

# Thanksgiving Day Message

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...Father, we're again happy to say we're privileged Lord to be in this place where You have called us together Lord, not by accident, but by sovereign grace and knowing Lord that it was to the end that we should glorify You, Lord. We're not here just for human fellowship, we're here Lord for spiritual; we're here for spiritual help tonight, in Your Word. So we pray Father, You'll help us at this particular time with the study of Your Word, that we might know this Word, Lord, in the true mechanical form, but also Lord, we might know It in Its true spiritual form as You would, hopefully we believe You will release the power of God through that Word tonight. Help us Lord to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to come to that place Father, which You have wanted us to come, which is a ripened mature condition, that the prophet said would come about by being in Your Presence. And we know that if You weren't here present, then we could not possibly mature in Your Presence, and so we are aware of that Lord tonight that we can mature, and this will be a part of it, we trust. So guide our hearts and our minds that You might be glorified through a people who love You and are truly Yours and in some way manifest You. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now back in 1965, Bro. Branham brought a message in Shreveport, Missouri, and it was called The Invisible Union of the Bride. And at that particular time it seemed very evident that Bro. Branham was not preaching what you call an occasion message, as you preach for Easter, you preach an Easter message, and on Christmas you preach a Christmas message, and of course on New Year's you attempt to preach a New Year's message. Bro. Branham did that and it seemed as though he were a bit apologetic that he wasn't preaching a message that was typically a Thanksgiving message, but he actually was indeed preaching a Thanksgiving message, but it was not in the tradition of what people were used to hearing. So he preached on the Invisible Union, and I want to take some thoughts from that tonight.

2. Now first of all it is definitely one of the mysteries. Now Bro. Branham says that on page 7, and paragraph 4. Now I can't tell you if it's a mystery that is one of the Seven Thunders per se, or whether it is a part, an elucidation of one of those Thunders. You know, so this would be like a subtitle. We do know that in this last hour, Rev 10:1, we see the mighty Messenger come down, which of course was the same One that John spoke of on the throne in Revelation 4 and in Revelation 5, the One that had the Book and He's come down upon earth with the Book, and the Thunders are thundering upon earth.

So it could definitely be, you'd say, the Seals were Christ revealed, the Seals are Christ, and however you place this, because this is something that Christ is doing, because of the Seals having been opened, this would be one of the mysteries of His Presence. So you wouldn't have to categorize it and actually say this is perfectly a part of, you know, one of the Seven Thunders that come under that great Appearing. But it is definitely something that could not have been known

previously. It might have been guessed at, it might have been actually even someone might have come close to it, but not this time. So it's definitely part of the mysteries under Rev 10:1-7.

3. Now speaking on these mysteries and this formerly hidden union, because it was hidden, and a very mysterious thing, Bro. Branham brings us various highlights. First of all he refers to the Bride as being predestinated, even as the virgin Mary, to bring forth the body of God on earth. He says that in page 7.

Now that's a tremendous statement, because you know that Mary did bring forth the Body of God, and she brought forth the Body for God. Now it was the Body of God, because God is Spirit, and He took of Himself, as Bro. Branham said, literally reduced Himself to a sperm and an egg, which would mean that He actually took of all His attributes, and put them into a physical substance, which could develop into what He really wanted, which was a man, the man Christ Jesus. And because it was the life of God, even as I say, you know, kind of in a crude manner, you have to have cat life to bring forth cats, you have to have dog life to bring forth dog, you have a tree life to bring forth trees, whatever the tree is, ash or elm or so on. And you have human life to bring forth humans. Now if this is truly God's life, it will bring forth God in a substance. So this indeed would be the Son of God.

So now we're looking at the thought that Bro. Branham says here, that this virgin of this hour was predestinated as was the virgin Mary, in order to bring forth the Body of God on earth. Now when you're looking at Mary, you are looking at someone who is visible and someone who is substance, and she was given that office which was to bring forth the Body of God on earth. And it was a promise given, which never came to pass until that very hour, and in that very person. You see what I'm saying? And so therefore we are looking at a Bride predestinated for this hour, and she in a body will be representing Mary, or Mary representing her, and will literally bring forth. You see? [That's] what we're saying. Okay.

4. Now what I'm looking at then is over here in Heb 11:40.

(40) God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Now Bro. Branham referred that to us. That is we are that people that the resurrection, the appointees to the resurrection, or the resurrection designates. So the first resurrection, they are waiting on us. Now Bro. Branham, you know, saw that. I'm just going to ramble, who cares, because you know, I feel pretty good, but not all that great, and I'll ramble, so it's all right. Bro. Branham in that vision of beyond the Curtain of Time was with a people that if you and I could possibly come to the place where they are of this celestial bliss, where everything is so wonderful, where they could hug each other, and oh it was marvelous. But you know they weren't really happy there. They wanted to come back and eat and drink.

5. Now you'd say, "My, I would forget about eating and drinking," and you remember... a lot of us were in Pentecost; I was. I was a Pentecostal wall-climber, you know, juggler, and talker in tongues. Which is fine, hallelujah, I enjoyed it, it was good and relaxing, all the things. And you know we get a little emotional about some things. Say, "Oh my, wouldn't it be great to be so and so, and so and so, and all this great mysterious spiritual blessings and we could..." No, you were supposed to come back here as sane human beings, eating and drinking and planting and plowing

and harvesting. So who want to come back then? I do! In fact, I have a hope I'm barely going to leave it. Just long enough to come back and feel good about it, like I've never felt before, and everything to feel good about. See?

6. Okay, now with that then, this virgin Bride was in this position that it was inevitable that she have a tremendous part in literally bringing this body of God on earth. See? Now what we're looking at then, is what you must understand what I'm driving at. We are a unique people to do it. Now no other age could do it.

Now I know that always the thinking is, "Well we must not take preeminence." And that's exactly what the Bible said; we are in no way preeminent because we are the ones. No, no way. Doesn't mean a thing to you and me personally, as though we were something. But in God's economy, we are it. See? Upon us all this has devolved and we stand here in that position. It's not these others aren't wonderful people, but you've got to remember one thing: the Scripture distinctly says, "If I did not send Elijah so that the healing immortal power of Christ would fall upon a Bride, I would just... [Bro. Vayle makes slitting sound]... it would be aborted!"

So, very important that we all understand that we're just like the captain of the ship; we have a great command and a great charge. And we didn't ask for it, of ourselves, we can't handle it, but He is here to handle it. But it's got to be done through His elected Bride.

7. Now what does it say? It says, [1 John 3:]

(2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, (and it said that for six church ages, but it hath never yet come into being) what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, (with healing in his wings,) we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

8. And with that same Scripture, [1 Corinthians 15:]

(51) (Beloved,) I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

(52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall (all) be changed.

(53) For this... mortal must put on immortality. (See? You must put on immortality. And this corruptible must put on incorruptibility.)

(54) So when this... mortal shall have put on immortality, (and this corruptibility shall have put on incorruptibility,) then shall (have come) to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in (a) victory.

Now listen, then they cannot come out of the ground except for us! Now you can say what you want, but you're wrong if you say opposite. Because God said, "If I don't do this certain thing with this certain people, it's just going to... why it's going to abort."

Now that's what we're looking at. We're looking then to see that this Bride in particular, it falls upon her, to her it comes the truth. (This, up here. Don't like that noise, see?) To her it falls, to her portion, that she is responsible to bring forth, because the others are not responsible. They are waiting on us. See? That's why when they hug Bro. Branham and were happy to see him, they wanted to come back. Now that's what you're seeing in this little Thanksgiving message here.

9. Now Bro. Branham unhesitatingly asserts that she is the elect lady who is identified by this Message of which he is the messenger. He categorically says, "*Nothing outside of this Message shall come to life.*" Well listen, do you know what he's saying? Said there's not going to be anybody come out of the ground. Now they don't hear Bro. Branham's Message. Not at all. They're not part of it. Except in the fact that it falls upon him, as the last messenger, to bring this to a completion. So you see the elect lady, and she has a Message from the prophet.

Now it is more than evident that he is boldly declaring this union by this Message to be the purpose of God for this hour. Now nobody believes that but us. Well what's God need a Message for? We've got a message. We've had great preachers. Say, "Hold it, hold it."

Don't want to hold anything. If you start talking "hold it," and you say, "Now just a minute. The Word must be restored; Elijah's got to come. We've got to know the Thunders; we've got to know what's under the Seals and all."

Oh they say, "Well now just a minute, just a minute. That's for the Jews." I'm not going to give the Jews anything that doesn't belong to them. No, they're wrong in what they're saying. They do not understand what Bro. Branham was saying here, that this Message is the purpose of God for this hour.

"The purpose of God for this hour in a Message? Oh no, Bro. Vayle, Bro. Branham... and Vayle, listen, you're nuts to follow Bro. Branham, because look, it's the blood of Jesus Christ, it's the Holy Ghost, it is not a message." You're wrong, it is a Message.

10. Let's take a look a little at the Alpha here. And of course it's the Message with the messenger, the messenger with the Message. And what I really want is Luke 1, here. Now in verse 26,27.

(26) And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God (into the) city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

(27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Now we've got a virgin here, and she's supposed to come together with her husband, because it's been designated by espousal, which was arranged, not by the two of them, but by the parents, and that sort of types in here too, like you know Rebekah got her husband. And it says here that a messenger came and brought her a message. Now if that's Alpha, there's got to be an Omega! Now most people don't understand that principle. That is a tremendous principle and without it you cannot understand the Bible! And I'm going to preach on three principles Sunday morning, by the grace of God.

