

Paradox # 4

'The Great Commission'
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Shall we pray? Heavenly Father, again we commend ourselves unto You and the Word of Your grace, especially Lord, that It be our portion today. Help us, Lord, for the sake of the people, we might be able to say those things, that are truly correct, Lord, knowing that we have one who was here ahead of us, who gave us that which was very correct. And we pray, that there won't be one word of It twisted or changed, but it shall be exactly as he said It, Lord. Let our understanding, thoroughly aware of what lies there for us in this hour. Father, we commend ourselves to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now we're still continuing with the message, the Paradox, and we'll go back to begin with, again recapping paragraph 40 to 42 on page 6.

[40] *A few years ago, I would take a Bible, let you hand me the Bible, when I first started my ministry; and just take your Bible, and many of you've seen me do it, just hold it open like that, and say, "Lord, where is the message to me?"*

In other words anybody could hand him a closed Bible. It didn't matter, upside down or any way at all. And he would say, "Lord, where is the message to me? Where in the Scripture is this what I am into?" And always he'd just flip it open at Joshua 1. It never, ever changed; never missed.

It opened at Joshua the fourth chapter, any Bible that you would hand me.

[41] *Then until one night a vision came, with which you are familiar, he told a vision of course, and I saw that Bible come down from Heaven, and a hand with a collar and cuff, it went right up to the shoulder but, didn't go beyond, and down to the hand, and the first nine verses of Joshua.*

[42] *That's what it's pointed to, and that's where I am reading from, this Joshua chapter one, this afternoon, for my reading, or my Scripture reading. And then my text, (that's the text for the people), the message is found in Joshua chapter ten, verses twelve to fourteen.*

[47] *Now, lets just read what is in the scripture; Joshua chapter one.*

(1) Now after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass, that the Lord spoke unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses'

minister saying.

- (2) Moses my servant is dead; now therefore rise and go over this 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 thy 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 and all the land the Hittites, to the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.
- (5) There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you, I will not fail you nor forsake you.
- (6) Be strong and of a good courage for unto this people shall thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto your fathers to give them.
- (7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right nor to the left hand that thou mayest prosper wherever thou goest.
- (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 do according to all that is written therein; then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success.
- (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 whithersoever thou goest.

Now you'll notice in there, the literal commission is: "Be of good courage; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance, the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them." Now, that was to Bro. Branham of course, personally, the great commission. And we understand that, because It is the Message. It is the Word.

2. We can read first from Ti 1:3.

- (3) But hath in due times manifested His Word through preaching which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior."

And a liberalized translation is: “But in His own private and strategic seasons, He made known His Word in a proclamation with which I was entrusted.”

3. Now remember, we took up in Luke, where Christ was quoting from the Book of Isaiah, that it was a proclamation. And there would be a proclamation at the end time. There was a proclamation that was given concerning grace and the closing of the book. And there was to be a proclamation at the end time, when grace runs out and an opening of the book. And this would be in His own private and strategic season. And you’ll recall that Jesus Himself said, “It was not given for the people to know the times or the seasons, when that kingdom would come into an order, but God had reserved it unto His own strategic times.” And therefore, there would be a proclamation come according to a strategic time, [and the strategic time would be God’s Own time and His Own strategy revealed.]

4. Now we read to you already, in the Book of 1 Peter, when I discussed this with you concerning the Rapture, where 2 Peter says, I have already written you an epistle concerning this very thing we’re talking about which is the literal coming of the kingdom: a prophet revealing the Word; teachers rising up to destroy it; the earth held and reserved for judgment; the people of the bride aware of it, the rest not aware of it, and judgment coming.

5. All right, It says here; “Now concerning which salvation (again we’re reading a very liberal translation which is literalized for our benefit), prophets conducted an exhaustive inquiry in search, those who prophesied concerning the peculiar grace destined for you, searching as to what season, or character of season, the Spirit of Christ, who was in them was making plain, when He was testifying before hand, concerning the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should come after these sufferings. To whom it was revealed, that not for themselves were they ministering these things, which now have been reported to you, through those who have announced the glad tidings to you, by the Holy Ghost, Who was sent down on a commission from Heaven, which things angels have a passion and desire, to stoop way down, and look into, (like the cherubims of the mercy seat). Wherefore having put out of the way, once for all, everything that would impede the free action of your mind, be calm and collected in spirit, and set your hope perfectly holy, unchangeable, without doubt and despondency, upon the grace that is being brought to you, upon the occasion of the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

That was not the crucifixion. And that was not the revelation they had at that minute. The very prophets that understood, the grace that would be revealed, concerning Jesus Christ’s death, and resurrection, have entered into it. They are already in the first resurrection. This is something different. This is those ones, who were looking down the road, still don’t know, because they can’t know what we’re into. They looked at it. But what’s coming now was not unto them. This is ours. Do you follow? Okay.

6. “As obedient children, not assuming an outward expression, which does not come from your inner being.” So therefore, don’t try to be holier than Moses or holier than Paul or holier than William Branham or holier than anybody else, because you’re already tagged. You’ve been discerned. Everybody knows what you’re like, so don’t try to put a show on. It won’t do you any good anyway, so relax. Fan is in His hand, the garner is purged, and He is separating.

Now, I know what I am talking about. I hope you're understanding. We are talking about a message of grace. See?

7. "...Your inner being, and it is not represented about an expression patterned, after

the expression which you formally had, in the ignorance of your past and desires, but, after the pattern of One who called you, the Holy One; you yourselves also become holy persons, in every kind of behavior, because it is written; it is on record: be ye holy individuals, because for myself I am holy."

Now this is something here, that you're absolutely not going to attain by anything that you ever had in any other generation, any church or anything else. Now remember, we're going to talk about Bro. Branham saying, "Everybody always wants to put something into it." Everybody wants to climb the rungs of the ladder. Now this is one time, where you're going to have to find yourself left to the mercy of God.

Now he tells you here: "And in view of the fact that you call on Him, on Father, a call, that you call on as Father, Him who judges, not with the partiality based upon outward appearance, a mirrored appearance, but with an impartiality in accordance to each individual's work, with a wholesome serious caution, order your behavior during the time of your residence as foreigners" and so on.

