# The Lord's Body

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we're so grateful again to be in this place that's consecrated by prayer, by the Word of God, Your own divine blessing upon us; we're grateful for that. We thank You for Your Presence, Lord, that brings us such peace. We're reminded when the disciples alone tossed upon the sea, that the waves so boisterous that You came walking on the waters and You delivered them, Lord. Same as when the sea was so rough and You were perfect peace, sleeping, they were frightened and cried out, "Master, save us." You said, "Peace be still," and they were calmed down. And many people we know, Lord, think that there was a great miracle to calm the sea, but there was a bigger miracle that men's hearts were calmed, because You spoke to them; You spoke to the elements.

And we know in the last day, Joel speaking, the Holy Spirit speaking through him, reaches out to the earth and comforts the earth and says, "Earth, your destruction's over, I'm not going to destroy you any more, Bride in Zion, it's all over, you're not going to have any more trouble." God, You said that hundreds of years ago. And this hour we see it all come down upon us, and I've been so glad, Lord, to know you restored a people. You're getting ready to restore a portion of the earth, but not all the earth for us, restoring the birds and the animals, O God, right back to Eden.

The more we give you pre-eminence the quicker we're going to get there. God, do anything You want to do with these vessels to get pre-eminence. We can take it somehow, Lord, it's not that in ourselves we feel we can, but God, we know there's got to be grace for somebody. Like the Prophet said, "If we're not Bride, there's a Bride out there somewhere. Won't stand in her way". And we believe tonight, Lord, by the grace of God, it's by Your own love, by everything, Lord, that you do, and nothing we're doing at all, that we stand in that same place tonight, with faith in You, Lord.

And we're grateful You've given us this faith. We're grateful it's the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, because it's His own revelation, greater than anything anybody ever envisioned, greater than any book ever written. It's a new phase, it's a new wonder and we're in it, Lord, and we thank You for it. We can't praise You enough. Oh how we thank You. Somehow, and if, no it's not sufficient, Lord, the whole earth was filled with Your glory it wouldn't be sufficient if we were giving it, but, Father, we're going to trust You to do it, for somehow, together, it's going to be there. We believe it is tonight and we thank You for all we need, everything's here in divine order and divine place, it's in the consummation. So help us tonight with the study of Your Word, Lord, we know You got to do it, because we can't do it ourselves. Hardly prepared for such a vast subject, in fact not prepared at all, really. So much involved, but, Lord, You can help us with the simplicity that's needed to bring out the great things of one little drop of

water with the sun shining on it can be a prism to bring such beautiful rainbow effects. Lord, there's enough of it here we believe, enough of election here, enough of ministry to help bring it out, Lord.

Forgive us for our slothfulness and all the things we've indulged in which just are not right. We're not trying to get Your grace, Lord, and make it disgrace. We've already done that. We want to make it real grace and honor You. So we commend ourselves to You in this our study. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen. You may be seated.

- 1. I want to read in 1 Cor 11:29 where we were this morning. Just the one verse.
  - (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh (condemnation) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Now, we went into some subject matter this morning and recognize that the amount of material that tried to be covered, we barely scratched the surface. Mentioning certain things, such as taking communion in a wrong way or unworthy manner, because that's what it does say. And that would refer to the actual partaking and doing and then the people themselves are involved.

It brought defilement and defilement brought judgment, sin and death within the body, believers in Corinth. If there was a history written, but there isn't, something contingent or contemporary with what we see here in the times of Paul, I think the commentary would be most devastating. It was truly a sick, sick church and a sick people, but it didn't need to be that way.

With it we learned that the disobedient did not escape by refusing to partake where it is commanded by God that they must partake. So in refusing to partake, they are not justified, but equally condemned to sickness or death. Now that's exactly the way it is. I've known too many people over the years who say, "Well, I just won't partake of it." You haven't solved a thing. You have compounded your problems. See? Because you're disobedient. You will show His death till he comes. What kind of a person that believes in the death of Jesus refuses it? I think you would be better off to participate, knowing you're wrong than leaving it. You might not think so, that's your privilege. But if I were weighing the two I would sort of be very careful there.

2. For as I've said, many people get involved. I see where preachers get involved and then the table is refused the people. Can you imagine the preacher leading the people into sin and condemning them? Oh you say, "I can't." Well I can. I've seen it happen. That's why deacons have order, if Lee Vayle stumbles or something, they will carry on the table of the Lord. The order is set in the Church. What's it got to do with me? What's it got to do with you? Who do you think you are and who do I think I am? Are we running God? I've got news for you, in no way. So in refusal they're not justified. Not only not justified, in no way are they liberated, but they're more enchained than ever, equally condemned to sickness and death and condemning the others. They are still purveyors of destruction in the church. This great ordinance is the way that God enforces

His demands upon us. Sure. It's the way He enforces His demands, because you can't escape. Now a lot of people can commit sin in the world out here and they can escape.

3. Understand one reason Bro. Branham did not believe in capital punishment, was because he always saw the poor man was hanged by the neck until he was dead, or gassed until he was dead, or fried electrically until he was dead, but the rich man had no trouble. Let them be a Leopold and Loeb, if you're old enough to remember them--two Harvard graduates, who wanted to experiment. So they brutally murdered a young child. Because their parents were rich, rich, rich, it was no problem. They got set aside in nice cozy jails. Of course, we must not let them out, but we can pamper them.

God doesn't act that way. I got news for you. The Judge of all the earth shall do right. And He shall be right, r-i-g-h-t, which is right, r-i-g-h-t Word, which He... not w-r-i-t-e, but w-r-o-t-e, wrote. That's true. The great ordinance is the way God enforces his demands on us. It is very good. Yeah.

4. Yeah, I'm glad God beat my ears around. Oh she was tough. Contemplating suicide, I tried to figure everything out to leave the wife and kids just the money so that nobody could catch on I had bumped myself off. One thought I had was to be on a rickety bus with the B.C. Electric drove and I was part of their railway street system at that time and I had it kind of figured out how I could just bump myself against the door that was partly open and fall under the wheels. That would be nice. I thought of other ways, too, that I could get rid of myself. But you know His grace was sufficient. He whipped the stuff inside of me. Onto dying with TB, the pituitary gland, I said, "Lord, that's enough." And it was. Isn't that nice?

The Bible tells us that we discipline our children because we get angry. They sort of bug us. We don't bug God. You know that? Years ago a man said to me, said, "You know, Bro. Vayle, I don't believe I pray to God because He's got enough troubles of His own."

I said, "What are you talking about?"

God doesn't have any troubles. That's why He wants your troubles. He doesn't have questions, that's why He wants to answer yours. Why, if He had questions, what would be the use? You say, "God has questions on me." Hogwash. He'll get you there if He got to fry your hide. He'll blister you if necessary. He said so. That's mercy and grace.

5. Now let's... I talk as an authority from experience and I hope you do, too. We acknowledge His grace, we certainly do. For it is grace that causes His goodness to supersede all else in our lives. But that is only a part of this subject, for it says that the lack of discerning the Lord's body also is a basis in these judgments. Now, we saw conduct was important. That, and that's true. Nobody can deny that.

Look, let's say we have fairly nice homes, and we're trying to rear our children to be good citizens and, you know, compliments to us which, which is the only thing, which is the right thing that they should be. And don't you know now that there's a kid down the street and he's throwing bricks at the lights and very successfully knocking them out. He has a powerful right arm which, oh anybody knows he's going to be big baseball hurler, and those rocks go through windows, chit, just like that. And his knife is accurate, he could slash tires. And to everybody's horror and disgust, here this kid going down the street breaking out lights and breaking out windows, slashing tires, and they can't quite tell who he is, because it's quite dark out there. And suddenly he turns into the door of this very respected, refined, and noble citizen and the citizen look, "Oh, my boy." That's the table of God.

The born again Christian does certain things and he doesn't do certain other things. And the respected citizen would have to reprimand his child, and God is a very respected citizen. In fact, He is The Citizen. So He chastises us. There must be a life. But there is also a lack of discerning the Lord's body that brings a condemnation within the church.

- So we ask the question, "What is the Lord's body?" In this case it cannot be the body broken and commemorated by the emblems in verse 24. [1 Corinthians 11:]
  - (24) Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you:

That's not so. See? For then, verse 29, must mention verse 25 also.

(29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh (condemnation) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Well, then over here, it should... it says here,

(25) He took the cup, and said, (This is the blood of the covenant of the New Testament.) (And He said, Now this do in remembrance of me.)

Now you see, He doesn't mention blood in verse 29, He just mentions body. So you see the subject is changing in respect to conditions laid down. Now here's condition that says, "If you do not discern the Lord's body, you have equal problems."

7. Now this message is going to be a little tough. First of all, I've got thirteen or fourteen points, which each should take a sermon. And I must warn you, by the time we're finished, we may be in trouble. But that's all right.

Now categorically, the Lord's body is the Bride. Bro. Branham said so. The body is the Lord's body is the Bride. And many go off. Many go off. Many go off. Somebody that's off has left a certain path. It says they don't go with it. That's true. See, they don't know how to believe, themselves, and live any kind of life and take communion and things, that's not right.

All right. In here, He says, about the Lord's body, where there was a problem, it was believing, living, taking. That's how He put it, in that order. That's what Eve did. See? She didn't believe something and when she didn't believe something, it changed her living. See? And then when that happened she got into the position there where she began taking up things that weren't right. No way.

- 8. Now, I want to read a few more things here, just sketchy out of where Bro. Branham said, and page 8, paragraph 2, 2-3. I had some other notes, but I leave them and not read them. He says here: [Discerning the Lord's Body 59-08-12]
- [8-1] I wonder sometimes if we can discern right from wrong for our own bodies, especially the Lord's Body." Now, everything we took this morning was very clear cut. There wasn't a question in it really. "We don't discern right from wrong from our own body. Day after day and week after week, month after month, and year after year, scientists work in the laboratories and set great big pictures out and everything advertising and warns the people: 'Cancer by the carton.' Man, two hundred and seventy something thousand Americans will die this year from smoking cigarettes, and you smoke right on. We can't even discern our own bodies, let alone discerning the Holy Spirit and in the Body of the Lord.

Did you see that article the other day that this scientist produced all his research? Not only cigarettes does it give you cancer, but you got fifty percent more chance of taking anything else on.

- 9. Now, that's the truth. All right. One paragraph here on page 10, Discerning the Lord's Body.
- [10-1] We can't discern by what people think, what intellectuals tell us, what psychologists tell us; we've got to go by what God says! "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Not discerning the Lord's Body, many are sick and weakly. Many are asleep"--dead, spiritually dead. (Notice). The last plague that hit Egypt was death. The last plague hit the church is spiritual death. (How are they going to take communion?) What we need today is a spiritual awakening--a spiritual awakening to discernment. See that's why you're dying. That's why you're sick.
- 10. Another little paragraph here.
- [10-7] Did not Jesus say to the church in His day, "You can discern the face of the skies, but the signs of the times you cannot discern, for if you would have known Me, you would have known My day." The hour of the deliverance of the Church, and they can't discern it.
- 11. Now, that's the vein that the Prophet goes in for many, many pages. Now the last quote he quoted concerning the times, and he drew a parallel between discerning the face

of the heavens... Pardon me, it's found in Mt 16:3 and Lk 12:56. So we want to go back to Matthew 16, and will just read those few verses, couple, two or three.

- (1) The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.
- (2) And He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.
- (3) And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (In other words, it's a question. How can you discern it and then turn around and not discern this?)
- (4) A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; but no sign to be given it.
- 12. Now Mt 16:1. They gave a sign, they said, "Give us a sign", and they were tempting Him. Now that's absolutely the same as over here in the 4th chapter of Matthew and the first 3 verses.
  - (1) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
  - (2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was an hungered.
  - (3) And when the tempter came (Now notice, he's tempting), If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Now he laid out a temptation, which temptation was on the idea, "I want you to absolutely prove that you are the Son of God." See? Now the Pharisees wanted a sign of their choosing, the same as Satan did. Now he said, "I want the sign that you produce what I want. Now he said, "If you're the Son of God, command those stone be made bread."

And Jesus said, "Now, no way." He said, "Man doesn't live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (And so on.)