Then if you understand the principle, then you've got to understand this, that at the end time there has to be a messenger appear with God's Message to the virgin! Now if people don't believe that, what about the apostle Paul? He was a messenger from God and he brought a Message to a virgin! Too bad she become unvirginified too, she lost her virginity. So we've got our type here.

11. Then listen, I appeal to your understanding, this being so, when the Lord – now let's watch before I go into that point. Remember Mary began to ask the question. And she said, "How can these things be, seeing I do not know a man?" And he described it to her, and in verse 37, he said:

(37) (And) with God nothing shall be impossible.

And that is not the way it is in the actual Greek, it is in the veritable Presence of God Himself, God being there. I want to ask you Who came down and overshadowed Mary, the angel Gabriel? Ha. He announced the Presence. It was the Holy Ghost that overshadowed her. It was God Himself that did this wonderful act. So we see here another Alpha. And we see that it is going to be God on the scene announced by a messenger who will do what the Message said. So you can see we follow true.

12. Then if we take 1 Th 4:16.

(16) ...the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God:

And we know that the word is 'kelusma', which means 'a military command'. It's the same word that's used in 1 Corinthians, when the word is 'subject'. In other words, He appears in 1 Corinthians before there is immortality and a Rapture in order to put the church under the feet of Jesus, who is now on the throne, and the Father Himself is here, putting everything under his feet, Jesus' feet. Except God Himself. When that Spirit becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him King of king and Lord of lords, and He will then sit upon the throne of His Father David, but in the Millennium you will notice what happens, It separates, and the Pillar of Fire is over the Lamb who is upon the throne, and the Bride is worshipping. You see your perfect picture there, brother/sister. It always has to fall in divine order, but people cannot simply understand this. But we understand by the grace of God.

13. The Scripture unequivocally sets forth an end time Seventh Church Age Message in Rev 3:14-22, where the people are in total ignorance of their position to reality! Now be careful, I appreciate you agreeing, but listen very carefully to my words, because they're written down here, and I want them in an iron pen on tables of stone. I said they are in total ignorance of their position to reality, even though they recognize the prophetic reality of the return of Christ and the Kingdom of God. They are exactly like the alpha and omega of Israel in Lk 1:12-38.

(12) And when Zacharias saw (it), he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

- (13) ...the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.
- (14) ...thou shalt have joy and gladness; many rejoice (in) his birth.
- (15) ...he shall be great in the sight of (God), and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and be filled with the Holy Ghost, from his mother's womb.
- (16) And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.
- (17) And he shall go before him in the... power of (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (even) the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

I won't read any more, but I want to tell you this. The people were in hopes that this would be the time that Messiah appeared to take over them and overcome the world empires, that they may be ensconced in what we call a millennium. There were those who were aware of it; they knew intuitively, they knew instinctually, but there were only two who really knew – that was Simeon and Anna – recognized. And Zacharias, the priest, was stricken dumb because he didn't believe in the angelic visitor. He didn't believe in a messenger preceding, he didn't understand. And I say that they did not realize, they didn't – put it this way – they were totally ignorant of reality and their position to reality, it was zilch. They were totally gone. They didn't understand. The church of the end time in the last Message, which must seal up everything in the Bible, which must bring it to a close, it says they're wretched, they're miserable, they are blind, they're naked, they think they have it, and their thoughts are all wrong.

14. So we could read the 38 to yourself, it's too much now. The exact Scripture that such can and will happen, the Presence of God, a messenger, a Message, is Rev 10:1-7. We're all familiar with It. The mighty One comes down with a rainbow. Who was on the throne that John saw with the rainbow? God Himself. See? Came down. Who had the Book in His hand? The One on the throne. Who took the Book, tore off the Seals and gave it back? See? Jesus did. What happened when the Book was given back? He came off the throne, and the Lamb climbed on the throne, making himself for the first time true Melchisedec, Priest King. And he said in that last little verse, he said, "And he that overcometh, I'll grant to sit with me in my throne, as I have overcome and sat down with my Father in His throne." He tells you he is on the throne, he is not simply a Lamb in the midst or behind, like Bro. Branham placed, he said the body was upon the mercy seat behind.

All right, this exact Scripture then is Rev 10:1-7. Secondly, she is not only elected, but she is also a virgin of the Word, which means she is true to her Husband. She is true to the One she's espoused to, so when she comes to Him, she will be like Him. And she has to be like Him, because they are both Word.

15. Now let's go to Ephesians 5, and here I'm going to sort of raise a little dust, and you just bear with me, because I'm not going to say this is exactly the way it is, I'm only going to suggest something to you. Sort of. Eph 5:25-27, and it says:

- (25) Husbands, love your wives, (and that's important, but the important part is this:) even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (now He's already done that. To what end has He done it? It tells you to the end that He did it,)
- (26) That he might sanctify (that is to separate it, make it totally separate, as holy unto the Lord. Sanctification in my understanding is a separation.) and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blemish. (And verse 30,)
- (30) For we are members of his body, (and) of his flesh, and bones.

Now it tells you why He's got to do this! Because we're members of Him! If we weren't members of Him, He wouldn't do it! Do you think He goes around washing hogs and dogs? Going around washing church members? In order to present it, He's got to wash it, by the washing of water by the Word, and that's apart from the blood evidently, because He's already given Himself.

16. Now it says the reason is because we're members! And so I say, "Well just a minute! These people that went before us, they must have had that too!" No, they didn't have that too, like we've got it. So, "Good evening, brothers and sisters, have you been washed?" That's the question. Are you still out in a fog somewhere, where you can't see what God is doing? Always looking back, always looking forward, I'm not here to excoriate you, to bother you; I'm just here to ask you some questions.

Why when he said, He does this because we're members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones, and He's not going to take something unclean in there! How could He take a woman up that's wretched, miserable, blind, naked, and doesn't even know it? Why she's a prostitute. I wouldn't have any time for that nonsense. And I don't have any morals alongside of God, let me tell you. Any morals I got, He must have given them to me.

17. Now he said,

- (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined (to) his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (And he said,)
- (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

So he's not speaking of husband and wife. That's just incidental in there, because he wants us to know that the husband has a tremendous authority and a tremendous power **if** he's like Jesus.

As I said Sunday, about last Sunday, I said the people in the Branham Message treat women like second class citizens, and it's a third class citizen doing it. I'm very much for the men, I've told the church, and I mean it. I'm not a woman's man, I simply am not. And I'm not interested in being. But you know this Branham Message has been ruined by – I'll talk some more on it Sunday – it's been messed up by people running around, preachers especially, brutalizing people. It starts right in the home. I'm tough enough and brutalize my wife enough, and I've just got a bad mouth. Never touched her, never will. But my bad mouth could be worse than hitting her in the mouth. Well now let's get back to subject. This is a great mystery concerning Christ and the church.

18. All right, I believe this Scripture is about this union whereof Bro. Branham is speaking. You'll notice that the presentation is predicated upon a washing of water by the Word, and if there is no washing of water by the Word, there is no presentation. You know, to me, that smacks of 2 Thessalonians [2:], where Paul says,

- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the (presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (at that Presence, and to the Presence. Huh? Hmm.)

Now he said, "Up here when I told you He's coming with these flaming angels, flames of fire, to bring judgment, because He's the Judge." Bro. Branham categorically said that in 1960, I believe it was, when he began to preach on the Church Ages, he categorically said, "*This One is the Judge.*" And if he said He is the Judge, He is the Judge! And he categorically said at that time we would enter into a rest. And he categorically said, "*The same One in flaming fire bringing us vindication would also take a vengeance, and there'd be everlasting punishment.*" And you know Bro. Branham categorically always put at this hour the White Throne judgment.

19. Now if you've been getting my tapes, you know what I'm talking about. If you don't, I'm sorry, you're in darkness. You know tonight that you are in White Throne whether you want it or not? You are White Throne whether you want it or not, behind this pulpit, I don't have to look forward to judgment, I am in it. Now it's sobering, but if you're in the truth, you don't need to worry about it. If you're hedging, you're pretending, you're a hypocrite, as Bro. Branham stood and could take fifty thousand spirits if necessary under his control for the glory of God, and you couldn't hide if you tried, that's White Throne. Whether you know it or not. All right?

Here, we're reading it.

- (2) That ye (soon) be not shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither (as) by spirit, nor by letter... (and so on.)

And then it goes on down and tells you that what is happening in this very hour, that the antichrist is using all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. And what is unrighteousness? When you deliberately refuse a revelation, and you divide the Word as did Cain, and voluntarily worship anyway, you are an unrighteous person and dealing in unrighteousness. It is not the communist, it is not the filthy bird out there, it is a church member! You say what you want, I'm right, you're wrong; White Throne. I'm not afraid; I quote the prophet, right down the line, brother/sister. I'm learning, as he stood on his vindication, to stand on his vindication. It was good enough for William Branham, it's good enough for me. That

picture's good enough for William Branham, it's good enough for me! If That's good enough for William Branham, That's good enough for me! I don't have to have a vindication. We'll talk about that Sunday morning too, the Lord provides.