8. Now, he says here, and this is what I want to look at. "Let the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ, be eulogized, who impelled by His abundant mercy, caused us to be born again, so that we have a hope which is alive. This living hope, having been made actual through the intermediant instrumentality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from among those who are dead." Remember it's the first resurrection, the first part, the first resurrection is over and the Old Testament saints are in it. "...resulting in an inheritance, imperishable, and undefiled, that does not pay the way, which inheritance has been laid up for you, and is now kept guard in safe deposit in heaven, for those who are constantly being kept guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation, ready to be revealed in the last season, which is epochal, and strategic in it's significance. Which last season, you ought to be constantly rejoicing, with the joy, that expresses itself, in triumphant exuberance. Although for a little while, the present time of per chance, there is a need of it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many kinds of testings, in order that you prove with your faith, which faith was examined by testing, for the purpose of being approved. That approval being much more precious than approval of gold, which perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire attesting, may be discovered after scrutiny, to result in praise and glory and honor at the time of the revelation of Jesus Christ."

It's not back there in the old day. That's now. See? And this is what Bro. Branham said, "*The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ was the day of the judge.*" Remember there it is right there. This is that hour, proving the judge is here by the fact he could read every single heart. It takes a prophet to know the Word of God, to reveal the Word of God, and to explain the Word of God, and then to pass on the Word of God. From that time on the Word of God goes right down the road, and It just separates and takes in everything. There's no way that you can stop It.

9. All right. We're looking at these things then, which is what Bro. Branham was supposed to have, the strategic Word of the season. He was to have the Word of the hour, and he was to divide It to us. [He was to proclaim It], because that's what It's all about.

All right, we go a little further here. Now verse 6 we read,

(6) Be strong and of good courage for unto you shall thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swear unto your fathers to give them.

All right, remember there are seven messages, and Seven Church ages, and if we are going to parallel, then remember there is a message. Okay?

Verse 6, is paragraph 40. He said,

[40] *Every time I would hold a Bible and said, "Lord, what is the message to me? What have you got to tell me? He said, "I've got to tell you something, I have given you a Word for a season. I have given you a message. See?*

Now, that's exactly what It is. He is to take and divide the food in due season, the food convenient. He is to take the Word, and to place It, for this hour. That was his job. All right? Now, we take that to page twelve, which you haven't read before, 87 to 90. Now this is where he is.

[87] *We're taught in Revelation the sixth chapter, I believe, yes sixth chapter and Seven Seals. The Book to be sealed up with seven mysteries, or Seven Seals, Revelation six. And the last day, Revelation ten, in Revelation ten, we find that Laodicea, last messenger of the age, and during the time of his prophecy, the Seven Seals would be open, seven mysteries, seven mysteries have been left off.*

[88] *In every age there has been some left, some of It left off. The reformers didn't have time to take care of It. Sure, they didn't live long enough. The days of Luther, he only preached justification by faith. He was gone, they made a church. After come Wesley, he preached sanctification. There it was. Long came Pentecostals.*

[89] *But we're promised, according to Revelation ten, and according to Malachi four, now Revelation 10, is according to Malachi 4, and Saint Luke seventeen and thirty, or twenty-two, and so forth, there has got to come an Ephesians. There is promised it friends. There must come an Ephesians, that these sevenfold mysteries, of the Word of God, must be unfolded. And it's in the Laodicean age that this takes place. I believe we're there.*

All right. Now he tells you It's in Ephesians. So therefore, there's something here in

Joshua, that we've got to discover, the commission given him, in order to see where we are going. Which we will see.

10. Now, we return to page 6. And again we'll look at 45 to 46. He's praying.

[45] *And we realize we're closing the time, time is running out.* Now watch.
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Now I want you to listen carefully and get where we are, because look, I've had a very poor week this week, because of my own folly. And I've let things upset me, because of other things that are folly. And I'm going to have a hard time this morning, and this message is ultra, ultra important; it is a plateau. Now you know I don't tell you these things, if I don't mean them; because I'm responsible for what I tell you. And I'm very responsible, because of what goes out of here. And it's a pity, but people are hanging on my words. Now, so I want you to listen, and I'm trying to be right in what I'm giving you. Here's what he said;

We're closing the time, time is running out.

He allotted time. You say, "I just don't believe a prophet came down here." You don't believe the Word of God. Go on home. You're already dead sick. You already missed the boat. You don't believe anything anyway. You say, "Bro. Vayle..." "Fact is, I'd preach to the four corners or to my wife." Now let's get the next thing.

And it's blending with Eternity. (That's what I have been preaching. You can't get people to believe it.) *And we're at the west coast.*

11. Now time doesn't run out completely until after the White Throne. But you're already into eternity. Now that's concerning the Word and the conditions. Whether you're there or not, and I'm there or not, depends on election, which is forerunning predestination. And this is where you and I don't have a representation; you either are a son of God, or you are not a son of God. And you always were that. But fallen is fallen. Then when you get to the raising up to redemption, there's where you've got your representation. See?

12. *It's blending it with Eternity. We're at the west coast.*

Then there's only one place where this message can go, and that's back east. And when it goes back east, it goes back to a nation. You know something? I want to find one nation that's not represented here in America. I believe you'll even find the Bushman, from Africa somewhere, he's got his blood here somewhere. And you'll find the Maori, you'll find everybody, because America is the melting pot. And the sun is going down. And the Son came over here to America (Now I am typing), and this is the Message of the kingdom. And remember the ends of the earth have to come upon It; you can't go back to the first age, second age, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh, and you can't go back where the sun came from. You've got to follow it right through. Then in a type, the Message of the kingdom has been heard, when It struck America. That's where the blood lines are. You say, "I don't know if I believe that." Then you don't believe Jesus Christ, because He pinned everything on the children, what their

parent's had. And we're falling here at everything Luther had, and Wesley had, and Pentecost had, and everybody else had, because we're the end time children that are being turned back. That's the thought.

*As civilization has travelled, East to West, so has the gospel travelled with it.
And now there is no place to go but East again. It's completed.*

[45] Now he says this right in his prayer. *And we pray, Heavenly Father, that this will be a great hour for all of us, that we might sense the Presence of the Holy Spirit, the Writer of this Book back in the building of the tabernacle of flesh.*

Now, if that is the baptism with the Holy Ghost, then He always was tabernacling in flesh. This is different. This is William Branham talking. "When you see God descend from the heavens, stand before groups of men and declare Himself as ever He did." That's God in the prophet. You say, "How much of God?" In this case all of God. You say, "I don't know if I believe it." You don't have to believe anything. Nobody asked you to.

Manifesting Himself to us. How is He doing it? Why He said, "I'm going to manifest Myself to you, but not to the world." And Judas said, "Well how in the world you going to manifest to us and not to the world?" Well he said, "It's a good thing you asked that question." So I'm going to tell you how it is. It is over here in Heb 11:14.

(14) And they that say such things declare plainly.

Because that word means 'manifest.' How You going to manifest? How You going to declare Yourself plainly to us and not to the world? It's very simple. It's like those Hebrews. It's over here in the Book of 1 John 4.