- 13. Let's go over here to the book of Luke chapter 12. And in here, 54-57.
  - (54) And he also said to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. (That's right, I agree.)

- (55) And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it comes to pass. (Sure, blows off the dessert, I guess, and one blows off the water.)
- (56) Ye hypocrites, (Now Bro. Branham said these were hypocrites that were taking the Lord's supper. I just said what he said.) you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it you do not discern this time? (What time? When He was there. I didn't write the book, I'm just talking about it. See? Why don't you discern this time?)
- (57) Yea, and why even of your own selves judge ye not what is right? (Well, you say, "You called a conference for everything. How come you don't call a conference for this?)

Nicodemus came by one time, having come to Jesus by night, and he said, "Our law doesn't condemn a man until you try him."

And they said, "Aw shut up, are you one of those followers?"

"Search and see."

"No prophet comes out of Galilee."

You talk about spiritual numskulls.

He didn't bother looking at the evidence, He did not come out of Galilee, He only lived there. He came out of Bethlehem. Why did they go to the History books? You think they hadn't had a confrontation of some sort or some privilege of seeing those three wise men, and didn't they know what followed the three wise men, the slaying of the innocent and they simply stand back and Bethlehem means nothing. And the wise men inquired of those in authority, and they said, "Where is this King to come from?" Why, they said, "It's Bethlehem." And now suddenly goes, blew! Suddenly lost a memory. Have you seen people like that? Don't ask that question, I know too many.

Now, let's look at what's being said, if we can do it. I don't know if I'm any good or not. Discern. The word 'discern' is the same word, 'to judge'. A discerner is a judge. Before He's a Judge, He's a Prophet. Who stood here discerning when the prophet was the voice? Prophet Judge. Okay?

- 14. 1 Corinthians 11:31.
  - (31) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Now the first word there is discern, but the other is different. See, you're going to... He said, "Now if you be judged, judge yourself, you begin discerning, which is to

judge between." All right, discern is to judge, to judge between. To discern, is to signify to separate, discriminate, and learn by discriminating.

How long does it take people to wake up as to who's Bride and who isn't Bride? How long does it take people to realize, if it's the Word it's the Word. If it's not the Word it's not the Word? You say now, "I don't know that that should take place." Well, I do know that it should take place. We're not fooling.

I've had brothers come to me over the years, they said, "Lee, I never could understand, yet on one day I found out that you didn't worry about what went on, big, little or anything. You always stuck to the Word and judged by the Word." And I hope that's true, I don't know. See? Comes a time. So we put it together, hopefully.

15. For centuries the observing people saw that a red sky at night meant good weather. Red sky, good day. Maybe some evenings were overcast, they'd say, "Well let's wait till morning." That's good thinking. See? Upon arising, was a red sky and lowring, and over the centuries, that meant a foul day. So over the period of time, they learned from nature how to separate, to differentiate. And in differentiation, they knew what the thing was, by judging between. Now, you understand what I'm saying? He said, "Look, you people, you know how to discern the skies over a period of time, you learned how it goes.

How many years did we have William Branham, the prophet? Since 1933 to 1965, and for 18 solid years we haven't had him. From 1933 to 1965. You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, he didn't do too much in there." Trace the records and find out what was done and said. "Well," you say, "We began to know more about him in 1958 and so on."

16. All right. And you'll see the record was always the same. Something was consistent. Principle after principle was consistent. Somebody should have learned something.

Christ stood there. Principle after principle consistent. Somebody should have learned something. But they didn't. And finally they said, "Well this fellow's the devil." You know that? One day, Jesus cast out a devil and the people said, "This has to be the Son of God. This has to be God."

And the Pharisees said, "No way. Why, (he said,) but by the prince of the devil, Beelzebub, he does it."

Now, you show me in history when that was done. Jesus said their own sons were doing it. Then if they, the nation under God, their sons were doing it and Jesus did it bigger and better, then He was The Son.

"Oh," they said, "Far be it, this has got to be the other one."

Yeah. Jesus stood there, and they said, "Is not this the son of David?" And they said, "By no means, this is the other one."

17. And Bro. Branham stood, and people said, "Is this not Elijah?" And they said, "No, he is the other one." Well, how come he's not here incarnated and doing the devil's job then, because that would be the other one, Antichrist. Fap! Blind leaders of the blind. Willfully blind. Discerning the skies, putting satellites up there, going to the moon. They did in Bro. Branham's day. Couldn't stand back and know by the Word of God. Don't tell me they can't, because they can.

Jesus said you can pick out the signs that tell bad weather and then make a decision. You can pick out the signs that tell good weather and predict it. But listen, not one of you can make the weather. But you can stand back and watch it. You can learn the ropes, you can learn the secrets, you can learn how it goes. He said, "Why don't you do the same thing spiritually? You can discern and see that which is going on is of God. He said you know it. He said you know it. He said it falls right with the prophets. Why don't you get your facts lined up? And you can tell exactly who I am, just the same as lining up the facts by observing and knowing the weather. You can know the things of God for your day. Now you can't know them by physical things out there, only in types. But all nature runs in continuity and so does humanity. Bless God, it's never failed.

18. God comes on the scene. Man repudiates it. God comes on the scene He does something, man believes it. But they're the right ones. God leads them out, does something for them, and pretty soon it begins to fall flat like organization and so on, it's all gone. Man could study spiritual history, know what's going on. Man could study the Bible, know what's going on. But man doesn't.

Now listen, let's get this fact, Jesus said if you can do the one you can do the other. And Bro. Branham said, "We are intelligent." Touché. You can know the things of God for your day. Search the Scripture. There is where the centuries of truth are. They will testify of me and the facts of Scripture will tell you who I am, if I am Messiah or not.

19. Now listen. What if the people in that day had manufactured their own ideas as to what would produce the weather? Or indicate it? They could have said a rainbow in the evening shows there's good weather ahead. So somebody saw a rainbow in the evening and the next day it stormed. You say, "Hey, that's out, that won't work." It wasn't consistent. You see?

Now listen, you know what I'm saying that Bro. Branham always literally harped on continuity. And I am harping on continuity, because Jesus harped on continuity.

Now I used the word harped, derogatory, but I did it on purpose. And I'll tell you why. Because most people thought it was harping or carping, instead of teaching. They got a little bored with it. I think they got bored with Jesus one day in a miracle producing fishes and bread, the next day whipped them out of the temple. I think they got a little bit

bored and tired with him reaching out his hand to a poor prostitute and say, "I don't condemn you," and said to the Pharisee, "You louse."

Oh He's nice, I love Him. He's my kind of a man. I wish I was like Him. Brother/sister, you've got to admire Him. There's no way you can't. Indulge your love attitudes toward Him. You got to because He's wonderful. He was always true to a pattern and they hated Him.

- 20. All right. It wouldn't work if they said this is something and it wasn't a principle of nature. So Messiah was already in the Bible by the prophets, who He was, what He was, what He would do. If they had known the signs of the hour they would not have crucified Him. The Bible said if the princes had known who he was, they would not have crucified Him. Now the reason they didn't know who he was, not simply because they lacked a revelation, but simply, they wouldn't go and look at the revelation. Now you know they didn't because I quoted how they wouldn't.
- 21. Nicodemus says a law does not condemn a man, and he sneered and said, "Are you one of those birds, too? Don't you know no prophet comes out of Galilee?"

And you know what poor Nicodemus did? He sat there like a boob and took it. The wheels should have begun to spun because they spun when he saw him.

He said, "You got to be somebody come from God, you've got to be somebody, simply you've got to be somebody."

You are somebody. So Jesus said, "You must be born again."

"What did you say? How can a man be born the second time? Can he enter into his mother's womb?"

Aw, Jesus said, "Listen, are you a master and don't know that?"

- 22. And you know what the secret behind it was? Wesley tells us by his research of history. When you were as a Gentile, wanted to become by the grace of God, inducted into the tribes of Israel, you were baptized, dead, and came up alive. Water. Now water doesn't save you. He said you got to be born again. Nicodemus should have known. There was every thing conspiring to show Nicodemus the truth and yet when the Pharisees turned on him and said, "Are you one of those birds, too?" Here right at his fingertips were the processes of discerning, because he knew the sides of the coin. But he blindly turned aside. He didn't make any defense.
- 23. You know, that fellow should have said, "Hey, (ha-ha, the cogs are turning) I will look into Scripture and find out just where He did come from, because you know people do migrate." Now why do you think of that? Why didn't he think of that?

You go to a town where you're old friend was and you begin looking and you say, "Well, he doesn't live here anymore. What do you think?"

"Ah, ha, I bet he went some place else."

"Yeah, I'll go to the post office and I'll trace it down."

Why didn't Nicodemus do it? Now he had at his fingertips the things he could work with. See? He had it at his fingertips.

This is why God can have a judgment, make it stick. See? Now, but they couldn't make a judgment that was right, because their experiences and observations were apart from the Word and were from the Talmud and the counsels, not the Torah, so they missed him. And Jesus said if you knew Moses, you'd know Me. How in the world could they know Moses except by the writings of Moses? And yet there were one or two that came and said, "Are you that prophet?" Yeah. They even came to John, "Are you that prophet?" Now where they got that he could have been that Isaiah,or somebody, or Jeremiah, is more than I know. Because I don't think they believed in reincarnation, or whatever it is that takes to get to that place. So they missed him. They weren't familiar with the earmarks of the hour. See?

24. Oh you say, "Just a minute now, what are you talking about?" I am talking about the hour they were talking about. Messiah. They never ceased to look for Him. They're looking for Him now. But now they've got Him reduced to a Spirit. They've had it that way for years.

Now, here's the expanded version. And having come the Pharisees and Sadducees putting Him to the test, demanded that He furnish them for their observation and attesting miracle, having a source in heaven to prove who he was.

"But he answering, said to them, Evening having come you are accustomed to say fair weather for the sky is reddening and in the morning today stormy for the sky is reddening and is becoming covered with clouds. You possess indeed an understanding based upon experience to pass a discerning judgment, a discriminatory judgment rather, upon the face of the sky but on the other hand with the reference to the attesting miracle of the epochal, strategic period of time you do, can you not pass a discriminating judgment?"

25. Now look. He must have been talking to those who were able to do it or they would not be put on the spot. Now look, God is not unjust, brother/sister. You got to understand that. Now he said, "You can make a discriminatory or discriminating judgment based upon what you know to be experience. Now, they had the Old Testament incomplete. They knew that God didn't do anything, except He talked to prophets first. And John was a prophet. He said you rejoice first thing in his life. You knew something was going on. You had the attestation to it.

But he said, "You would not follow it through. Why, (he said,) I'll tell you what you follow through."

You look at the sky, and you say, "Oh, nice and red, beautiful, gold colors and pink colors, lovely, complete lovely, lovely sunset. Beautiful day tomorrow." So you say, "Hannah pack the basket. Never mind the weather, it's going to be great. We're going to have a picnic. We're going to go out there on the lake and we're going to fish, it's going to be a ball." And sure enough it is.

- 26. Now you see the Word of God better than that. Now they had the Bible. They didn't do a thing about it. See? Now they could have come to a place of discrimination which would be a righteous judgment. Now, I wonder if I am right in pondering whether Jesus might be saying, "Have you any idea as to the real characteristic of Messiah so that you can place him, or do you have some thoughts of your own and that's all, and now you want some great attesting miracle as though if a great thing were done then you could place it."
- 27. Now keep everything in mind, I'm talking about a Bride. See? Now, if you're looking for some great miracle, you're looking for some great sign, let's go to Mt 24:3.
  - (3) What shall be the sign of thy (presence?)

Should be some kind of a sign. Okay, Mt 24:24.

(24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, (they're the same thing) and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

So the attesting miracle is not it. Because every body's doing it. See? But if you know Mt 24:27,

(27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the presence of the Son of man be.

That is the attesting miracle. But it's not a miracle. It's a revelation. It's a Word.

Now where do you stand today? Charismatics out there. We bypassed the charismatics, the life has gone out of it. Why do our people right today in the churches insist on gifts in the pews and every place else? The very man that fights the presence the most is in western Canada and he makes no bones about it. He wants gifts on the floor and he's plagued because they're not there. God is more merciful than that man understands or ever will. You say, "Now Bro. Vayle hold it." You hold it yourself. I'm discriminating and I'll prove it to you. Because I'm tired of this love, love, love, which is hogwash, all of the devil.