20. All right,

- (10) ...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (And who gets saved? Those with the love of the truth. Who have the love of the truth?)
- (13) ...we are bound to give thanks always(s) to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath (chosen you) from the beginning to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit (even the) belief of the truth:
- (14) Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of (the) Lord Jesus Christ. (For this hour. You're looking at it.)

So, no washing? No presentation. No Message? No presentation. Bro. Branham categorically said our gathering together unto Him was the Message. We showed you that by John, by the angel and so forth.

21. Now I want to maybe just look at verse 31, and we're going to get a little sticky here, as I told you, but... and you be careful when you leave this building, because I'm on tape. Everything I preach is on tape, even our little services back home, when I give a little devotional excerpt to the people, it's always on tape. And they can say, "Bro. Vayle, what did you mean when you said so and so?"

And I can say, "I didn't say it."

"Well just a minute, Bro. Vayle. You said it; did you have a slip of the tongue? What is it?"

All right, just want to let you know, I'm your friend, and that's the way it's going to remain.

All right, we looked at 25-27, 30-32, we're going to go back now to Eph 5:26,27.

- (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blemish.

Now this is in spite of what he said in Rev 3:14-21, "You are completely gone."

See, "We're rich, increased in goods, and we don't lack a thing."

And He said, "You're wretched, you're a beggar standing there, you've got nothing, and you're panhandling right now."

And that's what the church is, they're trying to get the Holy Ghost, as Bob said awhile ago, with a little few gifts and things; it isn't going to work. He said, "You're wretched, you're miserable, blind, you're naked." He said, "You're not fit for the Kingdom."

22. Now remember what we're looking at here. There is going to be a Bride who is evidently not wretched and miserable and naked and blind, she is going to be thoroughly clothed, she's going to be thoroughly washed, she's going to be thoroughly presentable. Now that's the Word of God, because that's the Word of God. It's in spite of Revelation 3.

Now how is it done? It is done absolutely, it is done categorically, my brother, my sister, I say categorically it is done by Revelation 22, beginning at verse 10. And verse 10 is the opening of the Seals!

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

The Book was sealed until this moment. And then it becomes unsealed, because He said, "Don't seal it!" Rev 10:4, He said, "Seal it!" Now He says, "Don't seal it!" And He's talking about the prophecies of the Book. So therefore at the time of the opening of the Seals and the Thunders, listen to what happens. Okay,

- (10) ...the time is at hand.

- (11) He that is unjust, (is) unjust still: he (that's) filthy, (is) filthy still:  
he that is righteous, (is) righteous still:

23. How did he get righteous? By refusing the unrighteousness of the antichrist! Now look it, I've preached so many sermons on that from 1 John – what is it? – 5th chapter – where is it? – 3rd chapter, 5th chapter, who knows, my memory's too poor, I think it's the 5th chapter. I'll tell you in just a second now, get my Bible and study, 3rd chapter, yeah. He said,

- (11) For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, we should love one another.

- (12) Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.  
And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil,  
and his brother's righteous.

So therefore Cain's work was unrighteous. What was it? Worshipping God with a first fruit offering, denying it was sex, saying it was just eating an apple, a forbidden thing. Then what is unrighteousness at the end time? If it was unrighteousness then, it's unrighteousness now! Then the unrighteousness definition of Revelation must be perfect with Genesis!

Now I want to ask you a question. Are the churches now worshipping God according to the Spirit of Truth and the revelation that God said He would give? And the answer is no! The answer is no.

24. Let's continue. Revelation 22.

- (11) ...and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still:

Now what does It say? Let him be, allow him to be! Hey, He's got the door open! Yes, Bro. Vayle believes in eternal security. He does not believe in this sanctification the Nazarenes and the rest of them have, where the root of sin is taken out, and the ...?... doctrine, and all those things going on. Yes, my brother/sister, until you're dead you will be capable of sinning. Because you are. You're not so goody-goody. Hogwash. You bunch of birds. What are you, eagles or buzzards? Who knows? I don't know. You don't know about me either. But you can take the Bible test. I'm not facetious, give yourself the Word test. Have you changed? Or haven't you changed? You sitting back in Pentecost, Baptist, Nazarene? Greek Orthodox? I don't care. But you got to come to grips with what the Word of God says, not what somebody else saying. See?

25. All right. Revelation tells us.

- (12) ...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give (unto) every man according as his work shall be.
- (13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- (14) Blessed are they... (not who do His commandments, that's nowhere in the Greek, who wash their robes,) that they may have the right to the tree of life...

Doesn't say they got it, it says they're privileged. God will not impute anything to you, because the blood of Jesus Christ has scattered your sin till there be no evidence, then how can you make a man guilty, and He's washed you by the washing of water, through the Word of Almighty God, so you now qualify. That's what we're looking at. Okay.

26. Now back to verse 31. We'll finally get around. Verse 31 says, [Ephesians 5:]

- (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
- (32) This is a great mystery:

27. Now back in Genesis we get the actual place where Christ is quoting from, and notice he takes it plumb back to the beginning. 2:24:

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

Now that's what God said. You think Adam said it, but it wasn't that Adam said it; it was that God said it. Now the question is: who is the father and mother of Adam? Actually, he didn't have a father and mother. He had a Creator, and that's as close as he could possibly come to it. So therefore now that's about would I say that God was his Progenitor, and you would sort of put it in that category, in that particular area.

28. Now let's take a little look over here in Philippians, and we'll just weave back and forth and try to get this thing straightened out. In 2:5-8.

- (5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

- (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not (a prize to be grasped and retained) to be equal with God:
- (7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, was made in the likeness of men:
- (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, (even) became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Now you might be thinking that that's exactly what that refers to over there, where Paul is talking of this:

- (31) For this cause a man (will) leave father and mother, and be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

29. Now let's look at 27. We'll try to get this to you the best I can. Now:

- (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blemish.

Now you're looking at that fact there that this is coming to pass in this particular hour, and we're talking about Christ and this union, and we're talking now: [Ephesians 5:]

- (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and be joined unto his wife... (Okay.)

Now I want to just bring something to your attention, and this is Lee Vayle talking. I don't have any inspiration from the Lord so to speak, and I don't have anything from the prophet, but I'm just looking at this thing in this way, that seeing this is absolutely for the end time, as we're placing it, because the presentation could not be till this time, the cleansing would not be necessary till this time, according to all the rest of the Scripture, the Word that would do this could not come until the end time in this particular Message.

30. So, now hold your thought here, and this is tricky. Bro. Branham, you know, had a vision of sorts, or a dream, and in this dream he saw a man, a burly kind of a guy beating down a little woman with a club made out of a log that was split by an axe, and that forms a three cornered weapon, signifying the Trinity. And he said this man was beating this woman down, who is his mother, but wasn't his mother, and this man was his father, but wasn't his father, but he was born into organizations with denomination the head of it, a hierarchy, and using a Trinitarian club to beat the woman down, which in this case would signify the church. You see?

So he said now the man was so big and appalling that he just didn't know what to do. But he came to the place where he was so fed up with this man's shenanigans that he said, "*Look,*" he said, "*if you touch her once more, you're going to have to deal with me.*" And he said those large faith muscles appeared, and the man was cowed down. And that's true because Bro. Branham literally withstood every single organization, and everything that would ever come before him, God had given him this great and wonderful power.

31. Now what I want you to notice here, and you be careful now how you hear me, because I don't want you thinking I'm putting an emphasis on William Branham that isn't due him; we're running like a parallel here. Now Bro. Branham absolutely had to leave father and mother, not only in the physical, but in the realm of the spiritual, to leave the headship of organization and any part within the church. See?

Now why I am saying this is for this particular reason that I want you to listen to me carefully. In Eph 5:27, it says here that Jesus shed his blood, and that he actually wanted to sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water of the Word, he wanted to do it, that he Jesus might present it to himself a glorious church, without spot and without wrinkle.

32. Now all right, let's go to 2 Corinthians 11. Now Paul says,

- (2) ...I am jealous over you (verse 2) with (a) godly jealousy: I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you...

I want to ask a question: who's going to do the presenting? William Branham or Jesus? Or Paul or Jesus? Paul says, "I'm going to do it." In 2 Corinthians. Over in Ephesians, he said, "He's going to do it." Now I want to ask you a question: then who's going to do it?

33. Let's go again, 2 Corinthians 3. Let us take a look at something here. And he's speaking to the people, and you know what he says here,

- (15) ...even this day, (in verse 15, rather 3rd chapter,) Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart(s).
- (16) Nevertheless when it shall (be turned) to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.
- (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: (now) where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
- (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

34. [2 Corinthians 4:]

- (1) Therefore seeing we (Paul) have this ministry, (of this! To put you into immortality!)

Now I know you can get scared right there. Oh you can be so scared and go right back to denomination and organization, you just go ahead. Because you'll be sitting there with a spirit of pride on you, thinking that you're exalting Jesus Christ, when really you're just exalting yourself. Because you will not listen. I hope that I'm not... anybody hearing my voice, even on the tape, is in that position where they don't understand that God uses men. Those men are gifts to the church. They are literally figureheads or types, resonators, reflectors, recipients of the Holy Ghost Himself. Of which the prophet cannot be judged ever by anybody. He's the highest authority in the church.

