

INTRODUCTION

E.O.D.H. book 17 entitled “Final preparation for the final outpouring and rapture,” is of tremendous importance, since millions of church members and message believers sincerely await the rapture and some even look for another outpouring of the Holy Ghost, but fail to realize that they are unprepared for both events. Even more challenging is the fact that message ministers are ignorant of God’s promises for the end time, and as a result have little or no knowledge of the requirements of God for those coming events which are even at the door.

For almost 35 years the false anointed ones ran ahead of God’s plan and program concerning the seven thunders. They claimed that they were preparing the Bride for the rapture through rapturing faith by the seven thunders. All that they produced was more imperfection, leading people away from the message and holiness standards of the message. That “seven thunders” system and program has become the biggest disgrace around the world. They denied the final outpouring of the Holy Ghost for rapturing faith and power {church ages pages 377-380}. Nevertheless, E.O.D.H. book 17 sets forth a clear revelation of the final preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the rapture. This is evidently based upon the written Word of God and message of W.M. Branham, God’s Elijah -Malachi 4:5-6.

This work emphasizes the fact of how to receive the final outpouring of the Spirit and the final preparation and scriptural requirements for both the token and rapture. This is the crowning work on the subject of the final outpouring, which foundation was laid in EODH book 14. The article of 1906 Pentecostalism was exposed as counterfeit in book 15 and denounced as incapable of translating the church for the rapture. Our recent work of book 16 emphasized the Joshua generation, in conflict with the first generation of the Exodus from Egypt under Moses, a type of the mix multitude that followed W.M. Branham out of organizations, and the Joshua generation as the Bride of Christ following Christ Revelation 10:1. Included are also the faith of the foolish virgins and why they did not receive the outpouring of the Spirit, missed the Marriage and had to go through the tribulation period. Esau was brought into the picture having denied his birthright and received no repentance though he sought it with tears. He was typed as Judas who did not make it up to Pentecost. The false anointed ones are a type of Judas, Esau and Simon the sorcerer who cannot receive the promised outpouring of the Spirit, while Cornelius received the great outpouring of the spirit and types the end time Bride.

Included in this work are questions answered in 2006 at Bethel ministers meetings. Present were ministers from India, Africa, South America, North America and the Caribbean Islands.

We trust that this work will edify many around the world and help them to understand the three kinds of believers that follow the message and strive to be true believers that they may be prepared for the final outpouring by the final preparation taught by our prophet W.M. Branham, but not very much emphasized by message ministers today. This work is to ensure that both ministers and members of the body of Christ are fully informed of the requirements for the token and rapture. May the Lord bless all those that love the Lord Jesus. It is our hope and desire to live in the new world together. Peace be unto you.

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FINAL PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL OUTPOURING AND RAPTURE

CHAPTER ONE

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

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

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.> (Revelation 19:7-10).

I want to dwell upon the subject of “Final **Preparation** for The Final Outpouring and Rapture”. This will be a very straightforward message. It is true that we must have full obedience to the Word of God, to entitle us to the Token, the Fullness of God, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But then this is bringing us right up to the final preparation. I do not know how many realize what is God’s requirement for the Rapture. You know that there are millions today around the world that are looking for the Rapture. When we had belonged to organizations we thought that all that we had to do was to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, get baptized and the Rapture will come for us any day. We left many millions behind, with the same conception. Many that came to the message think that they just have to accept Elijah the prophet, believe the message, worship the Lord Jesus Christ and they will go in the Rapture, but we have better understanding today.

I clearly state from the Bible and from the Message of the Hour that God’s requirement for the Rapture is **perfection**. It sounds very hard, yes, and the disciples of old would have asked: “Who can receive such a saying?” God’s requirement for the Rapture is perfection. There are many scriptures to support that.

Ephesians 4:11-15 <And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. >

The five fold ministry was given for the perfecting of the saints, and in *Matthew 5:48 <Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.>*

Now that is a serious requirement and right now, brethren, **I fail**. Every one of us fail. If this Rapture will take place today as much as millions are looking for the Rapture, and people who follow the message believe that they will go in the Rapture and leave all organizational church members behind, they are **not qualified**. There is not one perfect, no not one. But perfection is required to go in the Rapture and that is clearly stated by the Word of God and the message of the hour. Woe be unto me and woe be unto you if we do not meet the requirement of God, to go in this Rapture.

But we have great hope. The one that made such a requirement has given us a plan of how to attain to perfection. Yes, we are all imperfect people, born the wrong way, lived the wrong way, we served sin and up to now, after hearing the Word of God, we are still trying to overcome many things in our lives, but perfection is required. Yes, but this is a wonderful scripture, it gives great hope and that is “let us rejoice and be glad, for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready.” She **attained** to her required perfection. That is the only thing that God will accept and that is perfection.

Now common sense could tell us that if we are to dwell with a perfect God, we ought to be perfect sons and daughters of God, because we are going to a perfect kingdom. There would not be any imperfection in that kingdom. All imperfections were cast out of heaven one time, and imperfection was cast out from the Garden of Eden and

since that time man is trying to be perfect and the Bible said in the book of Hebrews that the law made nothing perfect.

Then our Lord Jesus Christ came to show us the way of perfection and He demanded of us and commanded us to "be ye perfect", and then over in the New Testament the apostle Paul said the five fold ministry is set for the perfecting of the saints and then later in the New Testament, it is written that Christ is coming for a church without spot or without wrinkle.

Ephesians 5:27 <That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.>

I John 3:2 <Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.>

There would not be any wrinkle; there would not be one spot. All that could reveal is perfection. So it is perfection, plus perfection and we are going to live in a perfect kingdom, with a perfect God, perfect angels, then we must be a perfect people. Oh my! We cannot think on that perfect kingdom too much today. I often like to think upon it. A man would not have to correct his wife one day, parents would not have to correct their children, pastors would not have to

correct the brethren, not one day. Perfection, not one sickness, not a mistake.

Here we are full of mistakes and faults; we must be buffeted. Do you know how much beating a child receives before it can mature into something useful? Plenty beating, plenty rebukes, that is because of our imperfection, but let us rejoice and be glad for the Marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready. The prophet of God spoke about that, he said, "If you notice that the wife hath made herself ready." He said, "She had to overcome something." God did not take her and put her through a pipe imperfect and then she came out the next side perfect. He said, "No." He said, it was perfection.