- 29. Pull up Moses by the hair. He's got leprosy. Moses, you stupid idiot, you jerk, you jackass. You could have gone to Egypt and said, "Pharaoh, lover, bless God, I'm here with a message of Christ. I want to see you saved my dear brother." I don't say that about these men that run down the Parousia. I'm just saying you better get your wires straight, my brother, my sister. I'm not referring to anybody now, I'm referring to the fact of the Scripture--you don't call clean what God has called unclean, and you don't call unclean what God has called clean. Why do you do it? Justify yourself by some creepy thing out of the...?... Those who do not know Mt 24:27, will crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, period. You think I preach tough, I'm not preaching tough at all.
- 30. So I ask the question now with what I brought to your attention. What about the Body? You're supposed to discern who's Bride. Not pick the individuals out, but what is contingent, characteristic and apart--His Bride, His Body. Or I can say, "What are the earmarks?" Now, are we going by our own ideas or by the Word? Now that's a good question. That's what Israel did. They didn't care two bits about the Word.

Like was said by somebody many, many years ago, and still true, when they went into captivity, they went in with the priesthood and the torah, and a temple, and they came back with the synagogue and a rabbinical order and a talmud. And the church leaving Christ got a false Jesus, a false spirit, and a false Word, just like Israel. Abomination from hell. Then people wonder why Bro. Branham screamed.

31. Like one man who is dead now in Canada, and he's Irish and I loved the man, dearly loved him and his wife. I love her, loved her, beautiful woman in my books. She was more tender by far than he.

"Oh, he said, Bro. Vayle, that Branham is ranting and raving, I can't stand it."

I wonder if he standing now, he's dead. What about a man who's from South Africa who said Bro. Branham died in car wreck because he was drunken?

What about this woman in Jeffersonville who said, (I could name her name) and said, "That Bro. Branham was a whoremonger?"

Kind of shocks you doesn't it? That ain't half bad. What are we saying? How close are we? That's a question, I don't know.

Now if you heard the message this morning, you might answer and say, "Well, I'll tell you what, if you want to discern, it's a life. That's what it is. It's the life we live." I got news for you, you're wrong. That's only one point above fifteen. That's right. Now you say, "I don't think I agree with you, Bro. Vayle." That's fine, you don't have to.

32. Let's just find out whether you should agree or not. Matthew 7 and verse 15.

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

Everything on the outside, there's nothing to tell you what they are because they're beautiful, they're sympathetic, they're wonderful, they got gifts, they got everything, they're perfect, beautiful Christians on the outside and they're hell-bound sinners on the inside, out to get you. Because they're ministers of Satan, they're false prophets. And a false prophet can produce everything but the Word.

Now if you've got everything but the Word, my brother/sister, you've got just about everything. Haven't you? You've got nothing because everything comes by the Word. All things made by the Word and all thing maintained by the Word and if you haven't got the Word, you've got nothing, nothing, nothing. You lose everything you do have. Because, "If your life be darkness, how great is that darkness." See? That's what he said.

- 33. Now, so it's not just character. It's not just fruit, not just obedience, not just gifts, not just nearness to God. We reckon all of those things. They're there. That's absolutely true, but that's not all of it. That's simply conduct. What's conduct, my brother, my sister, without faith. Kind old priest. See? I've got nothing against kind old priests, they're very nice. They make wonderful baby sitters. When you come to the time of Melchisedec, though, who needs a baby sitter?
- 34. Now according to the discerning of the Lord's Body, I've come across at least thirteen or fourteen other Bridal elements, or Bride elements that lie in her consciousness and form her as to her true character beyond the simple principle of conduct which you must never discard because as I said before, if there ever was an hour for fruit it's got to be this hour. Every character got to be this character, because Bro. Branham said, and he categorically stated, "Takes a bad woman to show up a good one."

In other words, it takes a good one to really make a bad one come up. It takes darkness to really show light. You see like, you put a diamond on a black velvet, right? Okay. Well all right, we've got all this sin out here and that should make us shine all the more. Not by the fact that they sin ninety-eight times out of sixty seconds and we only sin forty-eight times. No, no we shouldn't be at all. Not that we won't have trouble. Bro. Branham said, "We backslide a thousand times a day, we sin a thousand times a day." No perfection this side of the resurrection, but we should have everything and you know that I teach it, we should pray, we should do all these things, I have never gone by them.

35. And you can have gifts if you put them in order. And if anybody here will put a little building somewhere or a little room, I'll go in the room with you. I'm not afraid. I don't fight these things. They say I do, but they're liars. They're right on tape, thousands have heard it, but they still want a lie. Well, I'm not lying, I tell you right now if you get a little room I will go in there. Yeah, I'm not afraid. I don't know what'll happen. I'm not going to try to make it happen. But I'm not worried. And I'll tell you not, and I'm not

worried, because I prophesied many times right on the button. He may never do it again. Bro. Branham said, "Might never happen again." Well praise the Lord, I'm ready for that, too, but that won't be my excuse, because I'll be there waiting.

Because like a fellow said, "He couldn't crack his knuckle." He said, "I can crack my knuckles any time I want to."

I said, "do."

Well, he said I don't feel like doing it."

I don't pull that kind of stuff. That's as bad as Lloyd pulled on me, tried one on me, said, "You want to see my fast draw?" Then he said, "Do you want to see it again?" So much for gifts like that, Lloyd. But brother, we're not in rabbits in joking in foolish things, that's out here.

I believe, listen, I believe what I preach concerning this, because I take from the prophet. Now listen, here's what the prophet said.

## 36. **Number one.** "She recognizes the true servants of God."

I want to ask you. Who serves God? That's a good question. Now as far as I know the prophet taught, the only person that could possibly serve God, is the one that's in the will of God. It's in the Word of God.

Now we go back to the time of Cain. Cain made a sacrifice, he got it out of the Bible, but he got it out of time. It wasn't in proper chronology. He was not a true one. We go back to the time of Balaam. He positively prophesied. People fell for him lock, stock and barrel.

When it cames to Moses, the true servant of God, they turned on him. Isn't it funny? Go back to Balaam and Moses. Everybody said, "Oh great Balaam, oh great Balaam, and the people of Israel, even they turned on Moses. One day Moses stood up. That's after God had said, "Look, take a stand aside there, Moses, and I'll make a new race of people. I'll make them out of you."

And Moses said, "No, you'll take me too if you take them."

And God said, "Okay, I'll listen to you, I'll meet them down the road."

And He did. He met them down the road. Don't think the judgments of God are not severe and just, even though he postpones them. The Word of God will not be deceived. It'll not be taken in by anybody.

37. And so then, Moses, one day was confronted by these men who would not recognize the true servant of God.

Well, they said, "Listen here, I've got just as much on the ball as he has, I could prophesy. Who do you think you are, Moses, taking some authority?"

In other words, authority rose up against authority. I'll put it this way. Authority rose up against the authority. And that's when Moses really got on his high horse. And he didn't say this time, "Lord, if you deal with them you deal with me,( he said,) Lord, if these men die the death common to men, you have not called me."

And God said, "Step aside."

38. How many people have just too much fun denying the true servants of Almighty God, those that stay with the Word? Now it's okay if you go back to Pentecost. See, why are lies told consistently about men who try to stay with the Word? These lies consistent are fabrications that they know that they make up. And no liar will cross into the Pearly Gates. Not because I say, I'm not judging you, I'm telling you what the earmarks are.

Brother Branham says, "She recognizes the true servants of God." In other words, there will be no Bride, not one member who doesn't recognize William Branham, who he is and exactly what he is.

- 39. And the same man pulled his challenge, I heard it. I heard it and I got it on a tape. I wish I knew what tape, maybe you can tell me, because I always forget. And I always make notes and I always lose the notes. And I always make a pad where I put my notes in and I lose the pad. But there are people here that know I am telling the truth, that Bro. Branham said categorically, "If you only know who I am or knew who I was, you'd all be healed." That's right, he said it. Where does that quote come from? You remember? Well find it, you can find anything. Don't blame me I never remember where I put it. I'm honest with you, I don't remember putting...
- 40. He said that, down in West Palm Beach. My wife caught it and she said it's on a tape. And that's the tape we couldn't find. He preached five sermons and there's only four, I believe were preached, six sermons and one is lost. But we found it. "If you only knew who I was," he said, "You would all be healed." And stand there one time and say, "I guarantee healing"... (for twenty-four, I forget, twenty-four, twenty-five.) He said, "I guarantee it."

And people say, "Well, he's the other one. He's Antichrist." See? Just like Bro. Branham said.

41. Now Caiaphas said, "I'll tell you what, if he was that great one, he'd come on down here and say, 'Oh great Caiaphas, I'm identified with you'."

And the UPC said the same thing in America. "Why," they said, "If William Branham was that prophet he would have come to us." Why go to them, for Pete's sake? Why would he come to me? Why would he come to you? I want to tell you something,

he came for a Bride. He sure did. And the Bride will always recognize him. I tell the folk time and time again.

42. Bro. Osborne, fine man of God, nothing against him. I appreciate the fact that he stands with the Word. He's the one man that does, the best he knows how. But when he was over there in, I guess Spokane, the time that that man devil-possessed came in the room and showed on the platform, he'd beat every preacher down and broke every meeting up, he was a demoniac, and a maniac. Maniac's a guy without a devil, this guy had a devil. So he's a demoniac. And he came up there and everybody ran and got scared.

And little Bro. Branham, little, you know, he looked like a peanut alongside this fellow. Like a peanut alongside of a coconut. Everybody scared. And Bro. Branham stood there, and this man hissin' and a-spittin' and calling Bro. Branham a faker and a phoney and everything else. And Bro. Branham said, "Because Satan, because you challenged a servant of the Most High God, I command you to fall at my feet." And they ran for cops. And the fellow looked blazed, he began to stun and they say he wee-woed back and forth like a snake and fell right on Bro. Branham's feet. And they had to pull him off.

And this brother sitting there said, "A voice within him spoke and said, "This is the way it's done in the Bible, this is the way you can do it." I don't deny that voice said that.

43. When I saw Bro. Branham that one night in Canada, 1947, and he made the challenge, "I challenge you bring me (twenty-four or twenty-five,) of the worse cases, I forget which, I'll heal them all." Something inside of me said, "This is the man to listen to if you listen to anybody." Quite a difference.

You say, "Now Bro. Vayle you're pinning roses on yourself."

Why not? If I qualify, what's the big deal? If I am Bride and say I'm not, I become a liar like those out there. Now you might not like this kind of preaching, but look, I got no problems. I'm satisfied that I can stand with the Apostles. I don't know anything else to look to. And if this is it and I'm looking to it, I've got it made.

Now they said here they don't recognize the true servants of God. What is a true servant? He's got earmarks. He's not a wolf in sheep's clothing. No, because he stays with the Word. See? I don't care about his programs. Where is this bit about raising money for programs? Big missionary efforts.

44. I'm going to tell you something. Woody Allen, and I guess he's a real wit, I've never seen him in a movie, but I have read articles on him and he just must be a flame of ball of fire, of humor. So I read an article and they were asking him about certain people. And when it came to Jesus Christ, you know what he said? "He was an underachiever. He hit it right on the head."

Because the Pharisees came and they said, "We want you to really achieve, and when you achieve you'll do it our way. We'll tell you and you will do it and that will be it." That's wrong. If Jesus Christ was God, how come he didn't empty graveyards? If he was God, how come he didn't create? Wasn't His purpose at that time.

But you see, people get fooled and I'm going to tell you, Bro. Branham was an underachiever, according to the world. And they said, "Oh this man, look at him, he can't be the true servant, because look at Bro. So-and-so, he's got a tent ten times bigger." Now Bro. Branham got hurt about that. I'll never get through preaching, so forget it. I'll just name it after a while.

45. We were up at Portland, Maine in 1958. We sat in the room and we turned on Oral Roberts. Oh the crowd was there. It was a beautiful crowd, a lovely crowd, oh massive. And Bro. Branham looked at it and tears began to roll down his face. He turned to me, weeping, and he said, "Lee, I could have those crowds, but God doesn't want me to have them." It cost him something. Let me tell you, every true servant will go the way that costs him something. Where he could have come forwarded and got up on the step where men would say, "Hail great one." Like Oral Roberts and Billy Graham. We'll talk about them later if we ever get around to it.

