 11), let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (that's unbelief, getting the mind in the way, not taking the Word just as it says), let us run with patience the race that is set before us. (Going to take a while to get the mind under control.)
- (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; (the one who laid the precepts of faith down and himself followed them) who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Set down at the right hand of the throne of God. He's now on the throne, by the way.)
- (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

50. So Heb 2:1-3, is no more and no less Rom 4:13-21, where the spirit of Christ was in Abraham, who we are to follow. Listen to what it says. Beginning with verse 13.

- (13) For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Believing the Word of God, which, absolutely, contradicted everything human.
See.

- (14) For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
- (15) Because the law worketh wrath; for where no law is, there is no transgression.
- (16) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

Now, the law has been removed so there's nothing negative. The positive Word of God can come against the negative and destroy it every time. All right.

- (17) As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- (18) Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- (19) And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:
- (20) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; ...

But said, "Hallelujah! Going to have a baby, gonna have it by Sarah, drop dead the rest of you birds out there." He was a tough, old buzzard. He didn't intzy mintzy fancy like some little fairy going down there. (Brother Vayle imitates a high-pitched little fairy voice... "Now listen to me, I'm going to tell you something. My wife and I are going to have a baby, bless God, one of these days.") He stood at the gates, threw his chest out, he was strong, and he said, "Bless God. I'm Abraham, the father of nations."

Then they said, "Well, you must be going to populate the cities."

He said, "Nah, there's a bigger city I'm going to populate, hallelujah, whose foundation, builder, and maker is God."

They said, "You dirty, old bird, you're nuts."

51. If you believe we've got everything in this message to put us into the rapture, then begin acting like it, begin talking it. I don't need the Donny Reagan stuff getting here to start screaming and screaming. But if you scream "NOW", then I begin to say you've got a real hallelujah, Pentecostal, religious spirit upon you. You're like Joshua's troop that walked in and took the city by a voice. Shouted at the Word of God, the trumpet blew, and the walls come tumbling down, you bet. Abraham manifested the very spirit of Jesus Christ.

Now then, what we are seeing is this. Consider the source and the Word of the source. The source and the Word are one. God is in his Word. Therein lies the power we are seeking, an active faith, because he said my word is spirit and in life. And when we begin to get where Abraham was, there's a natural pull. An active faith that God works on the day of Judgment Day. Well done, you good and precious servant. Come on in, you've been faithful. You've progressed from the passive faith to the active. You haven't tried to take my Word, become something they weren't supposed to be. Have something you weren't supposed to have. That's what Brother Branham told Jack Palmer, (wish I knew his exact words), he said, "*Jack, don't keep asking for things. You don't have to. Just get a hold of the truth, of the Word of God.*"

52. Now listen. God tells Joshua [1:] in verse 8. Joshua is to observe or consider:

- 1) what is written,
- 2) what he speaks.

Then stand there! Then comes the success. This is the command of God. This is the presence of God.

Come on. Let's go back and prove. I just made a statement that ought to boggle your eyes. (I don't know-it didn't). Look, I can say these things under inspiration, I don't say I get it, I'm not bawling you out. I'm just telling you what it ought to be.

Listen. Joshua, 1st chapter, verse 9,

- (9) Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee...

Under what consideration? Exactly that consideration of Joshua. Had Joshua not spoken that Word, stood right there until it got down in his mind, and the mind to say, "Not so, not so." He said, "It is so, shut up." Stand right there. Said, "I'm with you."

53. Let me tell you something, when people leave the Word of God, God leaves, because God's in his Word. That's why we've got God on the scene as ever before, because we've got the full Word of God. Oh hallelujah, it's the wind up of God, don't you see. God is winding up. Everything is winding up. Didn't say God's winding down. Said God's winding up. Winding up all the affairs ready to take another gigantic step.

Oh, yes. Brother, Sister, I want to tell you. The guy went on the moon, who was it? Armstrong went on the moon. He said, "One little, one little step for man, one giant step for mankind." You talk a bunch of, but a...hogwash. Let's talk about the one that came down. Oh, yes, one giant step for God, one giant step for man. You bet it's a giant step we're considering. Absolutely. That's another thing the moon represents the Bride, so man stepped on the Bride. Oh, they can have it. All they did was bring back a bunch of rocks.

Our headstone came down and is going to take up living stones, living jewels. Joshua is to observe or consider what was written, what he speaks, then stands there... then comes his success. This is the command of God. This is the presence of God. So the pillar of fire is here to lead us to the millennium.

54. Notice also the complete denial of emotion. The Holy Ghost is not in feeling and emotion. He is in a simple, written, spoken Word. No emotion. He is either here or he's not here. He will either fulfill His Word and take us in, or he won't. That's all there is to it. Joshua knew God was there. Joshua knew God would bring his Word to pass. Why? Based on vindication of Moses, not his own. This step that he took was based on that, on Mt. Sinai, Mt. Horeb. Joshua did not have one problem with that, because he was Word to Word with Moses, who was the Word of God to Joshua.