THE CHURCH HAS TO MAKE HERSELF READY

Quote W.M.B.: *E-27 and we know that those that are going to make up that bride is going to be His church, and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle. And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, it said, "She has **made herself ready**." So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him." But that's up to you. You got to do something too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things," they that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? She has made herself ready. I like that Word.*

*You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then say, "Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through. But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we **show our faith and respects to God**. (Marriage Of The Lamb 62-0121e).*

GOD'S REQUIREMENT FOR THE RAPTURE IS PERFECTION

NOTHING CAN ENTER THERE WITHOUT PERFECT LOVE – THE HOLY GHOST

Quote W.M.B.: *21-4 And I heard a voice then that spoke to me that was in the room, said, "This is what you preached was the **Holy Ghost**. This is **perfect love**. And nothing can enter here without it." I am more determined than ever in my life that it takes perfect love to enter there. (Rejected King 60-0515m).*

CHURCH TO COME TO PERFECTION – THEN RESURRECTION & RAPTURE

Quote: *53-1 You get it? These people who died in here are depending and waiting on us. So this church has got to come to **perfection** in order to bring the **resurrection**, and they're... souls under the altar, waiting for this church to come to its perfection...And up here when the pyramid Cap does come...the Body of Christ will have to be honed... It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the **rapture**, the going home. (Stature Of A Perfect Man 62-1014m).*

HOLY GHOST INTO THE CHURCH FOR ADOPTION & RAPTURE GRACE

Quote: *155 What is the **Holy Ghost**? God in you. What's It for? To continue His work among His people; to bring His church together; to bring a church to a place in this day, far beyond the Lutheran, Methodist, and Pentecostal, into a place to a **adoption** and a **rapture grace**, that when this part of the church, when the Spirit*

moves **into** this church here, it'll just raise. And it'll bring forth... all of the redeemed that's touched that Spirit. (What Holy Ghost Was Given For 59-1217).

ANOTHER SURGE OF THE SPIRIT INTO THE CHURCH FOR RAPTURING FAITH

Quote: 23 I'm looking for a time of a break forth of the Spirit of God in these last days that we're now living in, for another **surge** of the Holy Spirit into the Church for a **rapturing faith**, just before it comes. (The Token 63-1128e).

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE BRIDE FOR RAPTURING GRACE

Quote: 15-1 That's the reason I do believe that when that Bride is called out and elected and set in the Book of Life, there'll come a sound from heaven that'll take such a **baptism** of the Holy Spirit into that Bride that'll take Her from the earth in a **rapturing grace**. God promised it. (Three Kinds Of Believers 63-1124e).

SEVEN THUNDERS FOR RAPTURING FAITH

Quote: 128-2 {75} And then there's coming forth seven mysterious thunders that's not even written at all. That's right. And I believe that through those **seven thunders** will be revealed in the last days in order to get the Bride together for **rapturing faith**; because what we got right now, we wouldn't be able to do it. There's something we've got to step farther; we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth. (The First Seal 63-0318).

GOT TO HAVE A FAITH THAT WILL CHANGE & QUICKEN THIS BODY

Quote: 79 I truly believe, **before** the church can have the rapture, it's got to have rapturing faith. We can't even have faith for Divine healing, let alone rapturing faith. Got to have a faith that'll change and **quicken** this body, and be taken away. (Israel At Kadesh Barnea 53-0328).

NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS MOVING IN THE CHURCH – THEN THE RAPTURE

Quote: E-15 And O God, grant today, that when we can all come together, and see all those **nine spiritual gifts** moving through the Church, operating the whole Church Body. **Then** we'll have the **rapture**...If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? The Church has got a ways to go yet. (I Perceive You Are A Prophet 53-0614e).

ONE MORE GREAT MOVE OF THE SPIRIT FOR RAPTURING FAITH

Quote: 177 These people are hungering. They're thirsting. Lord, years I've wanted to see this happen, maybe it will. Just once more, Lord, one more great move of the Spirit. **One more time**, Lord, and the Church might receive the rapturing faith to go in. (Once More 63-1117).

WAITING ON CHURCH TO COME TO PERFECT FAITH FOR THE RAPTURE

Quote: 184 This is coming into that Third Pull!... This is just starting to bloom now...I'm working out something; it's taking this charge of faith...to kinda raise faith in a bracket where you've never noticed it that way before. Not a faith, but a **perfect faith**, built it up in here...We're coming now to the **perfection**, because the people has to come to this in order for the **rapture**. That's what's holding it away right now, is waiting for that church to come into that **perfect raptured faith**. I'm looking for it. (Perfect Faith 63-0825e).

You have to overcome something. That means that you have to surrender your will, desire perfection and make a sacrifice. Now it is a hard thing to give up the wrong things and to give up certain habits in our lives. **But it takes a sacrifice** and why many people are going through the tribulation and unto hell, is that they are not willing to make that sacrifice. In every church age it says, unto him that overcometh. In other words, you have to do something with it. That means you have to surrender your will, you have to make a sacrifice, you have to put something into it. That is why the Bible said; work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. You got to work at it. You just cannot sit there and say, "If I am **predestinated** then I will be saved at the end of the road." No sir! There are other scriptures that tell you to make your calling and election sure.

If God is a perfect God and is telling imperfect people to be perfect, then of course that God in His grace and mercy must give them a plan to attain to that perfection. Otherwise He would not be fair. That will be a very unwise thing. But our God is a wise God. Yes, and the Bride hath made herself ready. The Prophet of God said that the church must come to perfection to bring the resurrection, and to go in the Rapture. *'Stature of a Perfect Man.'* The very title is saying something.

Now, there are people with all the fears, with all the doubts and all the imperfection that we experience, that will be perfected, because it is prophesy, in the Book of Revelation. The Bride hath made herself ready. There are two groups spoken of in Matthew 25: 1-6. One group called the wise virgins, this is the wife of Christ that made herself ready. She was prepared to meet the Bridegroom. So there was another group that did not make herself ready and she was caught in her **unpreparedness**. Unpreparedness is a terrible thing, brethren. Unpreparedness is full of disappointments and more than that, it is full of sicknesses, it is full of troubles and even death. Unpreparedness causes a lot of people to die. We see that played out with the foolish virgins. They were unprepared, they heard the same things like the wise virgins, and they were unprepared. So in being unprepared, there is much disappointment and Jesus said that they were left out and there shall be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth. That is how our Lord described the **disappointment** that followed unpreparedness.

E.O.D.H. CONTENTION: BRIDE NOT READY FOR

THE RAPTURE

All our efforts here this morning are to be made ready. All my efforts and all the efforts of the ministers are to be made ready. Malachi 4:5-6; that man suffered like no other human being, and he loved life above all upon the earth. The effort was to prepare a Bride that will be perfect. At the end of the road he laid the foundation, but was not successful in preparing that Bride.