35. And Paul is speaking here:

- (1) Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

Now he's not talking in the plural as though Jesus and he, or the Holy Spirit and he, because Jesus and the Holy Spirit don't need mercy! They give it. William Branham needed mercy. Paul the apostle needed mercy. Now he says here,

- (2) But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, (we've left our father and mothers, the same as Paul has. We've left it.) not walking in craftiness, (not) handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- (3) But if our gospel be hid, (it's) hid to (those) that are lost:
- (4) (To) whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, (that was the Jews at that time,) lest the light of the glorious gospel of (Jesus) Christ, who is the image of God, should shine (in) them.
- (5) For we preach not ourselves but (Jesus Christ) the Lord; and ourselves [your servants for Jesus' sake.]

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...and I said, "Does that mean the messenger like Bro. Branham's up there in the air, in the Presence of God?" No. Where was Moses? He was right in the Presence of God as God stood in the burning bush. And it was that prophet that went from that Presence. And William... there it is right there on that wall! Say, "Bro. Vayle..." I'm going to get excited. I'm going to get excited until I stand where William Branham stood in relation to that Pillar of Fire Who's picture we have! And until I get there, I'm only beginning to get somewhere! We're not fervent enough! You don't make him God! But brother/sister, that's a picture of the Shekinah Glory, and the Shekinah Glory is not found in any Hebrew Bible. It's a Hebrew word that means 'the glory that's attendant upon the Personal Presence of God'! And that's a Personal Presence of God! You say, "That's just a light." You say what you want! The prophet stood on It! And a million spirits couldn't stand in front of him. I don't care about a million spirits. Who cares about a half a dozen spirits, even one spirit, except to get my spirit under control and begin to see what he saw, and to know what he knew on the grounds of experience. There's a law right there in itself. See?

36. Okay, then if Alpha's Omega, Bro. Branham will be the instrument God uses in Eph 5:26,27. If what I'm speaking of is correct here. And I believe I am right.

Now to me these scriptures are the reason for the 1933 visitation, wherein it was said, "As John the Baptist foreran the first coming, so your Message will forerun the second coming," because He's got to have a Bride that's washed in the water of the Word and is spotless and whole, and she's allowed! Doesn't say we've arrived. Ha! I could get you all so mad tonight – I think I could, I don't think I really could, but I could try – you'd lose your sanctification.

37. Just letting you know, look, nobody's arrived yet. That which is perfect has come. God has allowed It to come. It's here. See? And you're no longer in the position of faith, because faith looks forward, we are now looking back and at! And we've even passed from faith, we're into knowledge. Faith literally presupposes that which will happen on the grounds there is something there to make it happen and I am in position to see it happens to me! That's mighty nice! I'm past that. The Lord has descended with a Shout. There's His picture.

“Well Bro. Vayle, you just couldn't go for that.”

Oh couldn't I? I would to God I believed like Bro. Branham believed in his vindication. I would to God you did tonight. It would be so easy to pray for every one of you, and everyone get healed, every single one of you. I've got you over a barrel, haven't I? Because you're not healed. “*If you only knew who I was,*” he said, “*you'd all be healed.*” With healing in His wings, risen, risen over a man.

Say, “You're glorifying him.” I'm not glorifying any man; I'm sticking to God's Word. That's all we got to do, brother/sister.

38. He fulfills Mal 4:5,6, to turn the hearts of the children back to the father. This has already been done in Lk 1:17. Now let's take a look at it. Let's understand it. And this says concerning John the Baptist. And John the Baptist said, “I am Is 40:1. I am the Word of God made flesh. This particular Word of God has now come in flesh.”

I preached that in Athens with an interpreter. I wish I could have known what the people were thinking. At the end of the service, the dear old sweet man rose up, old saint of God, and he said, “Brethren, we've heard strange things today, but do not cast it to one side, lest you cast aside light.” And he sat down. That little Greek church had more on the ball than fifty million people in America ever will have on the ball, if not a hundred million. What they've done, I don't know, that's their business; that's God's, not mine.

(17) And he shall go before him (John shall go before the Lord God of Israel) in the spirit and power of (Elijah)...

That's Alpha, for this generation, for this hour. It said John's going to do it. And everybody says, “Wonderful, hallelujah, isn't that nice?” What about this man? “Well, no, no, no, that could not be, because God doesn't do those things.” Doesn't He? He did it. See?

Yes, and It said,

(17) ... (and he shall) turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (which means what? Even) the disobedient to the wisdom...

The word ‘disobedient’ is not a literal act of disobedience in the face of a command, it means ‘ignorance’. Ignorance of the will of God. They did not know their position to reality. Now what does it say?

(17) ... (in order) to make ready (the prepared people)...

The Bride, that's already a vessel prepared, must now be made ready. How's she going to be made ready? By the washing of water by the Word. Who's going to do it? God is going to do it, to present [to]Himself! How is He going to do it? Through a prophet. Now you tell me something... I don't know. I'm listening.

39. Third: it is wise to recall now the Scripture Bro. Branham used as a text for the context of his message. It is over here in the Book of Romans 7. And I'm just trying to preach along with some of the things that I gather from what Bro. Branham preached. There are four verses.

- (1) Know ye not, brethren, (I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?
- (2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband (as) long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, (why then she's) loosed from the law of her husband.
- (3) So... while her husband live(s), (and should) she be married to another man, she (must) be called an adulteress: but if her husband (is) dead, (why she's) free from that (husband); (And everything to do with him, he's dead!) so that she is no adulteress, (when she marries this new) man. (Boy that's nice. That's lovely.)
- (4) Wherefore, my brethren, ye are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (Fruit unto God? Bring forth children. Bring them out of the ground.)

So Bro. Branham used this text and the context for this message, this union of the Bride, this invisible union of the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. She is the wife; she is to be the wife of only one living man.

Now notice carefully that this is not a judgment problem of a man with two wives, but a woman with two husbands! A hundred percent illegal. She is judged as an adulteress. Not a harlot now, nope, she's not a prostitute street walker, she's married. She's an adulteress. An adulteress. She's an adulteress, as an adulteress she'll be judged, for one man of two – that is one of the two men that's she's hooked up with – can be her legal husband, and the other will just be then her lover. Right? Okay.

40. Now remember Israel, which is Old Testament church, was exactly in that position. She was in adultery with a lover while she claimed to be married to Jehovah. Well, you're here for the duration, I'm sorry. Maybe someone will be nice tomorrow and cut it back for you. Well I got a lot of reading to do here, and I'm going to have to read it, because you won't know what I'm talking about. I won't know myself, unless I read it. All right. I can't read out of Joel and get what I want, I'm sure about that. I've got to find Hosea. Here it is, Hosea. All right. [Hosea 2:]

- (1) Say unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

- (2) Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put her away her whoredomes out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;
- (3) Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. (Now what's he got to be mad at her, if that's not his wife anymore? Well...)
- (4) (For) I will not have mercy upon her children; (that's your harlot system, and the old harlot,) for they be children of whoredoms.
- (5) For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me bread and water, (and) my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. (Looking to the church, you see, for everything.)
- (6) Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, (and) she shall not find her paths.
- (7) And she shall follow after her lovers, but (she'll) not overtake them; (she'll) seek them, but shall not find: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.
- (8) For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

Right, you follow what I'm saying? This woman was married. She'd been chasing around. Conceiving children. She's rotten. Oh but she's well liked though. She's like Bergman. Oh yeah. Just exactly. The Swedish prostitute. Every type, you got them all over the world. Bro. Branham said Hollywood's worse than France. And they come from all over.

41. Now he said,

- (8) ...she did not know I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.
- (9) Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. (Which will leave her naked.)
- (10) And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. (Going to burn with fire.)

- (11) I will also cause all her mirth to cease, (that's in the Book of Revelation, right? And) her feast days, (and) her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.
- (12) And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.
- (13) And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD.
- (14) Therefore, behold, I will allure her, (in) the wilderness, and (he said) speak comfortably unto her.

42. Now notice what's He's doing. This woman is nothing but a prostitute woman. She played the harlot, she's all messed up, and He said, "Now I'm going to take her back." See? Now that's – we just want to look at this – that Israel went through this on the grounds of the woman that Bro. Branham is talking about! She's married and she's shackled up, in plain English.

Now the same is in this age, and it started with the apostle Paul's age, when he said, "I espoused you as a virgin, but I know now that you are no longer a virgin!" So therefore she has taken on another man! This is a woman with two husbands! Of which one is not her legal husband, it is just a lover! And let me tell you this, when a woman flirts around with a man, she prefers him to her husband, or she wouldn't be messing around! So the husband is only a husband and this guy's the lover. Everything is great, because my, I'm in love, and I'm in love, and love is love, you know, it's wonderful.

Now this situation that has developed under the apostle Paul develops because of Gal 1:6-9, where he tells them that anybody preaching any other gospel than the gospel he preached is cursed! And this woman is cursed! See she's lewd, she's wrong.

43. Now I won't read it, but I'll go to 1 Corinthians 4 and I will read it, because this is a verse that we're not so familiar with, although I suppose I could partly quote It, and then I quote It wrong for you. 14-15. He says,

- (14) I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.
- (15) For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet (you have) not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus have (I) begotten you through the gospel.

Now you see what's happened. The gospel has been perverted as It categorically states in 2 Corinthians 11. He said they're preaching another Jesus! They're preaching another spirit! They're preaching another gospel. So they got a wrong spirit, they have the wrong Jesus, they haven't got the Word.