That's discerning, too, oh yes my brother, oh yes, oh yes, Bride. Oh yes, oh yes Bride, you that call yourself Bride. Come on. You still got your umbilical cord tied to Springfield, Missouri, haven't you? I said your umbilical cord is still tied in Springfield, Missouri, Assembly of God pipeline. You're too nice. The prophet wasn't. Yeah. I'll stand with him. You want elevation, it cost him something.

46. I was there in his [Bro. Branham's] home one day, he'd been talking to his wife. There was big, you know, what do you call them, cracks, in the hardwood where the man had gypped him. Bro. Branham came home with the twenty-five thousand dollar offering out of Canada to build a house, because he had no house and he just gave the man the money and he said, "Here build me a house."

And when Bank Woods tore the porch apart, you know what it's made of? Not two-by-four, but one-by-four's. The man was gypped. Was about 1950, 1949, 1947 perhaps. When a house for twenty-five thousand dollars, a house and lot at twenty-five thousand dollars in 1947 would be a mansion. Little old wood box, cruddy. And now the cracks in the floor. And he told his wife, and he told me what he told her, he said, "See dear," he said, "If I sold my gift we-we wouldn't have these cracks. We'd have a rug on the floor."

And when I heard him say that, I said, "Ah, ha." Lightening struck and I said, "I got a friend who has a factory and he gets these things wholesale and he loves Bro. Branham too, so I'll talk to him, and he'll talk to the banker and he'll get the rug." And so he brought the rug. And the man came and measured the floor and Bro. Branham got excited.

He got... "what'll it cost for it?"

He said, "Isn't going to cost you nothing, (he said,) I'm going to put it on your floor." Now here's a man that could have a huge palace. Here's a true servant of God.

- 47. Men selling everything for millions, they tell me, Bro. Osborne sold out in Tulsa. What did his place go for? Who remembers? Eight million bucks or so, or ten million, I don't know, it's too many years ago. What does a man want with ten million dollars? And then want money for missionaries. Well you tell me. Bride recognizes true servants. Yeah. Aw, but some of you still got glamour in your eyes.
- 48. My wife sat beside a woman years ago in a Branham meeting--maybe Bro. Branham was gone, I can't remember--and she was fondling this letter from somebody who had just written that he had expended everything he ha, and now wanted money and she said, "You know, I think I should send him some money." And the guy's a deceiver. Sends out gold-plated nails, anointed pocket books. Doink! I'm not lying to you, I'm not kidding, I'm not trying to make you laugh, I'm telling you the truth.
- 49. The Bride has discernment, she seen where it's gone. It's gone to Rome. Your money's going to drown with you. When that old Simon the Sorcerer tried to buy a gift, buy a ministry, oh you can do that if you got aid. That's what happened in Rome. They sold the ministries to the wicked guys that had the money. That's why the Mafia controls the unions and controls the government. I'd like to preach on stewardship some time, and just show you where it's going. I know what I'm talking about, don't worry, or I wouldn't talk.

True servants of God. Not the kind old priest, but the woman at the well. Yeah. That slutty figure down there. Well she ain't worth bothering with. She recognized right away. She didn't have a lot of false and mocking theology all in her head, wondering. She saw, that was it.

50. I had when Bro. Branham first came our way, the news was in the paper, my wife read it, and she said here's a man up there in Penticton or somewhere, I forget, maybe Revelstoke, who knows, Penticton I believe it was, British Columbia. And she said, "This man is telling a people their diseases and praying and getting healing."

And I said to her, I wasn't blaspheming, I simply said, "Well I don't know that minister, because I've seen spiritists do it." I didn't say he was a spiritist, I said, I saw spiritists do it. And when I saw him, I knew he was no spiritist.

The next few days I saw him, and I said, "That's the man to listen to."

I got news for spirits. They don't like me and I don't like them. I mean they do like me and try to get at me, but I don't like them. No, they don't like me because they try to get at me. Boy, I got, I'm no true servant of God if I don't get that right. You can tell I'm in league with the wrong forces. See? All right. I didn't say, say there's a devil.

That fellow's like this great man of spiritism that I saw years ago as a kid, who could discern, you know. That's a false gift, like, see, false discernment, and tell things. See?

51. See, that's God. That's when I knew my backsliding days were over. My good times is getting away from the pulpit. My good times are not worrying about people and their problems. My good times are not having to pay a price. I've paid the biggest price ever, though. So (I said) I bought a Bible and I took my Bible out, dusted it off and then let it get dusty again. Bought a new suit and hung it in the closet. I got to wear it though, within short order. Within two years or so I was wearing the suit and preaching. It was a dark wool suit and boy you think you're perspiring up here. You ought to get in that one.

The Bride recognizes true servants of God or there is no way that she's Bride. All right. She has a doctrine and the doctrine is the Word without creeds. That's why I tried to show you the other day, last Friday, Saturday night concerning the rapture. Bro. Branham said it's a revelation and the Bride is waiting for the revelation which means the Bride has nothing at that point. That's right.

52. You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, I'm sure I understood this, and I'm sure I understood that." Now look, I'm going to tell you something, I don't think anybody here knew more about it than I did, and I understood nothing. And what I did understand was all wrong, so I understood nothing. My doctrine was all wrong.

Now, when I first met Bro. Branham, came in his presence and we talked, you know I like to talk doctrine and so we got comparing notes and I mentioned the sovereignty of God. He says, "Certainly, Bro. Vayle," and I got very happy. Now here's a sovereign believer, I like that. And you're not a sovereign believer until you believe that God knew every flea and how many times he would bat his eyes.

Now if you stumble at that, you're not Bride. And you say, "Now hold it Bro. Vayle." You hold it, I'm telling you, you're not telling me. I'm not interested in what you got to say, because I've heard the prophet. I didn't maybe go hunting with him, but we sure had some good times together talking doctrine.

53. So we talked doctrine and I got a little bit excited, because he was so good ... and finally after saying certain things like this, that and the other thing, I thought I'll really test this fellow out, because this is too good to last. I'm going to end it right here or it's going to blossom into a love affair. And I said, "You know, Bro. Branham, I just cannot believe in any eternal hell."

And he says, "Certainly, Bro. Vayle there is no eternal hell, because hell was created." And I got so happy, because I saw this guy is as kooky as I am. I really did. And I did it respectfully, because I realized his greatness and the wonderment of the man as he sat there, like the Presence of Jesus Christ. And I was so happy, so blissfully happy to know, O bless God, this man that is a man, this Christian that is a Christian, this power

that is a power of God, he says there's no [eternal] hell, he believes in sovereignty. I love that.

54. But then one day he took me down by the brook and he put his little fork branches for his fishing rod and we were dabbling for fish and I said, "Well Bro. Branham, I ain't no fisherman and never was and never will be." Because I was born in the bald-headed prairie, I didn't have enough brains to try to fish in the bathtub, didn't have a bathtub hardly to fish in anyway, let alone get a bath in. That's true. What water do you got in the bald-headed prairie? Well, anyway, there wasn't any water there.

And so Bro. Branham, he was sitting there with me and watching the thing if it'd ever bob, never bobbed. And he said, "Lee, what do you think," He said, "About that what happened in the Garden of Eden where that command was broken that Satan, the beast came by and got Eve to do something?"

And I said, "Well, I take it that she disobeyed the Word of God." I said, "There was a tree like this I believe and she was not supposed to take the fruit and as she did take the fruit..."

He said, "Lee my thinking," he said, "And I'd like you to think about it, maybe comment, as to what they did that Satan had that serpent had intercourse with her, the beast did, and she and they copulated and that's how the serpent's seed came and that's how this was."

55. And so I had not been really unfamiliar with that. I think at that time I had already got ahold of Dr. James Wise book and some things along that line and I wasn't flabbergasted. I just said, "Well, I don't know that I see it that way." I said, "I really don't know." To me it wouldn't matter what it was. Now watch. It wouldn't matter what it was because you see, to me an act of disobedience is what it was. But you see, then where would serpent seed come from, where would election come from, where would all these things come from?

Now at that time I didn't know. So when Bro. Branham got into serpent seed, I blissfully said to myself, well, that's fine, he isn't the first one that said that and I don't think I see too much in it. And then later on after the Seals got opened, I knew he was infallible. So I said, "Hey, just a minute now, serpent seed is right."

56. So when I decided to help him write The Church Age book, which I was very happy to do, he wanted me to research things. So I went through all the volumes, I got my Dr. James Wise out, I gave him a copy also and I began researching from magazines this and that and pretty soon I knew more about the subject on the surface I guess than he did--underneath he knew a whole lot more--and began writing the thing up. And the more I wrote up, the more I understood, that's exactly what it had to be. And there wasn't one word out of continuity.

57. Now there are people right today who stumble over serpent seed. But the Bride doesn't. Why, she says, "Hallelujah, I know we were all mixed up and I guess I was more mixed up than I thought I was, but hallelujah, it doesn't matte, because He is the great unmixer." Oh they get insulted if you preach serpent seed. Now look down on Louisville after Bro. Branham died. This Joe Pine, now he's dead, too--cancer. This might have got him. When he got on there that day, a bunch of people brought the Church Age book and in there was serpent seed, large as life. Letters on a thirty-four foot billboard, the letters were nineteen feet high. Just fit in there very perfect and man the women were mad. Oh they were boiling. These lovely, lovely ladies. They thought that the beast was a great big four-footed clonk, clonk, clonk clonk, you know. Ever see a snake with hair on it? Nude like us, only prettier. Just the kind of man that makes any woman swoon. Don't sell us short, brother/sister.

When Joe Pine got on the air and they said, "Well this book got to be taken off the market." And they excoriated the prophet. "They said he's dead now but he, but he... something ought to be done about it, if he was alive we'd kill him." That was their attitude.

58. The Bride doesn't say things like that. Let me tell you something. Now look, brother/sister, I'm not up here just for fun, because I'm going to close this off after a bit, I'm not going to get to the point, so forget it. And I want to tell you something. You might not know this, but I, Lee Vayle, know it and will prove it, if you want proof.

Now don't call my bluff. Because if I prove right you're going to pay for the trip. It cost ten thousand dollars and I'm right, you will pay for the trip. Because I will take you over to New Zealand. I will take you to Europe. I will take you places in the world that say they believe this message and as soon as you talk about predestination, the love affair's off.

- 59. Predestination is the one thing the devil hates more than anything else, because the Roman Catholic church hates it. And they say if anybody could surely know he's predestinated let him be anathema and we'll be anathematizers, Yeah. How many Roman Catholics here have the guts to raise your hands? Because if you don't believe that God knew every louse and every flea and how many times he'd bat his eyeballs, you are not a believer in the sovereign doctrine of God. You're a make-believer. You're getting uncomfortable? I hardly just begun.
- 60. **Number Two.** She has her doctrine.

She doesn't have her doctrine. How could she speak a certain way that God listens to? Now He listened one day and He heard some folk and they were saying the sovereignty of God and they got it just right to a point and He said, "Say, I think I heard them make a little mistake." He said, "I'll see they get the right tape to correct it."

You say, "God wouldn't do that?" You're wrong, God would do it because He's sovereign. Sure.

61. How many times have you heard of people who are in great dire need for healing or something and just somehow almost whimsically go and pick up a tape and play it, and on that very tape comes forth the prophet's voice for the very need they've got, and is healed?

Sister Marconda, dear old saint of God, died a little while ago--beautiful death. Sitting there with her two children, one the son-in-law, and one the daughter. And she was just sitting there, about ninety-some years of age, because her husband had predeceased her many, many years. Lovely saint of God. And she was telling the kids how she appreciated them, how they were so good to her, and she was...?... and she just put her hand, one on each, she said, God bless you, God bless you, God bless you and her head fell forward. And she was smiling I guess, and they said, "Ma's asleep." And they sat up and left Ma sleeping. They went back hours later, but Ma wasn't sleeping, she was gone.