THE BRIDE ISN'T PERFECT BUT THE BRIDEGROOM IS PERFECT

Quote W.M. B.: *17-4 Sister Collins...dreamed a dream of being here at the church, and there was a wedding fixing to take place. And when she did, she saw the **bridegroom** come in **perfect**, but the bride wasn't very perfect, yet it was the bride. Now, that's the church...the **Bride isn't perfect**, but the **Bridegroom is perfect**. The **Bride is not perfect yet**. (Is this the Sign of the End Sir 62-1230e).*

The Bride today is yet imperfect, the church. "The Bride is not ready for the Rapture" is my contention and our **contention** who believe E.O.D.H., who believe the revelation of Brother Branham's message. Our contention around the world, with all that we sent out on tapes and books, is that the Bride is not yet ready for the Rapture. She is not qualified.

Yes, there are certain demands in the message that we must meet and that even sounds impossible. The prophet of God said, "Nothing shall enter there without perfect love." The voice of the Lord told him that. He said, "Nothing shall enter there without perfect love." People around the message claim to have perfect love. That is hypocrisy. Beloved, I do not have perfect love; you do not have **Perfect Love**. Perfect love will love your enemies. Perfect love will give your life for your brethren. I do not have perfect love and Jesus said, "Blessed are they that are poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Be honest with yourself, be honest with God.

There is a final preparation. I am coming-up to something here to simplify this. We established on E.O.D.H. book fourteen that without the Token nobody goes in the **Rapture**. That is a whole message in itself called the Token, where the Prophet of God emphasized that we will receive the Token or we will perish. That means you will go through the tribulation and possibly unto hell, if you miss this Token that is coming, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That was fully established in book fourteen, and it challenges the world.

But this here is a little higher. It is true that the Token, Outpouring prepares the Bride for the Rapture. That is the only thing that the Lord will accept, is the Token, Outpouring, Capstone, Fullness of God, the Love of God, Charity. It is the only thing that God will accept for a man to go in the Rapture. But listen to this; there is a preparation for the Token. This is the next emphasis that I am laying here.

We established that there is an Outpouring coming and without that Outpouring nobody could go in the Rapture. But friends, I am laying emphasis here this morning, and have done that in the past, that in order to receive this great Token and Outpouring of the Spirit, you must be prepared to receive that Token. You must be prepared. It is true that full obedience to the Word of God entitles you to the Holy Spirit, the Token.

Quote W.M.B.: *116 Full obedience to the full Word of God entitles us to the Token. No other way is there that you can ever be entitled to the Token until you fully obey the Word. (The Token. 64-0208).*

But then, what is this preparation for the Token? There must be a preparation for it. Now you saw the film of the greatest televangelist in the world, recently. All those people with pants and shorts. Sinners, claim to be receiving the Holy Ghost. Now but I am saying this morning; there is a preparation for the Token and the simplicity of it throughout the message of the prophet is justification, sanctification, and then comes the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is a total impossibility for those people to be receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit like the Day of Pentecost on **Benny Hinn's** platform. It is the most disgraceful scene, disgraceful and embarrassing.

I have preached some messages on '**Pentecostalism.**' "Pentecostalism, one hundred years, from 1906 to 2006." It showed the fanaticism and the cream of the crop of that blessing that fell in 1906. It touched a lot of things; E.O.D.H. Book 13.

There is a final preparation that you and I must make to receive this Token. It is true that the Prophet of God said on the Token message that "You will receive it or perish." Yes. We have that knowledge; we believe that. But then, the preparation that is to be made to receive that Token, is most important, even more than knowing that the Token is required for the Rapture. **Final** preparation was established by Brother Branham. If Brother Branham preached such a message called '*The Token*' and he established, in no uncertain terms that we must receive the Token or perish. There must be somewhere in his message where he established **the Plan** of God to receive it. We are acquainted with it, but I preach in such a manner like nobody knows anything and that is to catch the children's attention. While I am preaching they had been playing. That is one of the best way of teaching.

GOD'S PLAN FOR PERFECTION ESTABLISHED

BY WILLIAM BRANHAM

What I am going to establish this morning, as the preparation for receiving the Token, the Capstone, is **irrefutable**. Let me say this humbly that I challenge the world, I challenge every message preacher upon the earth to disprove what I am saying and if you cannot disprove what I am saying then repent and believe it and start getting prepared for the Token, for the Holy Ghost will be poured out. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, what is promised to us is going to come. Look back to the scripture and see that there was a group of people that was unprepared called the foolish virgins. The foolish virgins are right now under this message and they have a certain attitude and their attitude is that "I know the message as anybody and nobody could tell me what to do and what to believe." **Somebody** is going to tell you what to believe or you are going through the tribulation, and let me tie that down in the scripture. God set a five-fold ministry for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, until we all come to perfection. You better find a member of that five-fold ministry in order to tell you how to become perfect. Sit under that ministry, shut up and listen to the Word of God and humble your proud heart. That is the only way that you are going in the Rapture. That is the only way that you are coming to perfection. You got to contact a member of the five fold ministry, because they hold the keys to perfection.

Now all your intellectualism of studying the message cannot perfect you. We have a bunch of computer preachers, they could quote this and quote that, and punch up this and punch up that, but they have no **revelation** on the message. You say, "Well, I could quote Brother Branham from beginning to end." I know a man who quoted Moses one time from beginning to end, and at the end of the day he made a golden calf and caused Israel to backslide. After a while the Lord killed him. So now you could quote intellectually and you could bring a lot of things out and though you have knowledge to understand all mysteries and have not what I am talking about, the Token, Charity, the Capstone, you have become as sounding brass and a tingling cymbal. In other words, you are like a tambourine, and that is what we have, a lot of tambourine preachers behind the pulpit. They do not know what to tell the people.

The prophet of God laid down the plan and the program of God to become perfect, preachers in this message and the whole message world have **ignored the instructions** of Brother Branham. You say, "Preacher, come to the point. What is this thing that Brother Branham laid down in the message? What is the plan of God laid down by the prophet to become perfect?" Beloved, almost everybody that follows this message has it drawn up in their church, as well as us and it has just become a good **picture**. The plan that God gave to William Branham to be prepared for the Token is right here in this pyramid picture, that people do not even observe again. They got so accustomed. Every church has one like that. Yes, but that is the Plan of God right there for perfection. The preachers just preach that out of habit: Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, Capstone. Now how could they correctly preach that and still claim to have the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and claim to have the Capstone in certain churches? Though Brother Branham separated the Capstone from the Body, they joined it and each one of them claimed that they have the Capstone ministry. They preach that they have the Capstone ministry. A lot of people arose and claimed to have the Capstone.