(4) They are of the world therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God and He that knoweth God heareth us, and he that is not of God does not here us. Hereby we know, the Spirit of truth and error.

Hereby you know if you've got the Holy Ghost or not. How are You going to be manifested? How are You going to be declared plainly? It's going to take the Word.

13. And remember in Malachi, "They spake often one to another." They weren't talking to God. They were talking to each other. You say, "What profiteth us Bro. Vayle if we talk this Message?" Shows who we are. [] Now notice:

[46] *In the pardoning of our sins, the forgiving of our iniquity, and with the assurance He will not impute to the believer, with the assurance of that.*

She's blameless, without sin, the perfect will of Almighty God. All right, God always has manifested Himself. He never has had any way, but what He always has had. He attracts the people first by the signs, the wonders, the miracles, and those things that are genuine. Then

He brings them to a message; which is the complete revealing and the unveiling.

14. Well, let's go back now to page 8. And in page 8, he says here, reading the portion to us as the text.

(12) Then spake Joshua unto the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand still upon Gibeon; thou, Moon, the valley of Ajalon.

(13) The sun stood still, the moon stayed, until the people avenged themselves upon their enemies.

Now remember, there's a day of avenging at the end of our age too. The widow says, "Avenge me of mine adversaries. I want my inheritance." I've been beat out of my inheritance, by that corrupt bunch of Roman Catholics and Protestants out there. Because as long as they stand there, and I don't have my inheritance, the Word divided to me, I can't get anywhere. So he said, "Sun stand still, moon stand still." In other words let nature, let everything stand still positively, until the saints of God are avenged. You say, "Do you believe that?" I wouldn't have said it if I didn't believe it.

"Seeing it's a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you. And you who are troubled relax with us when the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels and flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God."

15. There it is right there. So you see a parallel. Things of God are in order. All right.

(13) Is it not written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hastened not to go down for a whole day.

(14) There was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord harkened unto the of a voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.

Now notice. He's harkened to the voice of a man. We'll get in that just a minute. You know, there is a promise that said; if you say to this mountain, "Be thou moved," it will move. Do you know it's got to repeat? It doesn't say the sun is going to stand still, moon stand still. It says God never harkened to a man, from that time until the time indicated through Jesus; when you say to this mountain, "You be moved," it will be moved. God is going to listen to the voice of a man. Now how much of a man is He going to listen to? You understand right now, that isn't a carte blanche statement so that you can say anything you want. That would have to be God in the man, the same as Jesus said, "The only the works I do are what He tells me to do, and what I see Him do."

16. All right, now, Paradox. The word 'paradox' means 'something incredible.' Something

though it doesn't look like it's true, is true. Looks like two forces coming against each other. So it's impossible for them to be reconciled. But it's got to be true, because the prophet said so, and the Bible says so.

17. All right now;

[57] *“Joshua here is a book, actually, it's a Book of redemption. Now Joshua is a book.”*

Now watch, he doesn't say the person. He says the book. I told you how Bro. Branham corrected me. He said, *“Lee, it is neither me nor my ministry. It's my message.”*

I said, “Let me understand this. As there was John the Baptist, nobody but John the Baptist, then it isn't William Branham specifically. It's the message of the individual. It's the message that comes.”

He said, *“That's it.”*

All right, you'll notice then, it's a book. Now;

[57] *We have to consider it, it's a Book of redemption. It has two parts. Redemption anywhere has two parts. It's “out of” and “in to.” It takes two parts to make redemption, “out of” and “in to.” All right just a minute now; they already came up, but they didn't go in. They died off, so it looks like it's a coming out of a coming out. Then they'll be going in. Out of death into life.*

[58] *Moses represented the law which brought them out of Egypt, whereas, Joshua represented grace that took them into the promised land. Another way, was, the law and grace were two different aspects of God's command or God's Word.*

See, it's one Word. That's why Paul said, “The law is holy.” He said, “Trouble is with me.” Now what could a commandment that condemns you do any thing for you? You better have something that doesn't condemn you. See? So, now the law brought them out (Moses) and Joshua took them in. So you see we are not involved with personalities here, Joshua, and Moses; we're involved with two types of Word. See? Now;

[59] *It, (that's Joshua) also represents something for our day. Now it, (Joshua), represents as they were in the journey, coming from Egypt into a promised land, so that we have come out of the world of Egypt, that's chaos, the abyss, on our road to a promised Land. “In My Father's house there are many mansions; if it weren't so, I would have told you,” Coming “out,” going “in to.” Okay?*

[60] *It's the law that brings us to recognize we're wrong, but it's grace that forgives us.*

In other words there's got to be a diagnostic word before there can be a prognostic

word. And the diagnosis is, if people accept It, there will be a satisfactory prognosis. Now you've come to this Pentecostal age: "You're wretched, you're miserable, you're naked, you're blind," and they say, "Who do you think you are, you [ignorant] slob." "Me. I'm wonderful." But the diagnosis is, "wretched, miserable, blind, naked." The [prescription] is, change your stinking mind about yourself. That's the prognosis [that will correct the problem].

18. Now, how are you going to get a people that are blind, and don't know it, that are deaf and don't know it, in adultery and don't know it, completely sealed in to their wickedness, and think they're wonderful; and like Cain, they'll kill to prove it; "We're in the Bible, bless God. It's the Bible, Bible, Bible." But they haven't got the Word of the hour. And remember Pentecost never did have a leader. They're the tail end of the face of a man; that's why they go to seed. And they pride themselves on never having had a leader. Then what kind of a mess are they? The worse mess of any age, because there is a leader, and they don't know it, because every age has a messenger.

19. All right, the law--diagnosis. Grace is the prognosis. The law has no hope. A diagnosis never cured anybody; but it sure smartens you up that you needed a cure, if you could take it. And they couldn't do it. Now, and remember the law of this hour is, the diagnosis: "You're wretched, you're miserable, you're blind, you're naked, and you haven't got a thing." Now the prognosis is: Repent, and I'm standing at the door, and you [can] get in touch with Me." And this hour, in other words, at the Seventh Church Age along with the messenger, God Himself comes down to give him a hand. All right?

[60] *This law has no grace in it, because law only points you're a sinner, but grace tells you how to get out of it. Law is the policeman that put you in jail, redemption is the One that came and paid your fine; put you out of jail, but redemption is what got you "out of," and "in to" grace.*

Now that's the great paradox there, because he's talking about this hour. And people say, "Now just a minute; if I'm born again, how am I locked into something I can't get out of?" And they're talking now about any condition. Or they're saying, "I'm locked into the Holy Ghost. I am locked into God. How am I out of it?" Because they don't have the Holy Ghost. Because why? They've got a tongues evidence. They've got a false [teaching]. You can't tell them that. There's no way they're going to do it. How are you going to make anybody believe Mal 4:6, except it's for the Jews or somebody else? How are you going to make a people believe these things? There's no way you can make them believe these things.