And they sent for the undertaker, and he came in and saw her and she was sleeping, and he said, "Where's the corpse, where's the corpse? They said I didn't want to disturb Grandma sleeping, he said, but where's the corpse? "Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast."

Let me tell you about her. She had a bad throat problem, she was choking, gagging there for years, and one day she took out a tape of Bro. Branham's and he said there's a lady in the congregation here and she chokes, there's something in her throat and he prayed and Sis. Marconda didn't gag one more time.

62. Bride believes doctrine. She doesn't stumble, she's as crazy as I am. She lost her mind to the world and got the mind of Jesus Christ. I want to tell you, he's crazy as far as the world's concerned, he's an underachiever, he's everything wrong, but he's everything right. Oh I love him tonight. He's wonderful. My, I just like to be in his image. I'm going to get there. Oh, wow, that's going to be great. I can't wait. Maybe that fella's got the guns is going to annihilate me yet.

All right. She loves the doctrine, she doesn't have creeds. She doesn't have a mind of her own. She says that's right, that's right, that's right. I told you, that's how it goes. If you can't get rid of your own thoughts, you'll never have the thoughts of God.

63. Now, Bro. Branham told me in 1964, he said, "Lee," he said, "I want to be left alone." He said, "All my thoughts are God's."

And I said, "Wow." Well, if I listened to the prophet, all my thoughts were God. All their thoughts were God's. And the Lord listens and he said, those are my thoughts, those are my thoughts. He said, they're more, they're my thoughts more than I'm wondering, because in the beginning they were my thoughts and now they have got my thoughts and they're my thoughts manifested. He said those are mine, I can tell them, bless God. Oh I can see heaven rejoicing.

Oh you say, "My God wouldn't do that." You ain't got the same God I got. I get excited about my God. See, I learned He loved me. I learned He cares for me. Ho, man, I'm happy! That's not emotion, that's promotion. All right.

64. **Number three.** Sunset. The hour in which we live, the Appearing and the Coming.

She knows the hour and Bro. Branham always stressed the hour. The epochal season. There's a season in everything. Everybody wants bang, bang, this minute, bang one minute, bang, that minute, forget it, there's a season. We've had a season right now, brother/sister.

The latter rain began falling in 1906, seventy-seven years, eh? Seventy-seven years. Latter rain. What is it? What's a latter rain? Holy Ghost in manifestation. Right?

Not right? Right. What is it if not that? The latter rain. Well, come on. God manifested in power, the Word of power.

What's former rain? Same Holy Ghost bringing Word. Ask for rain in the time of rain. Now how many Holy Ghosts are there? One. So what have you got? You got one Holy Ghost, manifesting in two ways in this end time. So you saw, the Holy Ghost, latter rain, manifesting in people, then you saw a man come on the scene and God doing mighty miracles, and the same Holy Ghost bringing the Word of the hour. Yes sir. The hour in which we're living.

The epochal season, what's it for? It's a season, my brother/sister, and we have a season within a season. We're now in the season of the day of the Lord. Yep. There's a spirit that goes with it, because John was in the Spirit. And Bro. Branham said, "He'd get in the spirit of the thing." He said, "Get in the spirit, get in the spirit." Go to a ball game, get in the spirit, get in the spirit, get in the spirit; go to dance room get in the spirit. Forget it. But he said you could do it; and they do it. And the day of the Lord, we get a spirit on us. Ho, man, we can't wait for it.

65. You say, "Bro. Vayle, you say that's judgment." Aw no, no, forget it. That's just a minuscule part of it. I'm looking at the fact in this day of the Lord that God Himself is here to elevate His Son to put all things under His feet so we could go up and sit under Him and He's our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The day of the Lord, my brother/sister. The day of the judge.

And He said, "You're Bride, you're perfect, with no blemish or nothing in you."

She doesn't know the hour. You say, "Young bride and don't know the hour?" People looking down the road, people looking back. What kind of Bride's that? Why?

There's the kind of woman that says, "Well, I know how my husband does things, so I won't bother looking until maybe he's ten weeks or ten months from now and

if there's a knock at the door, it could be he, I don't know." The Bride knows, she's looking every minute. Yep.

66. Something's going on brother/sister. People don't know. The Bride knows what is going on. She's aware of it. Why? Because she knows who Elijah is. She knows the hour. The earmarks were presented and when the earmarks were presented she wasn't like those Pharisees that says, "Hey, how about my own sign?" She said, "Hey, bless God, that's wonderful." Now that's too good to miss.

Like brother Ungren said, he observed, old Mordecai Ham was in the meeting one time with Bro. Branham. We were out there in Minneapolis. He was walking around and the Pentecostals were falling all over the place and what weren't falling were being pushed down. So one fellow came by and he put his hand on her, he pushed a bit. And I came over to her a little later on, she got up and I said, just one little question because I knew her. I said, "Would you mind answering me whether you were pushed down or fell under the power of God?"

She said "Put it this way, it's easier to fall down."

So Mordecai Ham went around looking like this. I said, "What are you doing?"

He said, "I'm observing."

67. And God looked down and He observed and He said, "Get those gifts off the floor and put them in a room." He said, "No more vain repetition, because that's out here already." He said, "What you need is a man to interpret." He said, "The man that can turn on the light." We got the man to turn on the light, as the man turns on the light, his gift... Now you should put that where it belongs. And the people said, "No way." And he said, "Now that's not Bride." You see?

You say, "Bro. Vayle, you're getting pretty tough."

Look, look, let's get this down flat. I never wrote the book. I wasn't William Branham. I'm only here preaching it. You do what you want. You get your Bride figured out. I got mine figured out. But I'm with the prophet. He said, "Get in that room." Because he said it, it don't get it there proves your legitimate. Bride isn't illegitimate. He said, "We'll see if it's a bastard child." And it was a bastard child.

You sit here and say, "It's right."

You're a liar. The truth isn't in you, you got no more Bride than nothing. And don't you come near that table for your own good.

68. Now we're getting to the nitty-gritty. Because you're not full of the Holy Ghost. Because you can't discern it. You can't discern. You look and you can't put it together. And you got no right. Now listen, I am not preaching Lee Vayle, I am preaching William

Branham who was preaching the Word of God. You do what you want. You say, "Bro. Vayle, I don't think I'll find it, you find it." That's fine, I don't suppose you will. I challenge you. I'm not afraid of you. You do what you want.

69. All right. She understands the Appearing and the Coming. Now Bro. Branham made a very cute statement, it's cute in this respect that it's, you know how, I don't mean it's cute, like the world says cute, I think it's just so sweet, and so... just like a bluebird sitting in an apple tree with all those beautiful blossoms. The bluebird makes... He doesn't sing but he just, why, why I could have a million bluebirds just to look at. When I get over there, I want a special corner for my bluebirds. I'm going to have them, too. Like with my garden, I'll say, "Tree move over there." I won't even have arthritis.

All right. Appearing and Coming. Now there is a difference between the Appearing and the Coming. "The Appearing in this hour, is the Lord Appearing in signs and wonders," as Bro. Branham said, and he also said, which is a sweet expression, he said, "He comes before he comes." I got that pretty close, didn't I? He comes before He comes.

70. Now last night I showed you how head goes to head, right? And I was right wasn't I? Right with the Bible, was I? Was I right? Well, come on. Let's hear it not for Lee Vayle but for the prophet because he said, "*Head returns to head*." And I done even forgot that that's what I was supposed to read. But you see God is faithful. See? When you're dedicated to it, you're dedicated to it.

Now, the Appearing was a amongst us in signs and wonders. And that spirit that was veiled in one instance by the Pillar of Fire for the prophet having revelation for us, was the same spirit which was the Son of Man in spirit form, performing the miracles. So that the prophet revealed the Son of Man and at the same time brought the former rain and they're together. Appearing was going to bring on the coming.

71. Now you tell that out there and they'll say, "Oh, Vayle's all messed up, he's blaspheming the Holy Ghost. It's out of the pit of hell." Now the man said it, I didn't. Now I don't care if it's on Lee Vayle's lips or the prophet's lips, let a man say that, he's going to have to stand in judgment. Because, you see, I'm going to meet him, we're going to meet each other. You say, "Now, Bro. Vayle, hold it." You hold it. You hold it. Every word's going to be accounted for.

I'm going to face him on this side or the other. And I'll also face him on this respect: Did I have love for the prophet? Do I believe the Word of God? Do I stand it or am I just a big mouth that has enough intelligence or...?... or whatever it needs to be able to preach a sermon and fool you?

72. Well I'm going to tell you one thing, if I'm fooling you, brother, I am fooled with you. Because I'm sorry, I don't have a double entendre tonight, I have no double meanings. I mean what I say, I preach the Appearing as pertaining to the Coming and differentiation, because I have discernment that I believe is of God. Beause, I believe the

Bride has. If I don't, I'm sorry, I'll apologize and I'll pay a price and I will have to stand before God for you, having taught you wrong.

Then you say, "Look, Bro. Vayle, then you can't believe in God." I would have to not believe in God if I were a conniver. I'm on the spot. I take my place with Bro. Branham. He said, "I am on the spot." I am on the spot and I don't intend to wiggle out. If I find I am wrong, I will have to come back and apologize for every single thing. Well you tell me how I can be wrong, when the Lord, Himself descends from heaven with a Shout. And William Branham said, it was His message. And He comes down, sets himself at the head of the church to raise the dead and the dead aren't raised. So he's here to do it. You do what you want.

73. Appearing before Coming, the Bride understands that. She's all not mixed up in Pentecostal goo, gunk and hogwash. She knows what the prophet said. "It's a revelation." Which means you shut your mouth and don't talk. Listen to me, I'm telling you what it is all about. And they say, "Ha-ha, ha-ha, no, no, can't be, oh no, oh no, oh no." I wasn't trapped, just about, I told you. I sat there and I said, well, in my heart, "Oh Bro. Branham, I've heard you say a lot of things, but this is the worse I've heard yet, that can't be." And suddenly my own self said, "Just a minute, when was he wrong?" And I said, "Wonderful, the shout is the message." I was on the road again. Very small detour. Detours aren't half bad when you get back on the road. God allows detours, but not many. Watch it, the last time could be dangerous.

### 74. **Number four.** The Bride knows the true baptism.

She knows it's the evidence of the Word, nothing else. A certain preacher said, "Well love is the evidence." I cornered him. Well, he said, "You know, Bro. Vayle," he said, "I never said love was the evidence."

But he lied, he did. I'm telling you God's truth, I'm not lying to you. I got witnesses where he said it. But he said, "You see, Bro. Vayle, I said you got to have your own evidence, and that's love." Huh? Your own evidence is love? Then that would be the evidence of the Holy Ghost and the prophet said, "You're wrong." Now, how mixed up can a person be? Don't ask that question. It's infinite. That's right. It's infinite. You can strain a gnat and swallow a camel, he did.

The same guy said, "Why," he said, "If you don't see William Branham is Revelation 10 and 1, you'll never see the message."

That's a lie from the pit of hell. That's Deity cult. Revelation 10 and 1 is not William Branham, Revelation 10 and 7 is. And they're on earth at the same time. If you don't believe that, you better believe it. You better get your thinking lined up.

75. **Number five.** She knows the greater glory of the hour.

Under Luther was wonderful. Under Wesley the glory was greater, coming more and more into the church, coming more and more in clouds of glory. Under Wesley was greater still. Under Pentecost greater still, but this glory never fails. It's the Shekinah glory ripens the wheat, that shines on the shew bread, that brings us in to the community of God in resurrection immortal form as we're caught away in a rapture. Oh yes, she understands the Epiphanea. She know it's the shining upon. She know what it's all about, because she knows that's how He is to the Gentiles. She understands alpha and omega, all the principles the prophet laid down, she knows it. She understands the greater glory. The glory will never fail. When the reflection from the prophet was Christ and we were the mirrors, and the strange thing was, these mirrors showed Christ. No longer the man, the man was out of the picture.

But men strut across the stage, puny actors, on the stage of filth and degradation and try to vaunt themselves... as though they're somebody, when the great one's amongst us and the prophet said, "There is no great ones amongst us." The Great One is here. There are no holy prophets or priest or popes. There are not presbyters and no presidents. He said the Great One, the Holy Ghost is here and they deny it. See? They deny the greater glory this hour when Headship returns. They deny that He is here in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. They deny the full measure Word.