44. Now that happened back there two thousand years ago. Now if you miss the mark when you first shoot your gun, and there's a wind blowing, and you're merely a thousandth of an inch from the muzzle, how far will you be off at a target two thousand years down the road? So you can see the woman is wretched and miserable and blind and naked and she can't know it because she doesn't understand her position to reality. That is reality, That is reality, and they've turned It down flat! Because of their lovers, which are organizations.

Now what happens to her? It turns out as it says exactly in the Book of Matthew 25. Now this is the end time and let's take a look at it. And I'm kind of sketchy, because look, we could talk for hours, and I haven't got a throat for hours and you haven't got a mind to sit for hours. So listen – I realize that, it's tough. Now:

- (1) Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Now that was read to you tonight, already tonight. Five wise, five foolish. And Bro. Branham says at the last time one of the three spirits that are frog-like is the spirit of the foolish virgin. Right Jack? Where's Jack? He's the guy that found that for me, right? One was the Jew, and one was Catholicism. But he also brought in ecumenism. That's in a little tape from Georgia.

45. Now notice these foolish virgin. They're good people, they're nice people, but they miss it! Now they took no oil in their lamps. See in other words what they had did not have what it took to bring it to light! Nothing was there to bring it to light! Well look it, you can memorize this Book, but if you don't have what it takes to bring It to light, you're in darkness! And if it's specifically sealed up for a certain time, it will be in darkness until God sends the man who can open the Book! So we're not in a very good position unless God does something.

Okay, now they took no oil; they didn't have what it took. See, they had a little experience, and that was all. Maybe justification, sanctification. But the wise, they had the oil. They had what it took to bring the light as they progressed! These people did not progress, they dropped off! And they were pruned off! See? Do you follow what I'm saying? Luther, Wesley, Pentecost. These have what it takes! So they took their lamps full of oil. It was lamp trimming time. They cleaned up all the carbon and all the things now. Now you can see clearly. In other words, when you get rid of the veils on the mind, and you bring your minds in subjection to the Word in faith, you will begin to understand Bro. Branham's Message, but until that time you will never understand it! I learned that years and years ago sitting under him. I knew he wasn't talking my language. I knew it. That's simple to find out.

46. Now you need to change... if you ever need to change or yell or something, or somehow. Because I think we're passed time on that.

- (8) (Now) the foolish said... Give us your oil...

They said, "No way," and so on.

Now look, the point is they said, the wise said, "We cannot allow you to come in and obfuscate our vision and so on, and get in our way." They wouldn't do it. There's no way they could do it anyway.

Well look it, let me tell you something. How many people come and ask, have ever asked the little virgin, “Hey, tell me all about the great revelation. Let me have the truth.” Not going to do that. They’re not going to do that. They won’t do it.

Now listen, it says here,

(10) ...they went to buy, the bridegroom came....

See? And the Bridegroom did come and it was too late, they could not get in to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Now that’s the end time.

47. All right, in this marriage and lover arrangement, you see? A lover arrangement situation, the woman has to make a choice. She leaves her lover and goes back to her husband, or she divorces her husband and marries her new husband illegally, and she is judged again and pronounced an adulteress living in adultery. Then there is a third choice. She can lie about it. She can say, “My husband is dead,” when he is not, but that won’t work. Where’s the death certificate? There isn’t any, because she’s living with the old creeds and dogmas. See?

Now the key to the solution is the actual death of the old husband, which in this case is organizational and denominational creedal headship. That’s what Bro. Branham taught. This headship of the first marriage that this day church woman is in is actually – now listen carefully: This headship of the first marriage of this day church woman – the type – is actually 2 Cor 11:3,4, but she claims it is 2 Cor 11:2!

48. Now come on, let’s take a look at it. You get what I’m saying now. Here she’s lying to you. Now she is 11:3,4.

(3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

What’s the simplicity in Christ? God was in Christ redeeming the world. Where’s three persons in that? God didn’t have blood to shed. So He put His Own life in a virgin’s womb, whereby creating a sperm and egg, her body now is the factory for the chemicals of the earth so He could produce a man. His Son. River Jordan He came in categorically. God was in Christ reconciling the world. That’s the simplicity. People in this Message still haven’t got that. They wonder where Jesus is. Do you think God threw the body out or something? There is one mediator between man and God, the man Christ Jesus. Then why do you want to change it? Just believe it. I can’t figure it out, but I sure believe it. I’m depending on it. Bro. Branham talked about that one with nail prints. We’re going to see him.

49. All right, now she categorically says though that “I am espoused as a virgin to one husband.”

This woman two thousand years ago said the same thing! She said, “I am verse two!”

And Paul said, “You’re a liar, you’re three and four!”

Now that's what Bro. Branham's talking about. See? The false first husband of creedal headship has to die. To get married now to this One, this One. It's got to die. Period. Then and then only she is free and then she can marry.

I can see a perfect picture of the Garden of Eden. The serpent says, "You shall not surely die." He was guaranteeing Eve life. Let it sink in. He was guaranteeing Eve life. He said, "Listen child, don't you fall for that nonsense, of those crazy preachers that want to tell you that you're going to die, because you're not going to die."

"Why that crazy prophet, William Branham, he got what he asked for. He was smeared across the road because he judged those lovely ladies." Sweetheart sisters. Drop dead, if that's all you got. No woman here's got that, I can tell you that, in this building. She'd walked out by now.

The serpent said, "You shall not surely die." He was guaranteeing Eve life, all the while actually giving her death. And she believed it. He said to her, "You shall surely live."

50. Exactly the same today, the church is claiming rebirth, Holy Spirit baptism, immortality, and actually is sponsoring death. They scream, "Millions now living will never die," but they themselves are found in the Book of Jude, verses 10-13.

- (10) But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, (there's your carnal mind,) as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.
- (11) Woe unto them! (they've) gone in the way of Cain, (worship apart from the proper recognition of God's divided Word.) greedily after the error of Balaam... (I'm rich, increased in goods, they want rewards, and they perish) in the gainsaying of Core. (They take gifts, and say, "That's got to be of God. I've got to be born again, because I've got gifts.")
- (12) These are spots in your feasts of (love), when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds without water, carried about of winds; trees (with) fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;
- (13) Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; (and) wandering stars, to whom is reserved the darkness (of blackness) for ever.

That's the first husband that they've really got, was the second husband that came the lover against the Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Word.

51. The remedy lies in the words of Paul in the Book of Philippians, and we all know the Book of Phil 3:2-6. And he said,

- (2) Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

- (3) For we are the circumcision, which worship God in spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (That's from the mind down. But,)
- (4) Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I (can think) more:
- (5) Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
- (6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ("I did it all." He said, "I was right." But listen now.)
- (7) But (those) things (that) were gain to me, I counted loss... (my first husband had to die to get the second.)
- (8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
- (9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, (something I have done,) but that which is (of) the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by (him):

In other words what Jesus Christ did was the perfect delivery of the Word and the perfect life, and the perfect fulfillment, therefore He was righteous. And He allows us to take the same stand by taking His Word and worship in spirit and truth, and He said, "I'll allow it as I'll let it be." Brother/sister, we're permitted tonight. What Jesus did, Jesus did it all, all to Him alone.

52. Now,

- (10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- (11) If by any means I might attain (to) the (out) resurrection (from among) the dead.
- (12) Not as though I had already attained...

He was as good as in it by his rebirth, and being who he was, but he hadn't attained to it! And he couldn't attain to it; only you and I can attain to it. Because only you and I can know the power of the resurrection. Which comes in Eph 1:17-23. And that's based upon the Spirit of God Himself bringing revelation. Then if He brings the revelation of Himself, then you've got to believe it or why is He bringing it? Now you're being washed by the water. Now you're being

brought into line. Now the inner garment's being put on. Now you're coming into union with this Word. See?

(13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things (that) are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

(14) I press...

53. And so is the church been pressing for three beautiful times, the Lutherans, Methodist, Pentecostal, and now we pressing in. Forgetting it behind. I've forgotten Pentecost. I'm one of the few fortunate people on this earth that left Pentecost and Pentecost left me. It's easy to leave Pentecost. Oh there's nothing to that. "Oh yes, my husband, he's dead. Oh yeah, yeah." My husband is dead, by the grace of God. Just as dead as William Branham's husband was dead. Just as he left his father and mother, by the grace of God I've left my father and mother, because I was in there up to the hilt; I didn't want to get in there. Neither did you! But you always were an eagle, that's the beautiful part. Maybe you're down there picking manure with the chickens. That's all right, that's not the worst thing. But the worst thing is if you hear the eagle call and you can't answer; that's the worst thing, brother/sister. Because then you positively have a little bit too many chicken genes instead of the other genes. See:

(14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God...

(15) Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded:

Perfection hadn't come in Paul's day. But it's in this day. In other words, the believing – that's where Bro. Branham said, "*If ten of you ever really believed this Word in one place you'd go in a Rapture.*" All right, we're looking at that.

Now this applies to this day for as I've said the secret was only there in a potential, but it's here today in open manifestation because this is the hour of the resurrection.

54. Fourth: in this message, as we've already noted, Bro. Branham takes particular pains to type the woman as the church and so she is. And he continues with the certain true description of the Eve woman, or as he stated it, the woman was not in the original creation because she was there in order to fall in the second part. Remember, she never came in the hand of God like Adam did. The woman was created and formed and entrusted with certain virtues that she must not defile. And she is the only female in creation so formed. If she defiles herself, or is unfaithful to her husband, she must confess and forsake it.