20. Now,

[61] *The Ephesus. Now we find the same thing, the Old Testament, I think this Book of Joshua fits. A fitting word for it, would, be the book of Ephesus of the Old Testament. The Book of Ephesians of the Old Testament, would be a good thing to title this Book of Joshua, because it's certainly fitting to this.*

All right? Then Ephesus has to be a repeat, at least in a measure, if not the entire

measure, of what was back there in the days of Joshua. Now we know the Book of Ephesians runs out with the Rapture. So therefore, we are looking for something that is going to put us into the many mansions, which is an eventual thing.

21. All right.

[62] *Now we find Joshua representing grace, or some propitiation, that it could not exist in the same time the law was in existence. Now watch that. I'll read it again. Now we find Joshua representing grace.*

Now this is the Book, not so much the man, although the man's there, or some propitiation. So therefore, grace is a propitiatory act on the part of the offended one, not on the offender.

Here's an example: you've got a dog, you know, that sucks eggs. And so you finally wait one day, and you catch him, and you smack him around the snout a bit. And so you peek again one time, and the dog is grabbing an egg again, and he looks up and sees you, and he kind of grins at you, wiggles his tail. Ain't no good. You're going to bust him. That's the way a lot of people are. They think they can pull a propitiatory against God. There ain't no way; it's got to be from God's side. There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, and a mediator is not of one. When there are two people involved, and they've got trouble, you bring in a third person. Now the Bible distinctly says, "That God was His own mediator and delivered His own propitiatory act." So that's God doing everything. So all you got to do is agree with what God did [and agreeing means believing.]

[62] *Now Joshua representing grace, or some propitiation, that could not exist in the same time that law was in existence.*

Because law said, "Do something." Grace and propitiation says, "Do nothing." Yet it is a paradox too, and I'll show why a little later on.

22. Now listen, let's read the next part.

[63] *Neither does any message, that forwards the people on, ever coincide with the past message.*

Now nobody believes that. Now basically down inside they understand to this end, that God said, "Ah, in My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go prepare a place for you. I'm going to come and get you." Wonderful. God said certain things at the end time, "There's going to be fire fall upon the earth, there is going to be earth quakes, this, that, and the other thing. There is going to be this thing, that thing spiritual, this thing, that thing negative." They look down the road and they said, "Now that's fine." But because the Word was already given, they failed to understand, that starting with the apostle Paul, there was a measure of Word for every hour, that began bringing the church closer, and closer, and closer; until one day, it would arrive at a place, which would take them over, into the Millennium. In other words, forwarding the people.

23. Now Bro. Branham being a prophet, showed us how the church, being in the image of Christ, must die, and go in the ground; which was a spiritual and a physical thing. And it went in there under the dark ages, for four hundred years, and began to come back in a resurrection, under Luther, forwarding the church, not down, but forwarding the church up, until it could go in. Now Bro. Branham categorically said, and it's true: "The message will not coincide with the last one, if it's going to forward you."

What message did the Roman Catholic church have? Oh they say, "Well you see Bro. Vayle, there was nothing there." Hogwash there wasn't, then there was nobody born again. There was a whole bunch born again. They had some saints. They fought the pope, and everything else, and they died. Now Luther came, and it was so distinct, that the church took it magnificently, and it went into seed. And Wesley came on the scene, and the church began going, going onward. And Pentecost came on the scene, and the church went onward. And each time there was a radical stepping away. Then won't this be a radical stepping away?

24. Now, he said,

[63] *Neither does any message, that forwards the people on, ever coincide with the past message. It will not do it. There's where you have trouble today. Jesus said, "Does any person take a new piece of garment put it on an old? Or put the new wine into old bottles? They perish. It bursts them open." They can't stand it.*

That's exactly true. They can't stand it. Let's see what it's like. This is the time to shake people. This is that time that God said, "There would come a time," He shook Mount Sinai one time, but said, "There would come a shaking again; wouldn't only shake Mount Sinai, but He'd shake everything that could be moved. Now that's Hebrews 12. But did you notice the rest of the Scripture? But we receive a kingdom that can't be moved, halleluiah. Now if that doesn't forward you, what does? Now Sinai was the shaking by the Word. And It tells you, He is going to speak again, and the speaking is going to be a shaking.

You know, something like a little kid, maybe not so little comes by, and maybe twelve, thirteen years old; he thinks he can really kid his dad. So he tells him a big whopper, thinking his dad will take and tell another whopper. The dad just hauls off and slaps him across the chops, and knocks his head around. He learns right now. He's shaken down. Well, God by grace brought miracles, signs, and wonders and showed the people they're shaken down, but they didn't take it.

25. Now, everything that can be shook down, will be shaken. The heavens will shake. That is, we're in that time right now. The earth will shake. We are in that time right now; California is going to go down. Heaven and earth will pass away, but that Word shall never pass away. For upon this rock, I'll build My church, and the gates of hell will never prevail against it. Everything that can be shaken, will be shaken, but we receive a Kingdom, which is the Word of God, Himself, and God is His Word. He doesn't shake Himself, but we receive a Kingdom that can't be moved. "It's unshakable," said Paul, the Hebrew writer, [Hebrews 12:]

26. Now he's talking about way back there, on Mount Sinai, and he is talking about William Branham, comparing to Moses. You say, "The guy's got a nerve." Well thank God he's got a nerve. Somebody's got to have guts. You've got to have the thing repeat at the end time.

We saw the Glory of God like these men did, sure, we saw it. We saw the Glory of God, like Abraham saw it. Jesus stood there one day, and He said, "I spoke with Abraham, and he saw my day, and we were happy, got along just good." [Jn 8:56]

Now William Branham comes along, and he says, "Say," he said, "I was back there with Abraham. I was the one with Abraham." He wasn't back there, except in Christ, but he said, now he said, "I can see Abraham."

We saw the Glory of God like Moses saw it; the same Pillar of Fire, the same power of God, the same Christ, unveiling Himself, revealing Himself, showing Himself, keeping His Word, in the last days. How come? How can we come by then, and walk, and treat it so lightly? How can we walk around and hold our creeds, denominations, and not take the Word of God? What will it be for us in that day? What will happen to us, when they've seen the Glory of God?