76. As one man said, "Oh no," he said, "The perfect hasn't come, because you see, Bro. Branham prophesied." And that man hasn't got enough to know that that which in part is given, is part of the Word is the set first church of the Old Testament, was given in part and now in our time it's in seven parts and when the seven parts are here, there's no more perfection or conclusion has come. It hasn't got a thing to do with somebody prophesying. Hogwash. It has to do with the Word of God. Oh but these great Greek students, they know it all.

Are you here listening? Some of you better listen, because you're tied up to that stuff. You're being unveiled tonight, brother, so I'm going to tell you something, you're turning a cornerstone now and I'm going to preach my message. I'm not quitting. What do you think? We don't need to worry about communion. It might not be wise to take it.

They understand the falling away. Falling from what? Revealed truth. "I want interpretations." Not saying what he said. The Presence was first brought to our attention before Bro. Branham died. I couldn't figure it. I wrote the last chapter of the Church Age book because I knew the people were wrong when they said Luther didn't have the Holy Ghost. I said, "Hogwash, there's no way he couldn't have the Holy Ghost."

77. I went to Bro. Branham and Mr. Riley that leads the song service for Bro. Carpenter and was sitting in the room. He won't remember now, except we sat together. And he knew nothing about the message because he began butting in. That's his business. He apologized later. Told me he knew nothing. We sat there discussing this and I said, "Bro. Branham, you were not saying Luther and Wesley did not have the Holy Ghost." He's says, "Certainly not, Bro. Vayle."

You see, we couldn't understand why he said you Lutherans potentially had the Holy Ghost, you Wesleyans potentially had the Holy Ghost and you Pentecostal potentially had the Holy Ghost. When they did have the Holy Ghost. But not that way. Not the Person. Because they were not the capstone. We are the crowning stone of the Bride. Yep.

78. Now listen, change one word and you're gone. Back in the Old Testament they were going to the promised land. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses stood up under the power of God and he said, "Change one word, you're gone." At Exodus time, "Change one word and you're gone."

Now, where is it? Get the little Rapture book out of there, will you? We got all night. If I'm going to wear myself, I'm going to wear myself out now. Thanks. All right.

And then, if this rapture which is coming to pass... And anything that God has in the line of his Word, there's always something to come out to upset that if they can. It's Satan's purpose to do that. [Rapture 65-12-04 - paragraph 35]

79. Now what did he say that about? Seven Seal, right? Come on. Don't sit there like jugheads. What did he say that about beside this? You're still sitting there. I'm not Pentecost to play games with you. I'm serious. Did he not say under the Seals, "If Satan gets a hold of what he is going to do, Satan always puts everything in his way to stop it." But he said, "Satan will try to counterfeit it, but he won't counterfeit this." Do you understand now? Did he say it? That's better.

Merciful heavens, have we got a Bride here tonight? I'm not trying to scour you, but listen, we've been preaching this for years. I've been trying to help for years. Am I talking too fast? Am I too... what am I? I guess I'm nothing, that's it. It's Satan's purpose to do this, and he's talking about the rapture. Satan to try to kill the rapture. You say, "I can't believe it." Well you had better believe it.

You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, in the long run it will still overcome." Yes. But the same prophet said, "They could have had a rapture back in the first Church Age." They could of had a rapture down the road. Why didn't they? God had to keep delaying and delaying and delaying, but He could have accelerated. Or could He? Leave the questions alone. Let's believe the prophet. Now he said, "Satan tries to upset it." And he said, "Then if this rapture which is coming to pass and anything that God has in line in His Word, and that's the rapture, always something to come out to upset that if they can."

80. Listen, brother/sister, don't you know that it was prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? Right? Now the wise men came and they said, "Where is he born King of the Jews?"

And Herod said, "I beg you pardon, what did you say?"

"Oh, who are you?"

"I am King Herod and I know all the answers and if I don't I got a wonderful staff that'll tell you. What did you want to know?"

"Where is the King to be born?"

"Oh," he said, "I don't know, but there are those Pharisees down there and the Sanhedrin they do know."

"Come on boys, come boys."

"Hey! You know the Scripture, although I know a bit, too. You really know Scripture. Tell me, where is he born?"

They said, "Bethlehem."

Oh, they said, "Well go there."

Anyway, he said, "Now before you go," he said, "If you find him let me know and I'll come and worship him." Wanted to kill him.

81. Now do you believe the Bible? Now do you believe the prophet? Huh? Do you believe? Shoo! I am going to go Pentecost to get a rise out of you. I'm going to start screaming and running. Girls get on the music! Dave play us a polka! Now I'm being sarcastic on purpose, because I'm onto you and I'm not happy as much as I could be. But Paul said, "You make me unhappy and when you make me unhappy, I make you unhappy. Let us both be happy."

Now, look it. You be nice now. Now, look it, He said, "Flesh and blood never revealed this to you but my Father which is in heaven hath revealed this to you, upon this rock I'll build my church."

The revelation of the Word in its season. Ha, ha. The revelation of the Word in its season and it is rapture season. What is the Word of the season on the rapture? Because God built a church on it. Huh? Huh? Huh? Oh you're dead tonight or either you're really listening. Are you really listening? Aw lovely, aw we're in harmony. It's okay, you fooled me. Now I really love you. I'll be good from now on. All right. You hope.

82. Now, when the germ comes into the womb of the female, it don't take on. You don't become a human germ from your father, next thing become a germ of a dog, next thing from a cat, next thing a chicken. It was all human germ and the body of Jesus Christ, the Bride will be part of His Body. He was the Word and the Bride will have to be the Word, Word added to Word added to Word. Luther's justification, Wesley's sanctification, Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost, restoration and gifts and William

Branham's prophecy on the rapture. Well, you'll get me holy rollin', I've been a holy jumper. And all the rest of it goes with it. It's got to be Word on top of Word, germ on top of germ, in other words that Word has got to come to life. This is that hour.

He's here to raise the dead and change you and me. What are you looking for? Come on. That's what the Bride believes. That's the day of the Lord. She's excited. She's excitable. She's not emotional, she's emotional, which is promotional in the sight of God. Now, Word on top of Word, life on top of life to bring out the full stature of the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 83. Okay, page 24 paragraph 115. [Rapture 65-12-04]

Now, the Life that come up through Luther was what made Wesley. The Life that came out of Wesley is what made Pentecost. The Life that comes out of Pentecost makes the wheat.

That's us. "Cause Word on Word. Season on season, time on time, we're here, the Bride knows it. She says I'm wheat. And the Bride looks down and He says, "That Bride of mine, well," he said, "Even their stomach looks like a great big pile of wheat."

Well you say, "I don't think I like Bible pictures."

You old hypocrite you, you like pornography. I'm slamming hard. I don't mean to be, but you've got to forgive me. But look, I'm human, I know the answers, because of human being. I'm going to tell you, man loves the pornography of man, but they don't love the pornography of God. Pardon the expression. But William Branham said, "Your justification, your sanctification, your baptism, was in three orders. One is the embrace, one is the kiss and one is impregnation." You do what you want.

But you're too nice for a prophet even. Or are you? Wish you'd have known the prophet. I admired William Branham above anything in this world because he was a real man. And I said, "There goes a Millennial man." If he don't make it, nobody does, in my books. How could they?

#### 84. [Page 24 paragraph 115 cont'd]

But they are a carrier. See? The real Life goes through there. The Message goes through, but it's heading up into the wheat. (The message brings on wheat. See?) That's the reason the wheat comes up and brings the whole thing in the rapture up here at the top. The Bride itself comes out of each age, but the denominational stock dies, dries up and dies.

Now that's enough reading of that. Just wrote that down for a little edification. She knows the glory of the hour. Listen brother, that's what thrills me. There's nothing thrills me like I'm talking about now to know the glory of the hour. You say, "Bro. Vayle, how do you know?" Look it, I don't know myself.

85. It's just like your looking out there and there's no wall there any more... Now I'm not seeing something. Believe me, I'm not a seer, I'm not seeing something. But in my mind, there's something out there, the curtain of time is hanging right there, within a few feet of us, and right there something is shaping and I see Abraham on the Plains of Mamre as he lift up his eyes with his sacrifice seeing the city afar off and I view the mountain top with him and I say, "Abraham, I'm coming with you." Yeah. You say, "Bro. Vayle, you're so cruddy, how are you going to do it?" I ain't going to do it, He's going to do it for me. Remember I'm the beggar on the dungheap. You're the nice people on the mountain top.

Yeah, the falling away, greater glory falling away, she knows her falling away from the Word. She knows the people aren't going to believe it. We know that the false Bride is not going to believe the Appearing, the Coming. She's not going to believe all those things. That's the falling away. She said, "I believe the prophet." She came and saw what he could do and said, "That's the prophet, that's a great man," that's this, that's that.

She's like the fellow that said, "Well, I tell you, I believe John the Baptist was the Elijah, but I'll say this, (he said,) if I was to judge today and take my vote on anybody that could be Elijah, I'd vote for Bro. Branham."

Why didn't he vote? Why didn't he vote? Because he didn't believe. No, there's too much in Pentecost there for him to believe. He's seen too much himself. He believed in women preachers. That'll make you believe anything. Because they'll make you believe anything.

- 86. **Number** [six] They can tell who is righteous and who is unrighteous because they know righteousness from unrighteousness. Well, I'll let that one go. We've--I've preached whole sermons on that.
- 87. **Number [seven]** She knows the call to discern what is hers in the last hour.

She knows what is hers. Like God spoke to my heart, indelibly, and He said, "I don't want you looking out there in anything in the world. Never mind what's going on. Don't look at the world church, forget it."

He said, "Just see what's for the Bride." What's for the Bride is the Word, the promise of God in this hour. She only knows the Word of Life, she doesn't know anything else. She understands the baptism, she understands the gifts, she knows everything in this hour, because she can discern.

88. You see, we're at the point of discerning, of separating, of knowing. You say, "Bro. Vayle, I don't think we should." Well, don't bother. I'd advise you not to. You put yourself in a very critical position and everybody throws spitballs at you. They want to shoot you down because you're the devil. That would be the nicest one of all. Spitballs are more aggravating, and lies just make me boil. If you want to get lied about

just stand with me. I kid you not. I'm not boasting, I'm telling you the truth. Everything I say is twisted. Why bother twisting what I say? Why don't they twist what somebody else says?

You know what--why... Because Bro. Branham said, "You're just like me."

I said, "What way?"

He said, "I got a little gift of healing, nobody wants it. You got a little gift of teaching, nobody wants it."

You say, "I don't believe the prophet said it." You don't have to believe nothing. It's enough that I believe it. I don't care what anybody believes. No way. Except I do care in a certain way. Kind of rough on you. All right.

89. **Number** [eight] She knows Sodom and Gomorrah, placing them correctly with the two witnesses, Roberts and Graham.

And she knows that once more the preaching of the cross blinds. Yeah. Because they're preaching the cross. You say, "Bro. Vayle, shouldn't we all preach the cross?" Yes, but you better preach what goes with it, because the Blood doesn't suffice without the Light. I preached on this so many times, I'm not tired of preaching, but you might be tiring of hearing me say it. But it won't hurt you, one more time, because this could be the last time.

This could be the year of Jubilee. Do you understand? Jubilee is past, is 1933, this is '83. June the 11th of 1933, when the angel first appeared on the river, and this is 1983, Jubilee. Oh I hope it's mine. I don't know about you, but I hope it's mine. You hope for yourself.

#### 90. Now, [John 3:]

- (16) For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son. (And this is that condemnation. Here he went right off.)

Now it says, first of all he died that nobody gets condemned. And it turns around and says oh he does get condemned. Why does he get condemned? Because he doesn't believe. Now what do you mean about don't believing? Here's the answer.

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

And the Bible says he comes as a light and moving, moving, moving. When they turned down the light at the end time, they crucified themselves the Son of God afresh.

91. Now the Bride doesn't do that. Because, you see, she understands. She understands what's going on. She looks around and she's not confused by the Charismatics. She knows that. See? She's not confused by anything. Why, she goes to Hebrews 6 and she said, "Don't you know, dear, that a great prophet William Branham was in the land and he had a vision of a sower going forth to sow, and he was in white, and another sower followed him and he was in black?"