Now I am laying emphasis that those who have forgotten the message of the prophet preached in 1963 entitled, *'The Stature of a Perfect Man'*, may be reminded. Now if you want to become perfect you have to find out what is the stature of it, and how to get into that stature. Now I will tell you this, friend, the man who preached that was in that stature. There was a man who had everything in the pyramid: Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness. He had the article of Pentecost. I say boldly that William Branham had perfect love, and if you doubt that read the book called, *'Eleventh Commandment.'*

Quote W.M.B: *E-46 That bull took towards me as hard as he could. And when he got to about six or eight feet of me, I wasn't a bit more afraid than I am standing right here. "Perfect love casts out all fear."* (Love 56-0726).

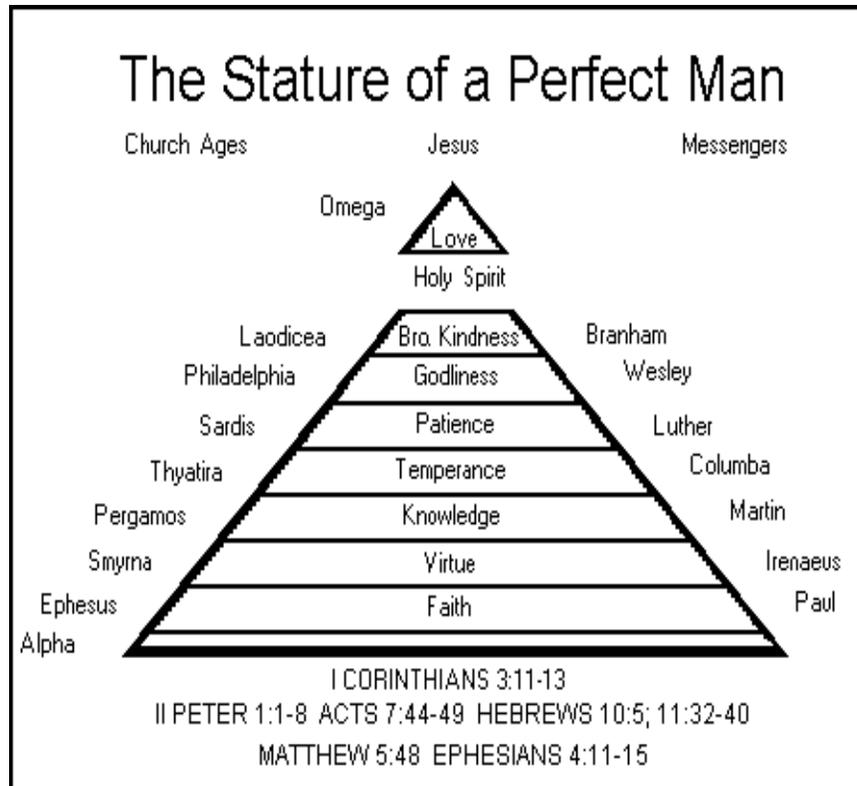
Quote: *E-32 And there I seen that bull coming...and he was making for me to kill me... but Divine love begin to come...In the Name of Jesus Christ go back and lay down...No fear. I wasn't a bit more afraid than I would be with Brother Neville setting right here. Just the fear of holy love in my heart... It created an atmosphere. When that bull run right into that atmosphere, not over ten feet from him, he stopped and threw his feet out...What is it? When Divine love is projected, sovereign grace takes over at that time.* (Divine Love 560826).

Quote: *E-24 I said to those little hornets; ...Now, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Creator, go back into your house; I won't bother you anymore." And... them hornets all taken single file, and flew around me, and went right straight back into the nest while I was standing there. That's right. Oh, it was God. You see, but before it happened I had to love.* (Divine Love 57-0305).

Brother Branham said it was perfect love in him that stopped the killer bull, it was the perfect love of God that sent the bees back into their nest, and it was perfect love that crippled the maniac. Now there was a man with perfect love. Yes, and when Brother Branham went up into the heavenlies, the voice of the Lord told him, "Nothing shall enter here without perfect love."

Friends, do not get your ideas crisscrossed. This is the requirement for the end time Bride. Do not let the Methodist Age or so called Pentecostal Age, the Lutheran age or the Middle Ages bother you in the least. They are coming up under a different agreement with God. What makes the difference with the Bride here in the end time is that she is not going to die and go to the dust. We got to be living, that while this Rapture takes place, we got to have so much power in order to change this mortal into immortality and we must have enough speed to break the law of gravity, and pass every rocket that man made and enter the seventh dimension.

As **certainly** as there is a preparation for the Rapture, there is a preparation for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If I do not say a word again, you are looking at the preparation for the Token right here this morning, on that diagram from faith right up to brotherly kindness and that Love of God over there is the Capstone, it is perfect love. Notice what it says "Love". Nothing shall enter there without the Capstone then? Nothing shall enter there without the Capstone. So what is required? In other parts of the message the prophet of God said that you must be a perfect church to go in the Rapture. We must have perfect love (*21-4 Rejected King 60-0515m*). We must have perfect faith (*184 Perfect Faith 63-0825e*), we must have rapturing grace (*155 What Holy Ghost Was Given For 59-1217; 43 Israel At The Red Sea 1 53-0326; 15-1 Three Kinds Of Believers 63-1124e*), which I call perfect grace. 'The sons of God must be manifested (*19 Adoption 60-0522e*). There must be a super church. (*19-4 Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e*).' It is all **summed** up in the coming Capstone. Friends, all these requirements that seem to be so impossible is summed up in another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Now I am going to let Brother Branham **teach** us this morning, how to attain to the Token, attain to that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, attain to the Capstone, attain to perfect love, all one and the same under different terminologies. So this was not the Prophet's idea. Sometime the pyramid confuses people. Let us put that aside a little bit. People say, "I do not understand the pyramid." That pyramid teaching, Brother Branham only used that as an imaginary picture to preach unto us the qualifications that we must have before receiving the Outpouring of the Spirit. That pyramid is not in the Bible. But, a preacher sometimes makes a drawing because a drawing is worth a thousand words, and the Holy Spirit moved Brother Branham to put these qualities that we must have in the pyramid, that the people may be able to understand that. But the pyramid has nothing to do with that, as far as doctrine is concerned, but it has its application, and it has its application from the days of Enoch and it has its application in the city that is coming down, but to say that I have to become the pyramid to go in the Rapture, now that could take away your thoughts. You say that is Branham's idea. Now that drawing is Branham's idea, but the qualities that he marked down in the pyramid are scriptural. Before the Prophet of God could tell us what he told us on stature of a perfect man, it had to be in the Bible.