Oh, they're getting mad now. They say William Branham came on the scene, and now it's William Branham, a Jesus and William Branham. Well, what would Israel have been without Moses? Where would the church be without Paul? What about Luther? What about Wesley? Half [of] them kill themselves with their testimony. They can't say the Word of God anymore than Cain can, because they're liars and murderers. Sold the souls of their people, and they'll soon take the whole world in tow because they've got the gold. Oh, don't try to buy gold. It's something just to hang on to, something just to dangle under your nose. I got a few gold coins, little bit of silver. They're going to take it. Let's forget it. Come on, give it the raspberry and smarten up. Understand what's dung, brother/sister. Understand what's the gold of God.

55. Don't get fooled. Don't get fooled by the doctors and the economists. All they know is the cosmos system and they don't God's system.

As long as he had Moses' word, and was ordained to that position of the Word, Joshua could put the church in order and take it over to the true earthly order in the promised land. Now listen, Moses was gone, but Moses' word wasn't. And Joshua was chosen leader to fulfill the unfulfilled part. There's lots of unfulfilled word today too, brother/sister. So the Book of Confession is basically a book for a leader, where the writer of the book is gone. Now, right there is a latter rain trap, like people saying the

Son of Man ministry is now in the Bride. It isn't. The Son of Man ministry was the vindication of the presence of God, the proof of the prophets, the ministry of Christ returned to this earth. It's over! It's gone! The Word is in the Bride!

How much time we got left? Forget it. Good place to stop. Wednesday we'll finish the Book of Confession. Let's rise and be dismissed.

Gracious, Heavenly Father, we thank you again for the time we've had, Lord, hard driving, yes, but God, I know it's the truth, Lord. And I don't care what anybody else says, and if I miss it, Oh God, by a million miles, there's going to be a Bride out there that can't miss it, because there's got to be vindication somewhere. Lord God, this world couldn't go down, you couldn't bring judgment, there's no way, Lord, in the face of the scripture that you could do other than what you have done. We're happy, Lord, that it has been done, but now give us a beautiful spirit to go with it, Lord. I know we hang pretty tough at times, but I also know that somebody has got to tell them, because the prophet said so. And I hope in my spirit, I'm not rough and mean and rotten, to hang something over somebody's head, but be adamant in the fierceness of the Word of God, because we now know the sword of Democolese, as it were.

But the sword of Christ is even tougher, stronger, more violent, and disrupting nature and these things and then bringing it right back again, hanging right in the balance. And we know it's there, because your own Word said, "Double unto her what she's done." And I can see what the Church did, Lord. It went right away from the original Word, then begin standing there with a militant face that wasn't based upon reality. They'll end up in that last day to hear you say, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

God, I don't want that condemnation on my life, and I don't want that on anybody's life. Help me therefore, to stand here with the truth. And if they kill me for it, Lord, may it be a glorious ending or an inglorious ending. Who cares really, Lord, as long as you stay with me in my heart and my life, that I can stand here and teach what I believe to be true. And, Father, I believe it is true. And I know, God, if it came out of a doorknob, or the mouth of Balaam's mule, it wouldn't make any difference; truth is truth. Except, Lord God, you choose men that you want to deliver it.

And I pray, Lord, we've been here to deliver the truth. To help people with the truth, to understand and see these things. That their minds, Lord, be incorrupted, uncorrupted from the truth, which is in Christ Jesus until the pure written Word, spoken to us by a prophet. We, in turn, speaking that same Word. Fill every channel and soul to come forth as the logos of God in it's own order.

Father, we know we come to a prophets class in this hour, as Moses said, "Would God that all people were prophets." And people don't realize, Lord, how it is to enter into that class. But we do, we haven't done it in the sense, Lord, of any manifestation, but Father, we've done it in the truth and the steps we've taken. I believe that.

Wherever you take us, Lord, I know that's the place to be taken. How you take us, Lord, I know that's the way we should be taken. We commend ourselves to you,

Father, this morning in fear, Lord, yet in love and grace which you've extended toward us, and we, Lord, receive. That as the prophet said, it's been planted, it's been watered, this Word. Nobody's going to take it out of your hand, nobody. And thank God, Lord, this morning that though as your Word is in your hand, we're in your hand with it, becoming one.

Lord, whatever is missing, we're not going to be impatient somehow, because you're going to help us to bide our time, until the Word of God which worketh in us brings forth, why it's working. And unto thee we'll ascribe the honor and the glory, in Jesus name, Amen.

'Take the name of Jesus with you.'