Now the Laodicean church is found in such a sin in Rev 3:17. So here is an adulterous church who claims 2 Cor 11:2 and she is 2 Cor 11:4. Because the churches today uniformly, except for a few that are misinformed concerning Godhead, do believe in a Father and a Son and a Holy Ghost, and it's entirely unscriptural! They're entirely unscriptural. There are no three gods that don't comprise three gods. They are... three only comprises three, it doesn't make one.

She claims to be the wife of God and she is the lover and sponsor of the devil. Paul speaking of those very people, he describes them in 2 Corinthians 11. So let's read again, in the 11th

chapter. And here's what he said concerning the ministers. They're elders, they're deacons, they're preachers, they're evangelists, priests, and so on.

55. Verse 13.

(13) For such are false apostles...

Who do what? Seduce the minds and take them from the first husband! The real husband. And makes them think they've got the first husband when they've got the second husband! So this business of husband, as Bro. Branham preached from Romans 7, is a hundred percent on the nose, it has to do with the Word! Now who are you joined to? What Word are you joined with? Who's your husband?

(13) ...such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

They say, "Well hallelujah, we're servants of God." Oh brother/sister. You know, you think the devil isn't smart? He can take any one of us for a ride any day at all, brother/sister. Even the archangel didn't dare come against him. Said, "The Lord rebuke you."

(14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

(15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be (transfigured) as ministers of righteousness; (all a bunch of Cainites presenting their Abels.) whose end shall be according to their works.

56. That's right. That's what you're looking at. Revelation 18. He tells you:

(1) ...after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

(2) And he cried mightily with a (loud) strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, become the habitation of devils, 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, be not partakers of her sins, ye receive not of her plagues.

(5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. (Listen.)

- (6) Reward her even as she rewarded you, 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 (said) in her heart, I sit a queen, (I'm) no widow, and (I'll) see no sorrow.

There's your churches, brother/sister, that are going to die. Their false testimony, their lies, they're transformed to angels of light and ministers and how nice they are. How nice they are. And let me tell you something, the blood of all martyrs lie in her. You talk about an end time deceiver.

57. Listen, my brother/sister, Satan never got into that beast, and he looked at Eve and just gnashed on her and ripped her! He said, "Honey, you're beautiful." Say, "You and I can make sweet music." Oh yeah. He insinuated himself right in where he didn't belong.

Then what are you looking for tonight? I teach my church day and night, and I say one thing about love, if you haven't got this Word in your heart, I don't care what love you produce, you are a person producing a hypocritical love. Oh we got a job. I'll accept any love, even sleazy. It looks nice, but when it comes to this, that's a different story. Oh yeah, it's a different story. Oh yes.

- (8) Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and (she'll) be utterly burned with fire:

She's a whore! Adulteress. She's defiled herself before her own husband. And you know there's no redemption for her. Nope.

58. The Gentile church has come full circle, the same as Israel did. Matthew 15, the full circle of Israel. I got so much Scripture, it's too bad, but I'm going to take it. Then if I don't preach Sunday, I'll be worn out, give somebody else this job. Better get ready to turn tape over, put the second on if we have to. I want to finish tonight; I've got too much material here.

- (1) Then... (the) scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, (came) saying,
- (2) Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? (See, "Why do your disciples," they said concerning those who really had God in their lives, the true light of the gospel, they said, "How come the disciples are transgressing our tradition?") they wash not their hands when they eat... (That was sure nice, wasn't it?)
- (3) But he answered and said... Why do ye transgress the commandment(s) of God by your tradition(s)?

See? Then we go on a little bit, and he said in verse 7,

- (7) Ye hypocrites, well did (Isaiah) prophesy of you, saying,

- (8) This people (draw) nigh me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. (See, the veil is upon the heart.)
- (9) But in vain (do) they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

There's not a church on earth that doesn't do that. I think we're guilty in certain respects too. But God will help us to get rid of it all. It's a cleansing process. Yup. See?

- (9) ...in vain (do) they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

In other words, brother/sister, as God said, Jesus said, "You have made void the Word of God by your traditional teaching."

59. In other words, if we are wrong concerning our understanding of the Rapture as Bro. Branham gave it, we are not going to make the Rapture, I'm sorry, but you might as well know it now. You might as well face up to it. Why not face up to it? You got to sometime. We're either right or wrong. People don't understand me. They say, "Well you hit too hard." I don't hit anybody too hard. I don't want to hurt anybody. I'm letting you know what I believe, and you were nice to come here, and now you know what I believe. If you're offended, you're sweet people, Lord love you. I love you too. Don't mean to offend you, and I don't think I am.

But I want you to know something. This brother/sister is the valley of decision! The ushering into the Millennium! Either the Seals have opened or they haven't opened! Either He is here or He isn't here! Either He did descend or He didn't! Now that... you got to understand that. Then you've got to understand what's happened in all of this. Then you got to see the position. And then when you see the position, you aspire like Paul! Like look at my little two bit head tonight. I said, "I want to believe the way Bro. Branham believes about that." Why my God, I'm not even two inches off the floor yet. But I hope to get there. Forgetting those things that are behind. You're not going to put a new patch on an old garment, brother/sister, let's get that flat.

60. All right, now the old organizational, denominational, creedal husband has to die, period. You cannot hide him in the closet. You cannot pretend he is dead or lie about it. You can't dress him up, no way. Can't do it. Matthew – I can't quote it but I almost did – 9:16-17.

- (16) No man (puts a new) piece of cloth (on) an old garment, for that which is put (on) to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

Either get a new bunch of clothes or forget it. A lot of people are so funny, they want to put patches on their clothes. You know, even the kids are doing it. You can't buy a pair of dungarees that aren't faded anymore or without patches – it's the style, it proves your religion! Any of you people dressing like kooks? I hope not before God. It's not smart to be in tradition of the hour.

61. Listen, the Word of God tells us distinctly, don't change the old landmarks, don't join land to land, and it warns about changing the form of government! How legislatures doing it all the time,

and the judges jump in with them. The judges now legislate. And congress wants it. America's shot. You better watch your clothes too.

Bro. Branham mentioned even us looking back with all the old antiques. He said they're trying to get back. They'll never get back. I don't mind antiques if you know what you're doing with them. But if you're living in some kind of a daydream with antiques, I've got news for you, you need some news. Something wrong somewhere. God have mercy, brother/sister. Everything points to the hour. There is no Word today that is not used but doesn't have something to do with the hour in which we live! It's got to have! Why? Because if God's brought His Word and doing His Words, the devil's got to come against It! And got to say, "You shall not surely die, this is not surely wrong, oh it's fine!" It isn't, if the prophet said so.

62. I never understood the first thing about long hair. I'd say to Bro. Branham, "Hey Bro. Branham, look, don't give me that stuff about long hair." I said, "I've seen these old gals with long hair, they could lick the jam off a doorknob." I said, "As mean as my old cow that I had years ago. She'd get that wild look in her eye and she'd streak off across there dragging me, I ready to kill her." I said, "Don't tell me about these dames with long hair."

Well he said, "*I never said it was spiritual,*" he said, "*it wouldn't make them spiritual,*" but he said, "*it's God's Word.*"

I thought, "Well that's fine, I wish He had a different Word."

63. One day I said, "Just a minute," to a couple of my friends. We were sharing Bro. Branham's tapes and going to hear him more and more. Because I lived quite a ways from there, two hundred miles or so. I said, "I'm going to tell you guys something. I don't know the first thing about this long hair bit, but I know one thing, Bro. Branham is nobody's fool, and he doesn't fool with tiddlywink things. It's important that women let their hair grow. I don't understand it; I'm going to talk to my wife."

I went home and I talked to my wife. And I said, "Listen, I don't understand it, but it's up to you. Let your hair grow or not." She let her hair grow. Now we understand it.

One fellow believed in short hair, he liked short hair. He told his wife and she left her hair short. You know what happened? He followed a guy from India. Complete folly.

The other guy went home and his wife said, "I think that's the thing to do." She let her hair grow. They're doing the best to believe just the way we believe.

You know, brother/sister, just give the Word of God a chance. It's a seed with life in It! You know you don't get a loaf of bread overnight. Even the little red hen didn't do that good. She found a grain of wheat and says, "Who's going to help me plant the wheat?"

And the bunch of socialists of America said, "Not I, not I."

Well she said, "Oh I'll plant it myself."

So she got some wheat and she said, "Now who's going to help me harvest this wheat?"

They said, "Not me, not me, not me." Well you know the story. Everything has the seed to it.

64. Okay, now listen, you can't add gifts to Him and think you have eternal life! That's what's going on now with the charismatic move that's in every church in the world. Life can only come one way, and It needs a conduit. That conduit is the Word! In the beginning was the Conduit and the Conduit was with God and the Conduit was God! And in the Conduit was life! And the life was the light of men! So you got to have a conduit! So God's always had a conduit. There's right there. He came as His Own Messenger to a messenger to give us the living Word. That's what counts. That's where your washing of the water is, brother/sister, wash away the filth of the flesh.