Alright, let me put this very sweetly and very nicely where you will understand. There was a man called Peter and he was given the Keys to the Kingdom. The Kingdom is Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Peter had the keys, in other words, the know-hows to lead the people to the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After a certain time the ignorant and unlearned fisherman asked somebody to write for him and said, "Write this over here, I will sign my name under it and I am laying down here the plan of God for a man to receive perfect love, which is Charity." That was laying there in the Bible. When this prophet of God, Elijah came by, him having to open up the mysteries in the end time. This was an article here, that the Holy Spirit led him too.

Quote W.M.B.: *6-4 I didn't expect to draw this skeleton, but the other day I was with some precious friends of mine...I think I scared them all away when I got to shouting up there in the woods...That's what come to me on **a message** that I was going to speak on, and how the rest of it tied right into it. (Stature Of A Perfect Man 62-1014m).*

He went down to the forest. He said, "Lord, what will you have for your children today? Give me something." And then the Holy Spirit came, he was leaning against a tree, and the Holy Spirit came and gave him this message and referred him to II Peter 1. In there, II Peter 1: 1-8 laid down the Plan of God, how you and I must be prepared to receive perfect love, to receive perfection. There are different stages. Forget the image there, forget

the imaginary picture. It is right here in the Bible. When Peter wrote this here in the Bible, he never said anything about a pyramid, never drew a pyramid, he just put the virtues. So the Prophet of God pulled the virtues out of the scripture that Peter laid down, that you must have and he placed them into a pyramid to form an imaginary picture, and to say many things. I love the diagram of the pyramid, it is symbolic.

II Peter 1: 1-4 <Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature of Christ...>

Brother Peter's whole setting is speaking of the **divine nature** of Christ. This divine nature of Christ qualified Him to become the tabernacle of God, and Peter is trying to give us the secret of what qualified Jesus to become the temple, the tabernacle, or the body of God, where God could come and live. I believe that is simple. Now if that was the **qualification** for God to come and dwell in His first son, it is the qualification for the end time Bride.

II Peter 1:4 <Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.>

In other words, this divine nature is going to come to you after you repent. After you have escaped the corruption that is in the world. You are justified and you are sanctified.

II Peter 1:5-7 <And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. >

Charity is divine love. That fits first Corinthians 13. That is why the prophet of God on the Headstone placed "love and Holy Spirit", because that is Charity.

II Peter 1:8 <For if these things be in you...>

This divine nature of Christ.

<...and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.>

You would not be a barren church; you would not be an unfruitful church if these things be in you.

II Peter 1:9-10 <But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.>

There is a place that the church could reach that you will never fall and that is if you put on those virtues you will never fall. That means that you have reached to perfection.

II Peter 1:11 <For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.>

Beloved, the only way to enter the Kingdom of God is to put on the Divine Nature of Jesus Christ, for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you, yes, to enter the Kingdom of God.

John 3:5 <...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.>

Brother Peter is laying down the plan of God to bring you into the Kingdom of God, which is none other than the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and more.

In order to be qualified for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit you must have these virtues. If you are not children; as long as you have crossed the age of accountability, you are going through the tribulation and your mother and father are going to leave you here. Young or old, rich or poor, smart or stupid, pretty or ugly. You must have this Token, you must have this Outpouring, you must have that Capstone to go in the Rapture. If you have not made up your mind to pay the **price** to be prepared for the Token, pray that you die now, because that tribulation is going to be sore. I will prefer to bury you, than to know that you are left out from that Rapture, where there shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Pray that you die. If you intend to slumber down in your Laodicean condition, could hear a message like yesterday's and hear a message like "Full obedience" and hear this message this morning, it does not mean anything to you and it does not move your spirit, to do better and to stop sleeping in church. That goes for pastor's wives, song leader's wives, old or young. I believe we ought to be respectful to the Spirit, if you feel sleep is coming upon you, get up from where you are, go wash your face or stand outside. It is total disrespect for you to be **sleeping** in the House of God under this kind of anointing. That is **irreverence**. I do not think anybody is sleeping this morning.

SEVEN VIRTUES QUALIFIED JESUS

But children, little ones; what I am saying is that Jesus had seven great qualities that were perfect, and in order for God to come inside of Him, after thirty years upon the earth, at the banks of Jordan, Jesus had to grow into this stature. You say, "Jesus had to grow into that stature, preacher?" The Bible said,

Hebrews 2:10 <For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. >

So now Jesus grew into this stature. The first thing: faith, then virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and then at the banks of Jordan after thirty years preachers, after thirty years then came the Love of God down in Him, in the form of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Somebody may say that the Outpouring is taking long or that God is keeping back the Outpouring. God is not keeping back the Outpouring. It is you and I that are keeping it back, because we have to put on those virtues in order to qualify for the Outpouring. The Lord is more **anxious** to send this Outpouring to us, than we really want it. Brethren, believe this little preacher, tiny tots, even the aged. You would never go in the Rapture until you receive what is coming called the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Fullness of God, or the Token and in order to receive that Token, that Outpouring, you must be qualified and what I am telling you here this morning is the qualification to receive that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Do you think I am joking? Do you think this ministry is some kind of a joking ministry, where you will just come in here and be a church member and attend church and say, "I go to church" and not be desperate? The Prophet of God said on '*Desperation*', you will be desperate or perish, just after he preached the message called '*The Token*'. He said, you will be desperate or perish. I do not believe he was joking.

Quote W.M.B.: *99 Oh, church, rise and shake yourself. Pinch your conscience; wake yourself up in this hour. We must be **desperate** or **perish**. There's coming forth something from the Lord. I know it as **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. There's coming forth something, and we better get desperate. It's between life and death. It'll pass through us and we won't see it. (Desperation 63-0901e).*

Listen that was one of the first messages I ever read and I never took it lightly. It drove me into the wilderness to talk to God. I vowed, "God you have to come and talk to me otherwise I will die here, and they will bury me. I want that article to go in the Rapture. If you seek him with all your heart, you shall surely find him. He did come and that is why I am here after my fortieth year, trying to woo you to that promise of God.