27. Now we're talking about Joshua, and law and grace. We're talking about getting there. Now;

Some people will stand off and make fun of it, some laugh at it, some call it fanaticism, some call it mental telepathy, some call it Beelzebub, some call it one thing and another. An old proverb said, "Fool who walk with hob nailed shoes where angels fear to tread", that's right. The fool has said, in his heart, "There is no God". A man that looks right today and cannot identify the Pillar of Fire, and cannot see Christ manifested, to us, and not to the world, that man is just as good as a fool, an atheist. [End of the first side of the tape.] (Now watch), He said, "There's no God;" when he sees God manifested, so perfectly, by His own Word, not a creed, but His Word, and then walk right over it, and make fun of it, he's a fool.

Now that's what Judas said, not Iscariot. Now Bro. Branham said, "He's right here, and manifested, a consciousness of guilt that no longer is present with a true bride." That's why Abraham didn't look at his own actions and his own thoughts on this and that.

28. [62] Now, he says here, *Joshua representing grace, or some propitiation, that could not exist in the same time the law was in existence.*

Now, every period of grace goes to law. Ours does too.

Now It says, "There is no propitiation under an old message." That's why It distinctly says in John 3, that there is no blood apart from light. The blood does not avail. That's why when you speak of this hour of our covenant, this is the only place where the blood is. There is a big misunderstanding, because too many people couch their words wrong. We don't have

time to make mistakes anymore and fool around. Here is the propitiation. Here is the blood. It's the only place it is. It isn't any place else. Otherwise there couldn't be a judgment.

29. Now, Joshua could not at all become into his ministry until after Moses was gone. Now Moses had to go. The law had to go before grace could become. In other words, as Bro. Branham shows you here, grace always was there, but it couldn't become. Elohim stands here to become, and He's becoming. That's why people do not understand my preaching.

They couldn't understand Bro. Branham. His very language is biblical. They don't know the Bible. They act like they do, but they don't. His language is Scripture, 'becoming.' He illustrated it: Elohim, He illustrated Himself. And when He did, He came right to the church, 'becoming.' Seven steps, 'becoming.' A message of virtue, until you come right to Love Himself, where grace is manifested.

30. Now, "Moses my servant is dead, arise and take this people to the promised land." Moses representing law, it served it's time. It's the law, had served it's time.

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[10-1] (Invisible Union,) *The prophet Paul See, and that's in Romans 7 here is saying, a woman cannot re-marry until her first husband is dead." She cannot re-marry--now the subject is re-marriage. Now evidently she's had a problem here. She can't re-marry as long as the first husband is living. By no circumstances at all. She must remain single, as long as a her first husband is living, and if she do such a sin, she'll be called an adulteress. I'm speaking of natural now, to type it with the spiritual. If this woman commits such a sin, she is marked an adulteress, if she has two living husbands at the same time. Therefore she's forfeited her right. She has forfeited, by doing this, her rights to God and the Kingdom by doing so, she sure has. She become an outcast in the economy of God, according to Scripture that I've just read.*

[10-2] *So is the church, when she tries to mix creed and denomination with the Word of God. You can't have law and grace, you can't have this either. She can't be married to a denomination, and, be the bride of Christ at the same time. She can't be Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian...She can't be any of those, she's lost. She's got to ditch it. She has got to be dead to one or the other. The law says so here. There's plenty of laws in God's Word, and that is His law. Paul speaking the same thing here, she cannot be married to a church, or worldly creeds, and be the bride of Christ, because one is contrary to the other.*

[10-3] *Now remember you say, "Well we believe this, we don't believe that." If you are married to Christ, Christ is the Word of God. 1 John says, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God, the same was made flesh and dwell among us." Christ was the living Word, He was also the Word, He was always the Word, He is still the Word, He will always be the Word.*

[12-1] *Now, she is the woman, if she is married to the Christ the Word. She cannot be married*

to a church denomination at the same time, for she is bound by it. That's right. She cannot live with both husbands at the same time. Because they are contrary one to another. One is God sent, the other is man made. So they are contrary. He said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the truth." God said that.

[12-2] *Just as much contrary to one another, as law was to grace. Paul speaking here, "One must be dead to have the other." If she tries to mix them, she'll be called an adulteress.*

How many adulterers do we have in this message? Plenty of them. Bunch of Pentecostal adulterers. Might have Roman Catholic adulterers, Baptist adulterers, Methodist, God knows what. I don't know. See they can't shake it. And remember the cause of the whole trouble is teachers. See?

[12-2] *One must be dead to have the other and if she tries to mix them she will be called an adulteress. Oh think of it New York, Arizona, across the nation. Interesting. God said if she tried to be married with two at the same time she would be called an adulteress. What adulteress can enter heaven? Would God marry an adulteress? Certainly not, He asked us not to do it. She will be called an adulteress.*

[12-3] *Then her children if she is an adulteress, her children are illegitimate. Illegitimate to what? Not the church, but to the Word, because she is illegitimate.*

[12-4] *What a picture is this of Revelation 3, here in the last Laodicean age. What an illegitimate group. What denominational mix up, luke warm.*

31. The church doesn't dare stand for anything today; neither does the law. Nothing dares to take a stand anymore. Nobody does, except a bride. You say, "Well I believe this politician took a stand." Ha, fap, everybody thought that Goldwater took a stand. Look where he is. The people thought Reagan took a stand; took a hot dog stand. Tried to sell us a bunch of wieners stuffed with sawdust, trying to make us believe Jesus Christ and the twelve apostles will be dyed-in-the-wool, square, conservative Republicans, if they were here. They'd be more socialistic. Now they wouldn't be Democrat, but they would understand that people need help; but also understand if you didn't work, you didn't eat either. Let's understand a few things... Bro. Branham... I agree when he said, *"If I wouldn't be a Christian, I would lean toward Communism."* That's exactly where I stood, because you want to help people. But there is only so much you can help, only so much, and no more.

32. Now he said, *"Carry on lukewarm denominations, having a form of Godliness."* And they can be some of the most lovely people in all the world you can't put a finger on. But you just say, "Now here's what the Word teaches." They say, "Now just hold it right there, our church don't go for that." You just show them, that they haven't got proper worship, because they don't have a proper revelation. They say, "Now just a minute, I talk to God; He answers my prayers. We speak in tongues; yes siree. We got people healed in our church, everything else." Oh, there's no trouble there. You bet they do. [You] can't fight that.

33. Now, they started out...All right, the law of the husband; all laws and creeds must go, otherwise it is adultery. Okay?

[65] *They started out, really, with grace, to begin with. Before they had law, they had grace.* Now watch this. Now watch this carefully, see just where you are today. Because the promise was, "I want to get you out. I'm going to take you in." Now watch, all right down there, there was grace.

Before they had law, they had grace. While they were in Egypt, without law; no one down there, just the priests, and so forth, they didn't have any laws. The law had not yet been given. Grace provided them a prophet. All right, now you got a prophet. Now what's he going to do? Grace provided an atonement the prophet came, and the atonement came into view: sacrificial lamb. If the Lamb opened the seals, what are you going to see? Redemption by blood. Okay?