And they say, "Well, just a minute."

Oh she said, "Now, now, I'm not finished yet." She said, "Don't you know that that doesn't refer to Matthew the 13th chapter, but it refers to Hebrews 6?"

How many know that? The Bride should know that. She should know her Bible. She should know the conditions, should know the hour.

- 92. Bro. Branham's vision was Hebrews 6, not Matthew 13, because in Matthew 13 there wasn't the burning of the tares as there is over here, in Hebrews the 6th chapter. Perfection hadn't come.
  - (1) Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; (Let's go to conclusion, let's go to the end, he said, we've covered it all, now the doctrine is this. What do you do? Okay.) not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
  - (2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (Well, man alive, if you leave all that out, you've left it all out, but one thing. What's that?)
  - (3) (Oh, let us go to perfection,) if God permit. (What is this perfection you're talking about? Well, he said, the end time is perfection when everything is closed up.)

- (4) (Now at the end time) it will be impossible for those who were once (for all) enlightened, have tasted the heavenly gift, (partook) of the Holy Ghost,
- (5) Tasted the good word of God, the powers of the world to come,
- (6) Having fallen away,

No more Church Ages. It's over. Nobody else will come in. the Bride knows that. The Bride knows the closing hour.

93. A lot of the Bride went really screwball. When Bro. Branham preached the Seals, they said, "It's all over, there's nobody going to get saved."

So the question come up and they said," Bro. Branham, please. Did you say that we don't need to bother about the souls that are out there unsaved? Is it all over?"

And he said, "My, my, what gave you that idea? Did I say something?"

"You sure did."

We thoroughly misunderstood him. But I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe he was saying that.

And he said, "No, no, no, win all the souls you can."

Because they misunderstood when the Lamb rose for the last time and smote through the temple, the 144,000 were in. The Bride knows a few things. She knows about Sodom, she knows about Gomorrah. She understands the presence of Christ, the presence of Elijah. She understands Hebrews 6. She knows it's burning time.

94. Now the Bride knowing burning time, what does she do? Does she stand back and she say, "Oh Lord, don't let it burn?"

"Well," you say, "Well, she should."

No, I'm not going to say, "She should," I'm going to say, "She should have this attitude, that's she's sorry that somebody is going to pay a price." And she wishes they wouldn't, but she knows its not in her hands and the one who's going to do it is just and wonderful and marvelous and she can trust him.

95. And she knows when the prophet said, "I don't pray for America." You mean no more business men breakfast to pray for America? Not that way. Because America's gone, pray for souls, individuals, but forget the nation, she's gone. Forget the church up there, she's gone. Pray for your loved ones. Put the blood and the token on the door. Watch unto life, for death stocks the land. She knows it. Yes sir.

96. And she knows it's ready for the burning. She knows it's all over. The rain that fell often, Seven Church Ages, there's got to be a burning and when the burning's there, she knows that He is there with a fan in His hand separating for the burning. And the One that's separating now, the Judge, is gathering the wheat to the garner, will one day bring the dead out of the ground and all wheat will stand there and we'll be changed and He'll take us up and the same One will drop His fan and turn to the burning. Oh yeah, the Judge becomes the executioner, the executor.

The Bride knows those things and she says, "Lord, it's the last hour, I'm going to send the last call, because You said, "The Spirit and the Bride say, come."

And she joins with the spirit that joined in the prophet and said, "Come out of her my people." And she's looking, and looking for those souls, but she knows, one day, the last one's in and child trained and this is that hour. Oh yes, brother/sister. She doesn't worry, the children are safe, the prophet said something.

- 97. I'm going to tell you something, in Egypt the last plague was spiritual death and physical death. Those little babies died. You say, "Bro. Vayle, my child isn't ready for the rapture." It could be, I don't know. You say, "What about my children?" I don't know. But I know a merciful and just God told a prophet to tell you, "Apply the token and claim your children." If your children go home by way of death, it won't matter. That plague struck Egypt. What happened? They just died, popped off, just went off like flies. Now that sounds pretty gross, it sounds like my hard-hearted person. I am not, my brother/sister, let me tell you, when you get old and your body gets full of pain, and you can be young and your body full of pain and you can pray for death. Death is a wonderful way to leave this world. It's nice to get out of here. Don't you kid yourself that there's a God that's unjust.
- 98. You... Bride gives God credit and gives him glory. Yes sir, she assembles in His name. She knows His name. And when she meets in His name, she is not of those who think that they needed His name, because they say Jesus name. She meets in His name, because she has His name. She knows that she's Mrs. Jesus. Yes, she knows that. Sure she does. She assembles with no creeds and no dogmas. She is a Bride. She knows all else dissembles and she stands there with the Word.
- 99. **Number** [nine] Time to discern, that though it is the time for Sodom, for fire and for flood, there is a great day here, a greater day here, or greater one here.

For the same Elohim that spoke to Abraham, the righteous Judge is here and sentence and verdict is in our favor as in Genesis 19 and 1 Th 4:16 and 1 Th 5:9 where it says you're not ordained unto wrath. And she knows that she will not have applied to her the wrath. She does not go through the great tribulation. She knows that she escapes, because she knows there's Mount Ebal pronouncing curses, but there's Mount Garrison utters one word a blessing and all the curses fall down.

99. It took one Jesus to come and destroy every power of hell. Oh yes, brother/sister, she knows that though trouble is here, she knows that He is here to get us out of our

trouble. She knows that we'll escape the great tribulation, she knows that God loves her, that she's bound to him and He will not chastise her, He'll merely get her all ready to go in the rapture. Yeah.

Not only that, it is time to know, she knows it is time to know to discern who the true and living God is and be baptized correctly. And she knows that. She knows the great revelation of the hour; she knows who He is, to be baptized in His name, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. She knows what it stands for. (I'm just glimpsing through this quickly.) She knows that the time of the rain, of the former rain and latter rain is falling together; she knows the mystery of the rapture; she knows all of these things. Yes sir.

100. We could go on, you know that we could go on. But my point is this, all these qualifications of discernment are at this hour in this Bride and show she is worthy of the table of the Lord. You've been negative all along. You thought your cigarettes meant something. Lay them down. They're not worth a plugged nickel. Lay your lives down, your conning down; lay all the junk you've had around you all, just kick out your television sets; get out all this junk you've had in your house, clean house. And don't turn around and start it up again.

My brother, my sister, we've got a greater glory. The table of the Lord tonight means something. There's nothing in our church that doesn't mean more and more. I preach on water baptism, you're about ready to get baptized over again. That's right. I know, I've talked to my people. I talk about the Lord's supper. Why they just can't wait to enter in, as it were. It begins to glow. Why? Because, life, life, life is here and death is going out.

101. Brother/sister let's understand. You see why I'm excited? Something to be excited about. I'm in the day of the Lord. I've caught the Spirit. I don't have any cancer spirit. Got a spirit of life. Yes sir. That's the point. Fourteen, fifteen points against one of cleaning your life up--your conduct.

Then people say this great thing to come, is character. I went to Bro. Branham and I said, "Oh, Bro. Branham, the great thing coming..." Because I've always longed for some super-duper character. Well, I'm a super duper character, all right. Already have and didn't know it. Talk about dumb ignoramuses. Shee. You're looking at the prize lot. You're not looking at a horse in that condition, you're looking at a mule, ha, I guess they call it a jackass. I don't know. Yeah.

102. I said that great thing coming is character. And he got in the pulpit and he said, "A great theologian talked to me the other day. "You notice 'a great theologian.' Why aren't you bowing down? Got you. I love them little goodies. 'The great theologian.' Why are you laughing? I've never been so sullen in my life but I'm laughing with you. Because I know you're not laughing at me, you're laughing with me, laugh at the great theologian. So I theo-logged and I logged out. Well, he said, "This great theologian, he came to me and he said, Bro. Branham, he said, that great thing is going to be character." He said "It's not going to be character."

I thought well now that's the best thing in all the world. I'm going to have that great character. Well, as I said, didn't know I already was a character, but I should have more like his, I know that, more fruit, the whole bit, but he said that wasn't it.

103. Now look, that's one point, but all this other stands there. Now kind old priest would you like to come? But don't with me. Not that you shouldn't be kind, but you see, when you come on your kindness, uh, uh. Because you make me sick. Because you ain't got not near what the prophet had. And he couldn't make it that way.

There's only one person had character to take him through. That was Jesus the Christ and he wasn't a man in the full sense of the word. No way shape or form. No, he's superman. God was his Father, and in a way God wasn't a Father than anybody else. None of us was that Logos, that was made flesh through the series and down through the ages. We were a mere minuscule of a minuscule of a minuscule. Yeah. We were like a thought. He was the mind. Ha. Yes sir. So he had the character. He had everything.

But He's given a Bride the ability to discern. Now just a minute, let me tell you something. Anybody knows that chewing gum is not smoking cigarettes. So you see a guy go puff, puff. What discernment do you need? Now Bro. Branham said, "That doesn't take any discernment." He said, "Don't you know that cigarettes spoil your body, so you're not discerning your body." But this requires different discernment. Anybody knows you shouldn't be out there committing adultery. You know that. Anybody knows that. All except your brute beasts. And I guess the world is 99% of them. See? They got to be.

104. Look what's in your newspapers every day. Look, if you don't want to get out of here, brother/sister, there's something wrong. You'll drown in the sewer of filth. Sure, terrible condition. Anybody knows you shouldn't steal. Look at the con artists among the preachers.

I got a good sister sitting here tonight. Certain man came to a certain city where she was... and after he got so eloquent (about him,) you know, needing money, she sold her house and gave him the dough. And I could tell that sister, I already told her, that when I went out to Arizona the guy just piddled it away. You talk to my good buddy Don Hoggenberry. He'll tell you how they went out there and the guy just brought in the money by the bucketful and spent money and lost it and spent it, wasn't... He devoured widow's inheritances. Anybody sends out tracks for money, pulls deals, you don't need discernment, you got to be stupid. You'll never get discernment. Because the Bible said, "If you can't discern that, you won't discern this." Preach it, is right.

I'm not trying to be tough, mercy, I'm preaching the Bible. Well come on. See? Guy pulls deals, con artist. Messes with women, smokes and drinks. What discernment do you need? Now if you don't know that's wrong, come on. Your conscious is seared. You're a beast, you're a brute. Serpent seed, you got to be, or you got to be something in between that has lost its mind. You got to be physically dominated by the devil, plus spiritually, plus you're undone, you're finished, forget it. You understand what I'm

saying? Anybody knows that. But you come to the other, brother/sister, you better have the spirit of God. You better know which way you're going.

- 105. Now, I've just barely done the best I could tonight and the table of the Lord is open. Now, you got two prayers to pray tonight with all your heart. And whether we feel like meaning or not, this is the hour to mean it. God, either you deliver me or I deliver myself from these sins because I lay them down. Which means simply this, if you don't make it easy for me to quit, I will quit no matter how hard it is, but I'm finished.
- 106. Now, the next thing is all you can do is pray and keep your ears open toward God and believe as you hear the prophet, not Lee Vayle, but the prophet. And you say, Lord, the other discerning the body lies in your hands and unless I am spiritually motivated, unless you help me, and you better mean it, because there's nothing you can do but mean it. Because you cannot give yourself a revelation. There's no way you can do it. You have got to come through the prophet, hopefully the Holy Spirit in you, and you say, "Lord, the Word of the season has been opened by the prophet. All other is finished. Give me this day my daily bread. The day of Your Appearing, the day of Your Coming, the day of the Lord, give me the bread of revelation of this hour, O God, as it came through the prophet."
- 107. There's nothing else you can do, but stand back and wait. That entitles you to stand up and preach your sermon, he died, he died, he died, and I'm living because he died. See? Every time you preach that sermon, yeah. You follow me? Little different tonight. I'm not trying to set a pattern. I'm not trying to make a name or anything, I'm just trying to do what I believe is right. Preaching what I believe is right to preach. That's all I know.

Now by the grace of God I don't know when I'll preach again ever to a group like this, I don't know. I'm going to be honest, I don't want to ever do it again. I'm getting tired. He gave me strength, I appreciate it. He kept my voice, I think more by prayer than by pills. I took both, because I was determined to try to help if I could.