Deuteronomy 4:29 <But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.>

SEVEN VIRTUES – FINAL PREPARATION

This is what I am calling '*The Final Preparation*'. There was a holiness message that was given to us that we must obey and that deals with preparation. It is preparation for the Token, but these virtues here are the final preparation for the Token, for the Outpouring, for the Capstone, for the Love of God, for the Kingdom of God. These virtues are not just put here to make a Branham's picture; little fellows, that is not a Branham's picture but this is coming from the Bible over here. Brother Branham **borrowed** this message from Peter who was the man with the keys to the Kingdom. Now, Peter knew better than anybody how to tell people to get Perfect Love and he wrote it in II Peter 1: 1-8 what you have to put on and why you have to put them on in order to come to Perfect Love, which is Charity, and he outlined seven virtues. Every little child should have a diagram like that in their Bible. Children, this is sweet.

The seven virtues inside the diagram are what were inside of Jesus and that is why He was so sweet, that is why He had so much love, that is why He had so much power, that is why He raised the dead, that is why He healed the sick, that is why at the banks of Jordan a voice came down and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased to dwell in."

Quote W.M.B.: *E-30 God spoke from the heavens. John saw Him coming in the form a dove, and said, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." The **right translation...** is, "In whom I am pleased to dwell in." (Jesus Christ The Same 55-0806).*

Listen, the only thing that will please God to dwell in the end time Bride, is that She must have those same virtues that Jesus had. The day that He is pleased with you and I, when He looks down and sees those virtues inside of us, He will say, "This is my beloved Bride in whom I'm well pleased to dwell in." And it had been already prophesied that we will make it. "His wife hath made Herself ready."

Beloved, your struggles in this nasty world against lust, and against sin and against everything is not in vain, children. We got to overcome. The first thing that we got to overcome is ourselves, our own thoughts, our own minds, our own attitudes and the lust that is embedded inside of us. And you are not going to be pushed through a pipe and come out whole on the other side. Listen, though you want the thing badly you have to say, "I sacrifice it for Jesus." And mean it from your heart.

While Jesus was growing up He was a regular man and was tempted in all points as we were yet without sin, and in His prayer in John 17, He said,

John 17:19 <And for their sakes I sanctify myself...>

And young men, we must have that testimony, "I sanctify myself because I want Eternal Life." Little sister, "I sanctify myself. If I don't get a husband, if I don't get a wife I sanctify myself. Eternal life is more important than a wife, than a husband, than money and riches." My God, but isn't this sweet, brethren?

Peter who had known Jesus, and had a revelation and had the keys to the Kingdom, the man knew what was in Jesus and what it is that pleases the Almighty. Something stirs down on the inside when I see the Word of God so plainly before us. If those virtues were the things that qualified our Lord and pleased God to come down inside of Jesus we got to have them, we must have them and these are those seven virtues. Now, watch something, like Brother Chandler rightly said, "Watch, there are eight qualities." Now watch something and see how that works. There are seven qualities: faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness. That's seven, but the eighth quality is what the seven qualify you for. Do you understand what I am saying? The **qualification** is the seven virtues and they qualify you for the Capstone, which is Jesus, which is God, which is the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and which is the Fullness. So, the **eighth** quality is not necessarily a virtue but it's God coming down into the virtues, it is the God that is so pleased to come down and indwell you, because you possess these virtues. Now, that is what we're talking about.

Now so these virtues that qualified our Lord, for God to say, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased to dwell in." This is the only thing that will please God in this end time. Not those women in pants on Benny Hinn's stage, not that demonic power that is throwing down the people. My God, it's a disgrace! And they said that is the cream of Pentecostalism.

I will start quoting the prophet and let him teach us a little. Elijah, Malachi 4: 5-6, the man that was chosen of God to reveal the mysteries in the end time, he went back and saw how Peter used the **Keys** to instruct the people to receive the Love of God. Brother Branham borrowed those Keys. So now, Brother Branham was sent in the end time to build a perfect Bride for Christ. Without that prophet there would not be a perfect Bride and without the opening of the **Seals** there would not be a perfect Bride. We could not fulfill the requirement of God. We were a helpless people and God sent a prophet and I want to show you in his own words now, how to be prepared for the Capstone. I **challenge** the world upon this doctrine. There is not a living human being that could refute what I am saying without refuting the prophet; he will have to be an idiot to claim to have the Capstone and bypass the prophet. I am reading these quotations from one book: '*Stature of a Perfect Man*'. The prophet is going to tell us in this message how to become perfect.

MISSION OF MALACHI 4:5-6

SENT TO BUILD DWELLING PLACE

Quote W.M.B.: *27-5 Were not building an organization. I'm not here this morning to build an organization. Christ never sent me to build an organizations. Christ sent me to build individuals to the statue of Jesus Christ that they might be the power house...?... dwelling place of His Spirit by His Word (Uh-huh.)--by His Word. See? Build up the individual to that place, not build an organization to a greater denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea.*

The prophet of God said that he was sent to build individuals into the stature of Jesus Christ that they might become power houses and not only that, but they might become sons and daughters of God in the endtime. Now I am asking the message world, **where are these power houses** and where are these manifested sons and daughters of God? They are no where to be seen, then they missed the plan that was given by the prophet, they ignored the plan

that was given by the prophet and they swept it under the carpet and they are jumping up every day around the world, thinking that the Rapture is going to come at any moment and carry them away. They are liars and deceivers. If the **Rapture** is to take place presently nobody is going, including this church. According to the message of the hour we must become perfect, we must have Perfect Love and there must be a Perfect Church and a Super Church otherwise we'll go nowhere. But I'm telling you something, friends, the Holy Ghost will be poured out.

Now, right here the prophet was given a commission to build sons and daughters into power houses. Do you want to tell me that around this message we have power houses? When you talk about **power houses** you're talking about Peter, James, John and Brother Paul where the very shadow of those men healed the people. We are talking about the Bride on the day of Pentecost. We have power houses in the message of intellectualism, a bunch of television lovers and a bunch of preachers and people on the sports field.

I am asking, who is continuing the **ministry** of Christ in power, signs and wonders? And don't tell me he did not mean that. Right here he said,

Quote W.M.B.: *14-1 Jesus said, "At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? Know how that God is in His church. The church is now supposed to be taking the **place of Christ**, carrying on His **ministry**. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet you shall see Me for I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." There it is: carrying on His work.*

How to carry on the works of Christ? You must do greater works than Jesus done. What happen to these dead people around the message? How could a man settle for something dead and think that message believers are going in the Rapture from the sports field, and women ruling over men and children are their oppressors?