What is the real filth of the flesh? Not what people think it is, brother/sister, you say, "Oh that's going around and they got AIDS for it." Listen, that is only the external evidence of a bad condition, which is what? Unbelief. AIDS never came until after the prophet. You better watch everything that comes after the prophet. Because the prophet spells judgment. And remember judgment is blessed if it's in your favor. Thank God for a decision! I'm glad for decisions.

Now how can you possibly be the Bride of God and produce God in Bride form unless you have a Word union? Jesus could not produce God in a form unless it was the Word union. See? What conduit are we? Are we for the living God? Trusting we are. No Word, no life. No Word, no union.

65. Listen to Bro. Branham on page 38. Here's what he says here,

[Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ, 11/25/65]

[76] *Oh, that spiritual union of Christ in His church now, when the flesh is becoming Word, and the Word is becoming flesh.*

Now what's he saying there? There is a prophet taking on the Word, who becomes the Word for us in this hour. Then it says, "*The Word is becoming flesh.*" And that's perfectly true, that he became the repository of God, because God's in the prophet.

[76] *Manifested, vindicated, just what the Bible said would happen in this day, it is happening day by day. Why, it's accumulating so fast out on those deserts, and things taking place, that I couldn't even keep up with it. (See he's talking about himself.) We are nearing the coming of Jesus (not the appearing, the coming,) to be united with His church, where the Word becomes Word.*

In other words, absolutely the Bride and He Who is the Word, we're the same conduit, become absolutely one with each other and Christ becomes incarnated. See, exactly ...?...

Now what we are hearing can happen only according to Acts 3:19, which is the Presence of God and the great healing revival that positively vindicates the apostle so that we know that he is the one who opens the Seals and brings us the truth, whereby the Judge is on the scene and has made the decision, "You are righteous, you are righteous, you are righteous; you are filthy, you are filthy, you are filthy. You are holy, you are holy, you are holy; you unholy, unholy, unholy." Now brother/sister, that's the way it is. Not something I'm making up, that is the truth.

66. All right, listen. The mighty messenger of Rev 10:1, as I've already said, is Rev 5:1. But let us notice what Rev 10:1 does. Rev 10:1 – I know you're getting tired; I'm going to try to cut it

down. [End of side two of tape one.] ...Scriptures, you don't even know where you're going. And I don't like it to be that way, but I want to cover this if I can.

67. All right, Rev 10:1, the mighty angel that comes down. All right, now notice in 5 and 6.

- (5) ...the angel which I saw (that came down) ...lifted up his hand to heaven,
- (6) And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created (the) heaven(s), (and so on and so on and so on,) ...that (time) should be no longer:

In other words, this is the time when everything wraps up and Adam goes to immortality, because when you're immortal time does not count. It's time for the Tree of Life and immortality.

68. Okay, what is that? That is exactly over here as I see this in Heb 6:13,14.

- (13) For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,
- (14) Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- (15) And, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- (16) For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. (I read a little further than I need to.)

All right, in there you'll notice that absolutely God swore by Himself. And that's what you see in the Book of Revelation, God swearing by Himself, which is the same thing that you see in Genesis. Genesis 18 is where God came down in the presence of Abraham, and absolutely said, "It is time for Sodom and Gomorrah, they're going to pay the price."

And that's the time you notice when Abraham spoke up to God and said, "Well can You spare them for the righteous, that the righteous do not perish?"

And God said, "Listen." He said, "The righteous will never perish no matter what." He took the righteous out of there and destroyed the city.

Now that is exactly what we're looking at according to the Bible in Luke 17. Where Jesus categorically said the days of the Son of man would repeat, at that particular time. At that same particular time we have 1 Cor 13:9, when that which is perfect is come, and perfect means there is nothing more to come, it's all over.

69. So here you are, when there's nothing more to come and it's all over, what is it? It's White Throne. It's wound up forever. You're sitting in White Throne right now, not as though White Throne will not come at the end of the Millennium, but you're standing there right now. There will be no difference, brother/sister, it will be just the difference of your body and mine. That's

all. Bro. Branham said we leave here, we change not. Just the geography. I'm going to skip some things.

And so we see the life now has come up through the body for two thousand years, and it's in its fullness. The Lord Jesus Christ in the form of the Holy Ghost, He is here in His Headship to unite the Word and the Bride. The life is in the grain again, it's true. In other words you're right back to where I said the Cornerstone is the same as the Headstone. It's the same One, just a position. Now you're back. It's Headship, it's all over. The same Jesus is in Bride form, absolutely true. The same power, the same church, the same Word, we are now continuing Ephesus; we've come back to Ephesus. The same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word is here revealing it. The Bride is in full unity with the Word, with the Word as her Head, and where her Head is, she is and when It's in physical form, she'll be there with It.

70. No wonder Bro. Branham called this message a Thanksgiving Message, and it's a jubilee to you and me. I submit to you that theologians and all the Christians have missed the invisible union. The invisible union is categorically found in Eph 1:15, going to 23, when it says, "The Spirit of Christ will now come into the body." Not individuals now, but the Spirit of Christ come into the church. And the Spirit of Christ come into the church with the revelation, which brings about a resurrection, which brings about a Rapture, which has to be 1 Th 4:16, or I can't read my Bible. It's absolutely true; Bro. Branham said so, Daniel's Seventieth Week. It is an invisible union.

Now listen, all the church world can talk about is the visible union, which they call the Rapture, the Wedding Supper. See? But what about it? They place the Rapture as the Appearing of Christ. They are wrong, the Appearing is now, it's already taken place. In the form of the Holy Spirit in the Pillar of Fire our Lord did appear, starting the invisible union in 2 Th 2:1, which we read, by our gathering together unto Him, which is predicated upon the mighty angels coming down with Him, in flames of fire, pronouncing judgment, "I indict this generation." See? That's what it is. Those who miss the invisible union and the wedding ring of divine grace will never see the visible union. Now if you see the invisible, you're the happiest people in the world.

71. Now where would we be without this Message? I ask another question. Where would Bro. Branham be without this Message? You don't think that over, do you? You just think, "Well hallelujah, Bro. Branham." Well hallelujah no Bro. Branham. No man ever had a gift for himself. That gift did not belong to William Branham. That God did not belong to William Branham. He was a percourser, he was the conduit. That's what he was. What would he have done without this Message? Same shape as we are.

We can thank God this Thanksgiving Day as never before, because we can now say, "I and my Father are one."

This is that day that we can truly know, the same day that Jesus, the same thing Jesus said, "In that day you'll know I'm in the Father, you in me and I in you," that was at Pentecost, that is this hour, that's at the White Throne judgment. See?

72. Listen. Heaven is now waiting to catch up to us. Heaven is waiting on us. Now that's a good thought. I'm going to prove it to you. We go to Revelation 5, and I got to read as fast as I can to get you out of here. All right, 8-14.

- (8) And when he had taken the book, the [four beasts and] four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, (that's after the Seals were broken off by Jesus.) having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints.
- (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and redeemed us (unto) God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- (10) And (thou) hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
- (11) And I beheld, and heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
- (12) Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
- (13) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, (I) heard saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
- (14) And the four beasts... And the elders worshipped... (and said, Amen.)

Did you realize right now that there's something going on in nature that you and I are not aware of? That nature has begun to tune her harps? I want you to notice specifically, let me read again verse 13,

- (13) And every creature (that's) in heaven, (every one) on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea... (Every single creature is beginning to praise God because they recognize the opening of the Seals.)

73. Let's read in the Book of Romans 8, to see it, and it says here, verse 18.

- (18) ...I reckon the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared (to) the glory (that) shall be revealed in (the joint heirs of Jesus Christ at the time of the adoption.)
- (19) For the earnest expectation of (creation is waiting) for the manifestation of the sons of God.

In other words they're going to be aware of it! Nature is aware of this, whether you and I will admit it or not, the Bible says so! Are we lagging behind nature? Are we lagging behind dumb creation? Are we lagging behind that which has no souls? You better believe the people are brother/sister. It tells you right here,

- (20) For (creation) was made subject to vanity, (not by their own fault, but by us,) not willingly, but by reason of him who subjected the same in hope,
- (21) Because the (creation) itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty (or the glory of the liberty) of the children of God.
- (22) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- (23) And not only they, but ourselves, which (also) have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, (but this is the hour. So therefore they're changing their tune, they're waiting for the redemption.)
- (24) For we are saved by hope: but hope (which) is seen is not hope: for what a man see(s), (what) doth he hope for? (He doesn't need to hope for it, he's got it.)
- (25) But if we hope for that (which) we see not, we with patience wait for it. (Now listen,)
- (26) Likewise the Spirit also help(s) our infirmities:

You know the Spirit of God in you is travailing with the animals and everything else? I don't say the Spirit of God in animals is doing it. But the Word of God says, "The eagles know their path in the air." And He said, "The oxen knows how to get home; the ass knows his master's crib." But He said, "My people don't know anything."

74. Now I submit to you that nature is ahead of us! As a people. But not ahead of the Bride. I submit to you it's going on now! Those things that you don't see, and you haven't thought of, but they're going on. And the Spirit of God in us is crying and helping our infirmities! Because we don't even know how we ought to pray anymore, so to speak. We just go through it, we do our best. But you know what? There's groanings...