We're getting into that, to the sacrifice, the blood. There's where your healing lays.

Now the atonement. *The atonement had been provided before there was any law. Grace was before law, during law, and after law.* Oh certainly. Rev 13:8.

(8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the Lamb book of Life, slain from the foundation of the world, even before the foundation.

Grace always was there, because grace and propitiation go together. Propitiation is God turning away His wrath from us by His Own means. That's grace.

Now;

[65] *Grace was before law, during law and after law.*

Gal 3:16-29.

(16) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, to thy seed which is Christ. (God made a promise to Christ. All right now, we were in Him. He is our representative, we're sons of God. What is going to happen? Well He's supposed to see His seed, the travail of His soul. I'll raise Him up at the last day. Okay? Now;)

(17) This I say, the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul that it should make the promise of non-effect. (So It tells you right there, law was in the land as a diagnostic measure.)

- (18) And if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.
- (19) Wherefore, then, serveth the law? It was added because of transgression, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
- (20) Now a mediator, is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

It tells you right there, it usually takes three people, and the mediator stands between. But God come right down and did it all.

He said, "I have made a way for you. You are forgiven. Everything is fine. Come on back home." Now people don't want that.

They say, "Now just a minute. I'm going to tell you something. It's very true that you say that, but I should do so and so and so and so."

You say, "Oh, good-bye Charlie. You never were called in the first place. You never had it in the first place."

That's why this church stands on one thing--believing. And if you believe, you'll do a lot of other things with it, which are the right things. But you've got to believe.

- (21) Is the law, then, against the promise of God? God forbid; for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. (But it doesn't come by the law.)
- (22) But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. (Showing everybody is a sinner, the elect come out of the sin.)
- (23) But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. (Now notice) And before faith came we were kept under the law, shut up unto faith that should after be revealed.

34. All right? Every denomination went to seed and went to a law. And you're shut up there, until God comes on the scene and burst the doors through a covenant of grace, and the propitiation stands there, and they come out. Now, we're doing the same thing. See? All right.

- (24) Wherefore, the law was a school master to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- (25) But after faith is come, we're no longer under a school master (and so on).

Now watch,

[66] *So there was Joshua, representing grace, was right along with law, but could not be enforced as long as law was in it's proper place.*

Now I'm going to read that again, then I got to go on to the next paragraph, so you will understand it.

So there was Joshua, representing grace. (So therefore, what Joshua enters into, is to bring the people into grace), was right along with law, but, could not be enforced as long as law was in its proper place.

[67] *And so has the church world in this last day! "Its in it's right place. It's where it belongs. Everything is going just right. It's come along, it's played its part, but there is coming a time when it must cease. It must do it. There has got to be an Ephesians, also, of this journey, just as there was of other journeys. There has to be an Ephesians in Ephesus, an Ephesian of this journey. (Now keep reading).*

[68] *Wherein that law, wherein that law could never save a sinner, as I have pointed out. It could not. Therefore the promised land represented a day of grace.*

That's why it's a Book of Joshua. The promised land represents a day of grace. Ephesians is the Book of Grace. The whole Seven Church Ages, of people being filled with the Holy Ghost, now come to the Holy Ghost Himself. And He's Joshua of this day, and He's leading us into grace.

Now that's what it's all about. Now don't forget it. As I have told you before, this Message will stumble you, because you're so used to thinking every thought but the right thought.

35. Now let me tell you something. I was there when Bro. Branham preached this. There was a bunch of people in the front of me and around me. In those days, I had to learn how to get around their spirits by just using my mind, which you can do it and get right around anything, because you're a spiritual person. So when I heard, "Seed of Discrepancy" and this one ["Paradox"], he said, "Which did you like?" Well, I said, "I preferred the "Seed of Discrepancy." And his face fell. He thought I might have caught what he was saying. No more caught it than nothing, any more than anybody else was catching it. Because your mind will trick you. Now manure is great for growing mushrooms. Shall we open skulls? But it doesn't know the first thing about grace. You've got to rid your mind of every encumbrance, and bring every thought down and realize what he is talking about.

36. Joshua the Book; Ephesians the Book. And he's talking about a promised land. He's talking about a place where law does not exist. Where it's nothing but grace, and because of grace, you make it. And grace is a propitiation, and God in His Own propitiatory [or Mercy's Seat]. And God is His Own mediator. God is His Own prophet. God is His Own everything.

And He is waiting for a people who give Him enough pre-eminence where God is everything, so they have a true repentance that brings them a true knowledge of God.

37. I know you're a little bit buffaloed. Let your thinking go. Like I said the other day, I'm glad you're confused. Now you'll let your stupid thinking go and listen. Well, I know some of you. You just say, "Well, I can't get it," and you'll buzz off. Well, go ahead, if that's all you come to church for, go ahead. Now I'm rough, and I'm tough, and I'm going to hang rough and tough, because unless you do, you'll miss it. Blood has been shed. It costs somebody blood!

38. Oh, Jesus walked a true life, hallelujah. He said, "Trippy, trippy, toe; to Gethsemane I will go. Isn't it nice, isn't nice, lovely. Let the scourges fly. Let the sin fall. Oh beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, beautiful." It was agony. He sweat blood. He sweat blood. Yes, to much hogwash Pentecost today. Too much unsoundness from the top of the head to the sole of the feet. Too much vomit on the table. Too much manure in the head. Too much corruption in the heart. And there is only one cure--God. You ain't getting there. I don't care if you are a son. I don't care if you're a son. Evidently God didn't care either, in this limited sense; you've got to fall, and you've got to come back, and He made a way. We're not serious and sober enough to let our own stupid thinking go. See? But it's got to go. So the church world in this last day, it's come along. It's played it's part. The life has [passed] on, until there is no life anywhere except in a bride, who is going to walk in to immortality.

39. Now It said,

[67] *It's got to cease, it's got to do it. There has got to be an Ephesians, of this journey. We're in a journey, and Ephesians takes you right into the Rapture. Ephesians takes you by the Word to the headship of Christ, growing up to manhood. That's right. Where the appreciation lies in not what you and I think we're doing, but an understanding of Who He is and what He has done. To see His love.*

Everybody's got this love backwards. We're trying to put on an act with our love. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but the God that loved us; and people turning down His love in this hour. "Oh, I love, I love." Oh you shut up, for God's sake, and your own sake. You love nothing. You have the love of a hypocrite, and it stinks. That's why, I'm trying to preach this series, and trying to get the people swung to where they belong. Million miles away yet. Sure I'm a million miles off. I want to find somebody who's not. Not that I'm any kind of a leader, but I want to see it. Where have I every tried to take you but to His Presence? My God, I scare everybody off the way I preach. I scare you all off, which is good. You bet your life it's good. There's got to be an Ephesians, for chapter 1 and chapter 4.