108. I have not hurt you wantingly or willfully because I'm not interested in hurting any single one person here, because no one person entered my mind, before God that is true. If I had a fleeting thought, went out of my mine instantly. That wouldn't even be a fleeting thought, but I'm just trying to say the things that I believe to be truth that the prophet said, discerning the Lord's Body, knowing who is Bride. Not trying to pick 'em out and say, "Hey, I can tell by a look, I can tell by a feeling there is something electric." No.

But we going by the Word, judging ourselves and say, hey, do I believe this, do I believe this, do I believe this, do I believe what the prophet said? Is this what he said about discerning the body? I believe it, hallelujah! Now I'm walking down the highway of faith. Come on, brother/sister. What are you waiting for? Waiting for the resurrection will be too late to get your faith up. I'm walking in a shout.

- 109. I'm going to tell you something, the word shout in the Greek is klusma which is military command. Where he said he's making all things subject, that is also military on order and a rank. I'm getting in marching order tonight, brother/sister. Yes, I am. That marching order is a real Word of God and I say I'm Bride, I'm marching to Zion. Ah ha, just a minute, I'm marching Zion, not marching to Zion. I am marching Zion, hallelujah! Ah ha. You say, "Oh Vayle, you believe that?" Oh ho, what do you think? Go ahead and say, he ain't fit for nothing. I will beat you to the punch. Go ahead and say, "His language is so contemptible."
- 110. They said Paul, the same thing, only he stuttered and muttered. Mine doesn't come out that way, I don't stutter, I don't mutter, I just blast. So I'm not much like Paul after all. No, I wish I was, but I'm not. You say what you want. I'm not here to defend myself and cause a fight with anybody. I want you to know I have taken a stand. I believe what I preach or I wouldn't preach it. I'm settled in my heart tonight that this is it. I am also going to tell you I am hopeless. Because if this isn't it, I can't do anything anyway. I'm too run down at the heels to try it. I've tried long enough to twist God's arm, but it doesn't twist. No. Begging won't do it. Believing will.

If I'm believing right, I've got it made. If I'm believing wrong, there's something wrong. I can't help it. See, I'm a sovereign believer. I'm going to say this, if I believe this, I can't be wrong. So I'm looking beyond the curtain of time, just past that wall, as it were, once more I see the Plains of Mamre, I see old father Abraham, I see that great pyramid beginning to shape and I know there's a kingdom of God called the city of Zion, coming up out of this earth as mortal glorified members to come back again on a reconstituted earth. I see the blood upon the grounds sanctifying these members; I see the Holy Spirit formed within me baptizing me to call back every cell in the new form. Yeah, yeah, yeah,

111. Brother/sister, let me tell you flat, somebody's got a seed, and I'm going to be that one. Yes sir. Do you love Him tonight? I love Him with all my--I don't have much of a heart, but what it is, is His. I think most every part of me is shot, but if He'd like that, He can have it, too. In fact, I've been trying to give it to Him to get it out of the way.

But if He lets me live, I tell you something, I want to live for a greater glory. I want to see the revelation of His beauty more and more. I want to see more and more Him in His splendor. I want to see Him far more and more in human forms. I want to see Christ in Bride form. I believe we're seeing it. People say that can't be it, that can't be it. Uh uh, they're wrong. That's what it is. Let's rise.

Heavenly Father, we're so grateful You allowed us to assemble ourselves. And Lord, speaking for myself, I sure appreciate this people, though they might not think that I do. For they've given me privilege of speaking my heart and giving me the privilege of You helping me in notes here that I couldn't understand myself, literally, after I read them and wondering what I was going to do with them. And I appreciate the people for that, because they did it. And I love them, Lord, and I wouldn't want to see one harmed

and I believe tonight, Lord, with all my heart, and I'm believing for them, there won't be one person here that's not a part of the gems in Your crown.

That there's not one person here that's not speaking one to the other and You're listening and You're saying, "That's exactly right, that's my child." I know, their heart and the Word is just one and they live it, too. Thorough, thorough going Christians. Lord, it's so wonderful to know the intimacy of us with each other and with You, and we're one with every single Bride. It is marvelous, Lord, to know that everything is just exactly right, because with You everything is exactly right. And everything is on time. It's just marvelous, Lord, in this hour.

I believe, Lord, with all my heart that as we take the communion tonight as we've learned to call it, this table of the Lord, this Lord's supper, I believe something is going to happen in the sense of a reality of revelation within us. There's never before that... There isn't one single thing that is ever asked or ever done that does not bring its reward because it does. Anything in the name of Jesus is absolutely going to have the growth of Jesus on it. Not just a stamp of approval, because many a person could put a stamp of approval on it. But this is the seal of the Holy Spirit, burgeoning and blossoming forth in a reality that makes us to know as we have never known, and partake with the realization as we have never realized and a faith which has never been expounded in us to manifest.

Lord, we're looking, because we can't believe that anything, anything, anything is void, but every single thing of God magnifies and magnifies to the perfect day. Lord, we're going to take it tonight in faith. I don't know how we're going to do it, but, Lord, somehow it--You're going to help us. Because it's Your faith, it's Your revelation, it's not mine any more. And it's not theirs anymore, it's Yours. And so tonight, Lord, we're going to take in grace by grace and thoughts of God upon our hearts and minds, these emblems, and as we do it's going to be in Your faith, Lord, of revelation that greater is He in us that's in the world. And we have overcome the world, the flesh and the devil and from now on there will be a burgeoning of character and fruit and humility and all those graces, Lord, that You have said in Your Word, because that's the way it should be.

And also on top of that the revelation and the discerning of that knowing. Oh Lord, which the prophet laid out so simple, because he laid it out like You did and here we're going to be tonight in the faith of God and begin to climb Jacob's ladder as never before to see ourselves mounting upon that pyramid. Hallelujah, we know Lord, we know, we know, as we've never known before and we shall know more than we've ever know before.

And Lord, I believe tonight, I'm not psyching myself, Lord, You know my heart is earnest. I have looked to you, Lord, for Your Word, You have never failed me. In fact, Lord, I have got to 'fess that I'm just a stupid type of a person. I ain't worth nothing. I feel like Bro. Branham when he messed things up that time in that fishing vision, Lord, if he was stupid, what I don't know what you would call me. I got a good idea what I should be called and I admit to it, Lord. I admit to it, but I am still walking by faith that You love me and I am a part. And if you got to bop me down, Lord, and tie

me up and throw me overboard like a Jonah and let a big fish get me, Lord God, amen and amen.

Because my eyes are upon You and, Lord, I know that that's just not the way it's going to be, but Lord, let me be wise enough to know what You want it to be so when these things come to refine, I'll just be in step with you and I'm praying this for every single person in this building. Not just for myself, less they think I am selfish and wanting their prayers. I am praying for them, too Lord, and I believe that my faith is at that point where it's working. And I know it is because I know how you work. I know how you work and you do just that. And I am very grateful for it and I'm in anticipation now and in anticipation of faith, stimulation of revelation, I thank thee, O God, how great Thou art. Brother Ungren start singing it. "How Great Thou Art." [Congregation sings.] Amen. The Lord bless you.

Brother/sister, I feel tonight, I can't say this as any prophet, I ain't no prophet, but going by my feelings, by my discernment, I believe this meeting was entirely ordained of God and He fulfilled what I felt He would fulfill. One step closer to the resurrection. Because anybody can say that that's right, I'm anybody and I've said it. Yep. You say, I believe. Yeah, I believe. See, I can afford to believe, because you see He's the God of mercy and I need mercy. He's a God of grace and brother, I need grace. See people aren't kiddin' when they run me down, that's okay. No problem, they're right, but I got a God who justifies the ungodly. Where the blood scatter sin there's no trace. And he said, "Well now, you can say what you want but there ain't no evidence." Yeah. That's right. Do you love Him? Makes you feel good. Praise the Lord. [Calls up the brethren. Ed.]

Now, if you ever took the table of the Lord tonight, you ought to have faith. My, if you believe what the prophet lined up, and I said what the prophet said, now believe I wasn't lying to you. I copied that all down as I read certain sermons, just zip, zip, just one special sermon just zips right through. Just broke one point after the other. I wanted to preach the series, now I lost my series. You better pray I'll get something else from the Lord. [Preparation for communion service.]

Heavenly Father, these emblems, O God, we just don't know what to say. Just don't know what to say, Lord, tonight. So wonderful You just died, rise again for us, Lord. These emblems that signify a reality, God, we know it's not Word and Spirit, we know it's not flesh and blood, we know it's emblems, Lord. And here we are, and, Lord, I think it's because we're just one step from something that says it could be the next time that it's over there we take it together. God, I know we're taking it tonight as Melchisedec, but, Lord, to take it together, we're looking for that.

Father, you've already blessed us, it's not redundant to ask for more blessing but just thank You for continuing blessings and the melting and molding and melting of our souls to You and to each other, a oneness, Lord. A real love coming into the church, that's a Word love, a discerning love. It's a reality, Lord, we're looking for that. We believe we've got it. We believe that's why we're here. Sanctify every single person tonight that comes.

From this moment on, Lord, we believe the heat of the battle is over, this is the communion after the battle's over. Somehow, Lord, we've got to believe that there's victory for everybody that's distraught, that's got a problem. And, Lord, there's a revelation that is there for us tonight. Father, God, I just ask you to bless now and continue to bless as the people come in obedience to Your Word. Oh God, we're believing that You magnify it. In Jesus Name, Amen. The Lord bless you. [Congregation sings?]

As I say, I believe this is a milestone in our lives and I just believe it that's all. And I'm a believer, I've got the right to believe what I believe He tells me to believe. Now, we just thank you for your kind attendance, your generosity, all the things you've done to help each other in love. And I trust that as you'll go on as a rolling, gathering momentum of that great Spirit of God that started to flow back in Luther's day, that took us to the ankles and justification, up to the knees and sanctification, up to the thighs, put Pentecost, the restoration of gifts back with the Holy Ghost, and now rivers that will carry us over, cannot be measured, the glory which is ours. I believe that.

You know, folk, I'll never quit believing that Abraham was at the lowest ebb of his entire life when God changed him. I know some people think that's negative, but I don't because Abraham believed in a God who raises the dead and calls those things which are not as though they are. And He said, Bride, you're a hundred per cent perfect, you're justified. Yep. That's God. He raises the dead. He's here to raise the dead.

You know, it's not a story any more, brother/sister. This is Emmaus when he revealed who he was and they said, that's it. It took a while to get there, took a while, but they got there. You know, we-re, you know, Christianity, the Bride. for roughly six thousand years have been traveling. Do you know, we're taking the last step of the way for all that bunch? You talk about the glory, brother Jack. Don't try to figure it, just believe it.

I'm not going to preach another sermon, but I'm going to tell you what's been on my mind for a long time. I never got around to preaching of it, but I want to tell you this. In the Greek, the word glory, the God glory to me signifies that there was a revelation concerning this God. But in the Hebrew it means weight. The God of weights, the God of weights and balances. The God who puts the earth in a balance, so that everything is molecule and atom. And it's got, what is it, neutrons and protons and God knows what. Nobody knows what's inside of them.

And you know that God weighed everyone of them, because nothing in nature is not weighed. Now listen, He's weighed everything that belongs to us in the body. And that one knows where every little bit of gas is and every little atom of ash and anything else and the God who weighed that is in the process of recreating, who weighs everything in the balance. As He's weighed us in the balances and said, "They're okay, they can come on in." He's weighed them in previous ages and said I'm going to take them out of

the dust and my God is going to bring back those ashes and gases and He's going to create again. Not by sex, but He'll create again out of the earth. That same God.

And I just want to let you know that's the God of the resurrection. He's here. Yeah, He's here. I hope you're as thrilled as I am to realize that. The eye of the scientific camera took it, but I want to tell you, science also proves that He's the God of chemistry. And Bro. Branham said, "It's the chemistry." I love his language. That man was just flawless. Let's put it this way, the God that dealt with the man was flawless. And I'm glad He put him in his straight jacket. He got everything straight that way.

The Lord bless you. It's been a privilege to be with you and I love you very dearly. And it's been a wonderful time with me, for me. I appreciate it so much. May the Lord be with you now.