<As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.> Isaiah 3:12

They have gone back on the holiness message: high heel shoes, short dresses, tight dresses and all kinds of immoralities. They have not fulfilled the abc's much less to have the seven virtues, and then they explained away the seven virtues. They say that the seven virtues are the seven thunders. So as long as they have the seven thunders **heresy** that's the virtues. You're a lying hypocrite, deceiving God's people throughout the world. The seven virtues are the divine nature of Christ. Now, hear how stupid that doctrine is. You're talking about a stupid doctrine. The seven thunders were not written in the Bible. If the seven virtues are the seven thunders then Peter wrote it down. Boy, I tell you, this is madness! The seven thunders were not written in the Book and if the seven thunders are the seven virtues then Peter wrote it here, and then in 1962 Brother Branham preached it. So then they are saying that Brother Branham was confused because in 1963 he said, "It was not revealed to me." The seven thunders are not the seven virtues. The seven virtues are the divine nature of Christ, which we must have in order to go in the Rapture and also receive the Capstone. We will listen to our prophet. He was not confused.

He said he was sent to build a tabernacle for God. He borrowed Brother Peter's blue print that was given to him by Almighty God.

KEY UNLOCKS THE WAY TO BECOME A TABERNACLE FOR GOD

Quote W.M.B.: *11-5 Faith holds the key, that unlocks Christ to the people, reveals it. So today we're going to try to take that same key to unlock the way to become a virtuous Christian in the stature of God, that--and be a living Tabernacle for the living God to dwell in".*

Isn't that wonderful? He said, there is a certain key, and Peter had the Key. He said, faith is the Key and "I'm going to take that Key now and unlock something to you, I'm going to unlock Christ, I'm going to reveal something to you." This Key now is going to show how to become a virtuous Christian and how to come in to the Stature of a Perfect Man and be a living tabernacle for God to dwell in. There is only one way for Christ to come and live in your tabernacle and that is to follow this **blue print** that was given by Peter and established by William Branham. Outside of what I am saying here today you are going through the tribulation. To deny what I am saying and not apply this as Brother Branham said it, you are a candidate for the tribulation and to end up in the foolish virgins bunch. That is why the foolish virgins ended up where she ended up, even because she denied this teaching of Malachi 4:5-6, swept it under the carpet and brought over their Pentecostalism from 1906, thinking that they have this great article of the Love of God. Some of them will tell you that they have perfect love and perfect faith but then hate me and hate E.O.D.H. You're a Judas. Do you have perfect love? If I am your enemy, **love** your enemy. Bruce is your enemy, love your enemy.

GOD DWELLS IN THE STATURE OF A MAN

Quote W.M.B.: 14-3 *God dwells in the statue of a man, reflecting Himself into that being: perfect worship, God in us, being His Tabernacle, God manifesting.*

Quote: 15-1 *Then there came One which was the perfection of God. It was God among us. And since that time He has reflected Himself in His church this side of Calvary. So you see, we're all trying to get to this dwelling place, Tabernacle of the Living God.*

The purpose of God for Brother Branham was to build men and women into the Stature of Jesus Christ. He himself was built up into the stature of a perfect man and he laid down a plan here and told us that there is a certain key to it. Alright! He said that key is faith. Now, little boys, there are seven virtues that Peter laid down and these seven virtues Jesus possessed and these seven virtues Brother Branham **possessed**. Let me stop there to put that into the minds of the children. Brother Branham possessed faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness and Brother Branham had Perfect Love. Is anybody going to make the Rapture without that? Impossible! And the man who had the goods laid down the plan, and he laid down the **plan** right here in 'Stature of a Perfect Man' and he said, get that otherwise you're not going in the Rapture. He said, get the Token otherwise you're not going in the Rapture. I don't want to make this a long, formal teaching, brethren, but I have to go through these things briefly to edify you and to defeat the enemy. Yes. The first item is faith. Let us deal a little bit with the item of faith and see what that is.

FAITH - BORN AGAIN

Quote W.M.B.: 17-2 *Well, now that's the way it is trying to **manufacture** Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do is be borned again. You've got to be changed. See? And when you're changed, you become a new creation. Now, you're getting right now. See? Now, you don't have to worry about the feathers; it'll take care of itself when you're borned again. Yes, sir.*

Faith is the foundation for all the other of virtues.

Quote W.M.B.: 18-2 *Notice: you must be borned again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see on my chart here, I got the very foundation. Faith is the foundation of all of it.*

Quote: 20-2 *And now, faith does the rest of it; faith does the rest. So you must have faith for a foundation. All Christianity, all you are, **all you'll ever be**, is based upon faith in the Word.*

My God! Faith will produce all the rest of it. You don't have to worry about the feathers. So you must have faith for a foundation. All Christianity, all you are, all you'll ever be, is based upon faith in the Word.

Quote W.M.B.: 22-3 *What is the foundation of Christianity? Faith in the Word of God. That's your foundation. Then you begin to grow. Then you start. You begin to add to this foundation.*

The prophet of God was laying emphasis upon this faith. He said that **faith**, here at the bottom of the pyramid, is to be born again because you cannot be **born again** without faith. Do you see where he put the New Birth? There are false teachers that say that the New Birth and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost are one and the same. I am saying that the born again experience is at the bottom of the pyramid, yes, and the Outpouring, the Fullness, the Love of God is on top of the pyramid. That is Brother Branham's teaching. That is where the deception is laying.

BORN OF THE SPIRIT THEN BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY

Quote W.M.B.: 35 *I teach and believe, and believe can sufficiently prove by the Scripture, that you're borned of the Spirit and then baptized into the Body by the Holy Spirit. (You Must Be Born Again 61-1231m).*

NEW BIRTH & HOLY GHOST BAPTISM – A DIFFERENT THING ALTOGETHER

Quote: E-56 *"He that hearth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life." That makes you a new creature...Then after you've did that, then by one Spirit we're **baptized** into the Body of power and service.*

He never said you'll receive **new birth** after the Holy Ghost come upon you. Said, "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost come upon you," a **different** thing altogether: not new birth, but new power. You're borned again by believing. You believe to Eternal Life. But you're baptized with the Holy Ghost until power, power for service. (Mark Of The Beast 56-0715).