40. Now,

[67] *There's got to come an Ephesians, an Ephesus, an Ephesian of this journey. Watch.*

[68] *Wherein that law could never save a sinner, as I have pointed out. It could not. Therefore the promised land represented a day of grace.*

Not Millenium. Do you understand what I am saying? See, because you get the idea of coming out, going in. "In my Father's house there are many mansions," so on, and so on, and so on. We're not talking about that. All right, the promised land is a day of grace. In plain English then, this is the hour of promise. This is what the prophet divided to us. The Word of promise, the promise for this hour--time and eternity blending. Don't you know that's true? I believe that the living ones of Christ are all around us now. I see a church that's indissoluble, indivisible, and she's one. I see no space and no time any more.

41. [The main thought centers on the statement: "I don't know time and space any more, when it comes to the bride."]

42. People come in here, especially women. You've got to watch women. I don't think you got any more. It's a good thing you don't. With their emotion, trying to run things with some emotion. Hogwash. What's that go to do with it? It's the hour of eyeballing with eyeball, and honesty to honesty. There's where your love is. Not some junk out here that anybody can perpetrate and call God.

[69] *Now if you've noticed, in that journey, they had three stages of their journey. Just a minute, I want to go back to, let me see, yes.*

[66] *So there was Joshua, representing grace, was right along with law, but could not been enforced. The great Sovereign God, can't do one thing about His grace, unless you get rid of the other stuff. Grace is enforced, and it is a force to be reckoned with.*

[69] *And if you noticed, in that first journey, they had three stages to their journey. Now watch, he is only going to mention two. First there was the preparation by faith, down in Egypt, under the sacrificial lamb, one. Then they crossed the Red Sea, to the wilderness, a separating, which represented another stage of the journey. Well, I thought there was three. It only mentions two.*

[70] *Cause, after the preparation, when they all got ready, then they, when they came to the Red Sea, there was a failure again. The people did not believe, after seeing the things that God did. They still did not believe. And God opened up the Red Sea and took them forth, which we're taught that all the people were baptised unto Moses, under the Cloud and sea.*

Now, you've got a baptism under Pentecostalism. That's the reason we can have a thousand baptisms in the Holy Ghost, for days speaking in tongues and still miss it, because it's not a true baptism. It's a church baptism. And the church baptism under Pentecost is a false anointing. The anointing is true, but the person is a phoney. You bet. They still rebel. They still want their law. They still want their church. They still want their creeds. They still want their dogmas, and they're going to tell you, bless God. Blind, blind Laodicea. You can't tell them that. No way shape and form. How can you?

[70] *The people did not believe, after seeing the things of God. They still did not believe. God opened up the Red Sea and took them forth, so on.*

43. Now listen, in Egypt, where the sacrifice was, formally see, down there, there was a sacrifice. Every time, under grace, the preparation lies there, God brought them out. How can there be a failure any time? When they failed at the Red Sea, proved that they didn't have the real thing. See? It isn't God that fails. We're trying to show you it isn't that Word. It's people. They won't believe Him.

[71] *Now they were baptized, repented and were baptized, and came out to walk in a new life, in a new land, in a newness journey, amongst a new people and the hand of God upon them.*

Same right today. Ephesians the same way. Nothing old about it at all. Now, you can't come smelling of leaks and garlic's in this journey here. You don't have the smell of the earth upon you like old Esau. You got the smell of manna on you. Your breath smells like [manna], not like eating a bunch of carrion, like a bunch of crows got into. Now:

But it finally came to a place, in this walk that they had, they were not satisfied with the walk of grace. They had to come to something that they could do themselves. It's that same thing now. Same problem right today.

[72] *Now that's where people think, today, of Divine healing, or some other work of grace, of God, there is something you have to do. There is nothing you have to do but believe, just believe God.* Now that's the paradox. That's the paradox. Leave it alone. He'll know what to do, but nothing to do with this. Now, that's Hebrews 6. See?

[73] *And if they would have continued on! The promise wasn't given them under law. The promise was given before the law, without any conditions to it.*

44. Now, this same Word was given to us, for this hour, before the church ever got anywhere near where it is. And all the while, while the church was dying in sin, this Word stood right there--this promise of grace, waiting for the people to come out of the church, to come into a promise, which is the promised land, where we're already getting ourselves placed positionally and the inheritance.

45. Now don't think I'm giving you a bunch of hogwash. Let me tell you right there. When the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of Him comes in to the church, the eyes of your heart will be enlightened, and you will know what the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints are. You'll know it. You already know you're Mrs. Jesus, the queen. See? If they had continued on, but they would not do it. He said;

[73] *"I've given you this land, go over into it!" But before they got to that promise, they decided there was something they must do themselves.* What do you need to do yourself? Well let's find out.

[74] *And, that, we still find among human beings. We're prone to be that way, "There is something we've got to do." We feel that we've got to have something into it also. Now listen, paradox.*

[75] *You do have something into it, that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas, to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished. That's all there is. Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by it, and God does the rest of it. In other words, eat for the journey. That's the one thing that God said, "Eat, eat, eat." He took Elijah, eat, eat, and He went the forty days. Israel had food for forty years, clothes didn't wear out. See? Paradox. Now remember, Bro. Branham said, "This is what He told me. The only input we've got in this program is to eat, to receive it."*

[76] *They wanted a law. But God always gives you the desire of your heart; He promised to. But we find out, when they turned one step from the side of what God originally promised, then they became a thorn in the flesh until the law was taken away, until Jesus Christ came crucified to take away the law. It was as a thorn in the flesh.*

46. Let's go to Psalm 106, and let's read about It, because This has to do with your thorn in the flesh, that is God giving you the promise rather.

- (1) Praise ye the Lord, Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.
- (2) Who can utter the acts of the Lord? Who can show forth all His praise?
- (3) Blessed are they that keep His judgments, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- (4) Remember me, O Lord with the favor, with the favor, that thou bearest unto thy people; visit me with thy salvation.
- (5) That I may see the good of thy chosen (that's the elected), I may rejoice in the goodness of thy nation (holy nation), that I may glory with thine inheritance. (We're getting it.)
- (6) We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; remembered not the multitude of thy mercies, provoked Him at the sea, even the Red Sea. (Just what Bro. Branham said.)
- (8) Nevertheless, He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known.