- (26) ...intercession... with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- (27) And he that searcheth the hearts know(s) what is in the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Spirit in us, brother/sister. You say, "Well I believe Jesus intercedes." That's true, but in you there's something interceding right now in this hour in which we live, when all nature out

there sensing something, and everybody sensing something. Bro. Branham said it. He said, *“It’s all sensing something, they know something’s going on.”* What’s going on? I tell you what’s going on! There was a prophet and his name was William Branham. God came down in the Appearing! To get a people ready. When you get sold as he is sold, and I’m as sold as he was sold, we’re going to get somewhere, brother/sister. I don’t want to think nature is a mile ahead of me, but I’m afraid it might be.

75. Let me tell you something, let’s go to the Book of Joel, and then I’m going to quit reading. Well it’s not quite ten o’clock, that’s great for me. Joel – that’s just before Amos and after Hosea, and that comes right after Ezekiel or Daniel, rather – 2nd chapter, and we’re going to read beginning at verse 21.

- (21) Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. (Notice, fear not.)
- (22) Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring...

They turn... the Sahara desert was one time the bread basket of Europe and Africa. Look at the deserts in Africa today; look at [what] people are doing with the world.

- (22) ...pastures of the wilderness do spring, the tree bear(s) her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
- (23) Be glad, ye children of Zion...

You know what? He appraised the beasts before us! No wonder God said to this Laodicean church, “You’re wretched, miserable, blind, naked, and don’t even know it.” Natural kingdom is waiting on us! Yet God is so sorry for this beautiful earth and creation, He said, “I’ll destroy those that destroyed this earth!” So He said, “Beasts of the field, it will soon be over.”

Every magazine, hundreds of species now gone. Where’s the beautiful passenger pigeon? Where are the beautiful animals? And people got mad because Bro. Branham saw his horse and is going to get his horse back. Well I tell you, if the horses and things don’t come back, there’s sure something wrong. Because the whole universe is going to burn!

God loves His creation. And the original people of God will say, “Hey, it’s all here and it’s all yours, people, I want you to multiply, and they’ll just be like Me over creation.” What would it be if we just were here all alone, twiddling our thumbs? I like dogs and cats. I’m not going to put them ahead of God’s children.

76. Now notice what he said here. He talks to the land, He talks to the beasts of the field, then He said to us,

- (23) Be glad, ye children of Zion, (that’s New Jerusalem,) rejoice in the LORD your God: (listen) for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter (as) in the first.

The word 'month' is interpolated, doesn't belong there; He's going to repeat Himself. The same Pillar of Fire that gave the Word to Paul is going to reveal it to us. And listen,

- (24) And the floors shall be full of wheat, (that's harvest time,) and the fats shall overflow with (the) wine and oil. (And remember, the harlot doesn't get it, we get it.)
- (25) And I will restore to you the years the locust... (and) cankerworm, and caterpillar, and palmerworm, (it's the same miserable worm,) my great army...
- (26) And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that dealt with you (wondrously): and my people shall never be ashamed. (It's all happened right now. Vindication. See?)
- (28) And it shall come to pass afterward, I will pour my spirit upon all flesh; your sons and daughters prophesy, your old men dream dreams, (and) young men see visions:

That's after the prophet came, the false anointed ones came! He said, "My servants will do it, and your bunch will do it." Then what does He say? "I'll pour upon the earth – what? – the great tribulation." See? Invisible union. Even the animals are getting a break. The world's getting a break. We're going to come back to a renovated earth. A Millennium. Everything...

77. Listen. Read your papers. Today they have developed trees that just grow up overnight almost. Put forth six, eight feet in a year. Doesn't that tell you something? We're in for a quick change. God renovating. Latter Rain got an idea we're going to get the vitamins out of the Dead Sea, and then we're going to... you know... pbbt. Fap. I'm lazy. Don't call me lazy Lee for nothing. LL. They LL the old Lazy Lee, boy. And lazily do I do it.

I'm expecting God to do what He said He'd do. Invisible union. The jubilee is upon us, brother/sister, to have the greatest jubilee and Thanksgiving ever. Because it's going on in heaven now and the earth is beginning to reverberate with the glory of God, the Thanksgiving for Him Who said, "I'm going to have a Bride that's joined invisibly to me by the Word."

Your signs and wonders are great, I love signs and wonders. I'm a sign and wonder monger, I tell you, just about. You know, I got to let my hair down and tell you. But you know what? I was into some of that for awhile, it's not the answer. The answer is one thing, brother/sister, and we'll learn more about it Sunday morning: believe with all thine heart. Know what you saw in your generation.

78. Can I read one verse of Scripture and close, we got to go for sure, because look, time's over. It's a lovely verse of Scripture; some people didn't even know It was in the Bible. It's there, all right, because I found It. And if I found It, somebody wrote It, and if somebody wrote It, It's got to be God behind It or It wouldn't be in the Bible. Let's find It, if I can get my Bible apart. It's the 13th chapter somewhere, in the Book of Acts. And It says here,

- (40) Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;
- (41) Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

The prophet comes on the scene, God vindicates him, and the prophet explains it, and they said, “Bah, can’t take that. I won’t take that.” When you won’t take that, you won’t hear the rest. What’s the rest? I told you I was going to quit reading, read it for yourself. Hebrews 12, one more time speaking, the One from heaven, and everything gets tumbling down. And the earth is beginning to tremor, and those tremors are tremors of excitement! We get scared! We get confused! But the earth is excited! Because the volcanoes will erupt and the earth will shatter! Yes! Coasts will go down. God’s rebuilding His earth.

79. I’m not blood hungry for people to die. Why should I be? I don’t want to die myself, and ...?... cast away. I couldn’t wish that on anybody. But brother/sister, listen I want to tell you, why should I turn away the Word of God? And claim the man of Galilee; claim God is my Husband when I’m married to the devious, cunning, slandering, death-dealing emissaries of Satan? Invisible union. Nobody can tell it. It’s invisible. It’s not like the king who thought he had clothes on when they fooled him. Nope, you’re not looking at the king that was naked because some smart guys came by and sold a bill of goods that wasn’t there. No, It’s real. There’s a picture of It.

I’m honest with you. I don’t feel what I should feel. I’ve got it all in the top of my head very good here. From the soles of my feet to the crown of my head I don’t vibrate, and the earth vibrates, and the animals know. “And My people.” Invisible union. Don’t try to make it visible, brother/sister. No, don’t try to make it visible. Just let the Word dwell richly, and if there’s anything to be visible, God will bring it out. By the exercise of His power that is at work within us, that’s what counts. Ah well, do you understand what I’m saying? A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. A Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you realize you’re in a union tonight, an invisible union, and it’s calling us to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. Let’s rise and be dismissed.

Gracious Heavenly Father, we want to thank You for Your love and mercy, especially the patience of Your people tonight, didn’t want to wear them out, but as I studied Lord to get my anointing ahead, I trusted I would, maybe I put too much of it in there myself, Father, didn’t cut down enough what You told me, as I believe You’d help me, to see this Thanksgiving Message the prophet preached, it’s an invisible union. God, it sure means one thing that perhaps we’ve never seen it before, that “The foundation of God standeth sure, having this Seal, the Lord knoweth them which are His.” As Bro. Branham continually said, “*It’s a matter of election, it’s a matter of election, it’s a matter of election.*” And so it is.

So our Father God in heaven we just pray in Jesus’ Name that You will help us to understand as never before what we dealt with tonight, where the things that need to be so real will become real, it’s just not off the top of our head, though we’re happy with that’s the way it’s to be at this minute. But Lord we hunger that It will go right down deep within us until we’re given over to It

and It is living and dominating our lives, as the apostle Paul said, "I've been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, and yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for us."

Lord there was a oneness there with him, one with the prophet, and there's been a oneness Lord with your servants and all the little members of the body of Jesus Christ. And Lord here's a little group tonight aspiring, simply by grace, that's all Lord, trusting You that we're elect, to be a part of this glorious Bride, Lord, by the union of Your Word. And Father as the prophet was so concerned that so many things would take us from the Word, little things of life and all, and it's so true Lord, it can do it, and yet when Lord we see people come together for hundreds of miles and spend all their money to get together, O God, it shows that they are sincere about a Word, and it puts me on the spot I know Lord, to just wonder am I just doing what I should do for them, am I helping enough Lord? I don't know; I'm sure I'm not, O God. But Lord, I know they never came to hear me, they came to hear a Word. And I know enough was read and enough was said from Bro. Branham that if You quicken it Lord, Your Word, what was Your Word, not mine, that invisible union Lord will come forth pretty soon into visible, just the same as the earth is. God, everything is coming down Lord, except what You've said and You've established. And that's fine by us, Lord, if You just especially start it within us where it all tumbles down that shouldn't be there Lord. So what You want to be there will be there.

God, we've said the prayer Lord, just what we mean tonight Lord. And I believe just in the words we wanted to say it, and that's the way we would love to have it. Can it be Lord, by Your grace and mercy? Can we be part of that Father, that be our way in life? We'd sure love it Lord, and sure praise You for it, and it sure be nice for our brothers and sisters with whom we rub shoulders and hold hands, it would sure be nice Lord, just to see that in a people, O God. And we know that it's for us, because I feel it in my soul Lord, it's for this people here, the people that love You and want to love You more and more Lord, that want to see Your grace and mercy, O God, and believe in it.

So we just commend ourselves to You Lord, be with the people, give them a good night's rest, we pray Lord, and may, may Your Word become richer and realer than ever before, and unto Thee we'll give You all the praise, because we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. The Lord bless you.

'Take the Name of Jesus with you'.