- (9) He rebuked the Red Sea also, it dried up; led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
- (10) And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- (11) The waters covered their enemies, there's not one of them left.
- (12) Then believed they His words, they sang His praise.
- (13) And they soon forgot His works; they waited not for His counsel,
- (14) But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness and tempted God in the desert.
- (15) And He gave them their request but sent leanness into their souls
(Now watch.)
- (16) They envied Moses also in the camp and Aaron, the saint of the Lord.
- (17) The earth opened up and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.
- (18) And a fire was kindled in their company, and the flame burned up the wicked.

47. I told you, if William Branham is right, there's going to be people right today that are going to get burned. That's right. I don't have to read any more. He gave them the desire of their heart. They want gifts, they get more. Bro. Branham went off the scene, everybody discerns tremendously, wonderfully. Bro. Branham told a few people some dreams. You got a guy, tell anybody his dreams day and night, but he gets it wrong, but he'll tell you a dream. Interpreted and everything else. Oh, he does it all the time. Well, he tells you, Bro. Branham came to his room at two o'clock in the morning and gave him his mantle. Well, I wouldn't be surprised if Bro. Branham did. Bro. Branham's mantle is no good. Fap. A bunch of hogwash they try to pull off.

[77] *And anything that you try to do within yourself, it always works to your dishonor. It'll work to your disadvantage.* Now listen, here's the prophet talking. *Just simply believe God, that settles it. What God promised, "I'm the Lord Thy God who heals all thy diseases."* Take in see to. *Is there anything among you is sick, call the church, the elders, they'll pray."* He promised, *"The works that He did, will be done in the church."*

Okay? Let's go to Rom 11: 6.

- (6) And if it be by grace, then is it no more works; other wise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace; otherwise works is no more works. (Well, if it's a chicken rabbit, it's no more chicken, it's no more rabbit. Can't mix them.)
- (7) What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it and the rest were blinded.
- (8) (According as it is written, God has given the spirit of slumber, eyes that they see not, ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.
- (9) And David said, let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them;
- (10) Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not, and bow their back always.(In other words, they're slaves.)
- (11) I say, then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentile to provoke them to jealousy. (Just the theme we want to read there that grace is not grace, if it's mixed with works. It cannot be.)

[78] *Why do we have to accept organizations, and so forth that will write that off of the Book? See? See it becomes a thorn in the flesh. And here at the end time, we meet the thing, face to face, it's up to Methodist, Baptists, Presbyterians, and whatever more. You, you can't go on; you've got to come back to the full gospel.*

Now that's exactly where Ephesians is, Ephesians the 4th chapter. Every measure, through Seven Church Ages, through an ordained messenger and a five-fold minister brings you right up, until the last one is in, to full maturity where Melchisedec appears on the scene, and the revelation. Now, in the presence of the enemy, the table is prepared, and communion with Melchisedec by the Holy Ghost.

[78] *Now the entire full gospel. It's made for the full man, by complete God Who was made flesh and dwelt among us. See, not a creed, not anything there.*

[79] *Now if we notice, then, their journey in the wilderness is where they made their greatest mistake that Israel ever made, until Calvary, was when in Exodus 19 they accepted law instead of grace. They had grace. They had a prophet. They had a sacrificial lamb. They had redemption. See? They'd been brought through the Red Sea. Healed of their diseases. They had, had water from the smitten rock. They had manna out of heaven. Everything they had need of had been supplied, and still they wanted something else. And we've got our spiritual resurrection, see, but everybody wants Hebrews 6.*

48. Now, let's get this third thing he's talking about.

[80] *Now that's a perfect type of our Ephesians today, exactly. We came out under Luther, went through sanctification, under Methodist; came to restoration under Pentecost. Exactly like it was, in the wilderness journey. Exactly like it was, in the wilderness journey. And when God brought us out, we did very well. What did we do? We wanted like the rest of them, to be like them. Now we find that grace is the only thing that takes us through, never law. Now you're getting to the third thing. See, the third was grace. It was the message.*

[81] *Joshua here is a type of the last-day ministry. See? Now remember those three stages.*

You had one, in Egypt at the Red Sea, and now they turned down grace. Yes, because they brought the fruit of it, and said, "Here it is," and they turned it down. They turned down the Word, this is ours, what was demonstrated. And they thought it went to an old, dead time message. Time was running out. Time and eternity blending, but they didn't get it.

49. Now notice. First, preparation by faith, Egypt. Second, sacrificial lamb. Pardon me, first sacrificial lamb, preparation, then, the second was the separation at the Red Sea. Now what? Here's the Message. Here's what they missed. Now;

[82] *And I don't want to disagree with the scholars, but many hold that the promised land represents Heaven. It could not represent Heaven. It could not, because they had wars, and troubles, and frustrations, and everything in the promised land. It does not represent the promised land.*

In other words, he's telling you, the promised land they're talking about, is not what scholars were talking about. It's two different things involved here. Now, what it is, we are in a promised land right now, with the frustrations and all these things.

[85] *But you notice, just before the end of the promised land, all of them, the difference at that, arose up among them. One of the great things was Korah. He didn't want one man leadership.*

50. Now, you can't be in the promised land, of grace this morning as long as you listen to anybody outside of a prophet. As long as you believe in a Korah, Dathan, Abiram, that rose up, and say, "Well, bless God, we've got gifts too, we got something too." See?

[83] *They came up before Moses and tried to tell him that "the message had to mean this," and put a different interpretation on it, their own ideas what it was.*

And they said, "Moses, you're not the only guy that's got something. We've got something too." And Moses said, "We'll see. If you die the death common to men, I never had it in the first place." Now you've got the same thing right now. If there is not a great

tribulation, and the fire sweeps this world, then William Branham had nothing. He fooled the whole bunch of us. Well, he didn't fool very many, so that took care of that. All right.

[83] *Jesus said, "There was not one of them, but what perished."*

51. Okay. That's enough for today. Is that as far as you've got? Okay, we'll turn it right down here. We'll start over again then on Wednesday and go into the, into this portion right here. He's talking of the promised land and exactly what happened before the people got to the place where promise was effective. And the first thing happens, the pussy cats come by to mix with the rest of the cats, pardon the expression, but these pussy cats got a stripe down their back. It's exactly so. Let me tell you something. As far as the blood lines were concerned, Korah, and Dathan and Abiram, I believe, were just the same as Moses was any day of the week. Let's rise.

Kind heavenly Father, we look at Your Word today, realizing that we are in a promised land. We are in the hour of a promise, where time and eternity is mingling together. A promise of grace, Lord, that the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, to get a bride gathered together and ready. To bring a people out of the ground. To change us, and take us all up. Lord, we believe that you are here doing it. We believe that already You are gaining the.. .[tape runs out]