THE NEW BIRTH ISN'T THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

Quote: 269-363 When you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you then have the **new birth**. When you believe on the Lord, you receive a new thought, a new life, but it **isn't the baptism** of the Holy Ghost. See? You've got the new birth when you believe; you've got Eternal Life. It's a gift of God that's give to you through sovereign grace by accepting the gift that God is giving to you. See? "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life, has Everlasting Life"; that's the new birth. You're converted; it means you're turned around.

But the baptism of the Holy Spirit puts you into the body of Christ, subject to the gifts for service... (I Corinthians 12)... You have to be baptized into the body to possess one of these gifts. They come with the body. (Qa. Hebrews Part 2 57-1002).

PEOPLE SAY THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM IS THE NEW BIRTH – THAT'S WRONG

Quote: 37 And the new birth, as people talks that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the new birth. Now, **that's wrong**. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is different from the new birth. The new birth is when you're born again. But the Holy Ghost is when power comes into that birth for service. That's exact. See? The Holy Ghost is--baptized into the Holy Ghost. (Countdown 62-0909m).

BEING BORN AGAIN IS NOT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

Quote: 117 I **don't believe** in being borned again is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is **not** the baptism of the Holy Ghost; it's being reborn again. We're reborn by the Blood...life cell comes from the Blood. You're baptized by the Holy Ghost into the body, but you're born by the Blood. Absolutely. You're born by the blood of your father. I'm borned again by the Blood of my Father, and by our Father, Christ. Yes, sir. (Influence Of Another 62-1013).

I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY THAT TEACHES IT LIKE THIS

Quote: 114 And borned again does not necessarily mean now that you got the Holy Ghost. Now, remember. Now, many teach that. "I don't know anybody that teaches it like this," as old Brother Arganbright said the other night from the pulpit here. See? But new birth is not the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture doesn't support it, I don't think (See?), to my way of seeing it. See? (Key To The Door 62-1007).

I NEVER THOUGHT THERE WAS A PERSON BELIEVED LIKE ME

Quote: 129 I never thought there was a person believed that like me till this morning, I heard Charles Fuller as I was going down. He believes too, that the new birth is not the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The new birth is being born. The Holy Ghost is the baptism. See? (Why Against Organized Religion 62-1111e).

BORN AGAIN BY HAVING FAITH – THAT'S BIRTH THAT'S NOT APPLIED TO THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM

Quote: 38 You have the new birth by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. See? By having **faith** and accepting Him as your Saviour, **that's birth** (See?), because you've passed from death unto Life. Now, if you want to back that up, take St. John 5:24, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life." See, he's got Life because he believes. And that same group had to go to Pentecost to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Exact.

Holy Ghost is power for service. So when talk like you got to be born again, and applying that to the Holy Ghost, many of the Methodists and so forth are **wrong** there. It cannot. It just **won't cope** to the Scripture here. You get the thing **sideways**. It's got to take it the way the Scripture's got it placed out here. See? And the Holy Spirit is a... "You shall receive the new birth after this"? What? No. "You shall receive power (Acts 1:8) after this the Holy Ghost is come upon you." See? And they'd already believed to Eternal Life, and so forth, but they had to have the Holy Ghost for power. "You shall be witnesses unto Me after the Holy Ghost is come upon you," because the Holy Ghost is a witness of the resurrection, showing that you have become an adult in Christ. (Countdown 62-0909m).

Let us just stay here for a few minutes since this is so important. Now, he said, the first thing that you must lay down is faith: that's the foundation to build the house upon. It's a tabernacle that you are building for God to come down and dwell. The first thing is that you must be born again and you got to be born again by faith. Faith in what? Faith in the Word of God. Let us see if we could understand that in the scripture.

Jesus told us a parable, he said, there was a foolish man that was going to build a house and a wise man was going to build a house. And the foolish man built his house upon sand: **interpretations**, he got his birth in denomination, he built his house upon false thunders and he claimed to be born again in so-called Pentecost. Sand, it's going to sink, and when the storm came it blew down the man's house. If you have a denominational birth, or a birth under Vin Dayal, or a birth under Coleman, under Gan, under Santiago, under Dr. Frank or Ben Howard, there is coming a storm that is going to blow away your house. It's the same thing like the foolish and the wise virgins. So now the wise man built his house upon a Rock! Let us see if we could find out what is that Rock in the Bible.

Matthew 16:13- 18 <...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

*And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ**, the Son of the living God.*

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.>*

So the wise man-the wise virgins, got born again by having a revelation of the **Son of Man**. But this Rock foundation which is faith gets you born again at the bottom of the pyramid.

Let me settle your minds, children, by the words of the prophet. He said, once that foundation is laid you don't have to bother about the feathers. The **feathers** in type are virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness.

FIRST GET BORN AGAIN – CHANGED – DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FEATHERS

Quote W.M.B.: 17-2 *Could you imagine an old buzzard trying to have a couple of dove feathers, say, "Looky here. See, I'm a dove." See? Why we all know he's a buzzard. See, see? That's all. We can tell that he's a buzzard.*

*Well, now that's the way it is trying to manufacture Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do is be **borned** again. You've got to be **changed**. See? And when you're changed, you become a new creation. Now, you're getting right now. See? Now, you don't have to **worry** about the feathers; it'll take care of itself when you're borned again. Yes, sir.*

Quote: 16-2 *It's like a mule trying to manufacture wool, trying to be a sheep when he's a wolf--oh, he's a mule. You see, he can't manufacture wool. He can't do it. Wool is a gift to a sheep, not to a mule. He might try to act like a sheep, but he's still a mule. See? So you say, "I can eat like a sheep; I can do this like a sheep," and no matter what you can do, you've got to be a sheep in order to have wool.*

And let me stop here a minute. The sheep doesn't manufacture wool. He has wool, because he is a sheep...And when you're a Christian, you just bear the fruit of the Spirit. You don't manufacture it. You don't try to make it up. You just try--make yourself something that you're not. You just become what you're supposed to be, and then it takes care of itself.

A mule doesn't bear wool because it's a mule. And that is what we were. In our evil nature we were mules. He said, A black bird cannot take peacock feathers and put them on the outside and say, "I am a peacock." The nature has got to be changed.

You cannot take a hog and give him a good bath and then call him a sheep. No! He said, a sheep does not manufacture wool, it bears wool, but the mule might try to manufacture wool, but the sheep **bears wool**.

Beloved, listen to me! Oh God, this is great hope. Once you start seeing that revelation that God sent today, the Son of Man, you could relax because a sheep cannot help but bear wool. If I get born again **I must** put on virtue, I must put on knowledge, I must put on temperance, I must put on patience, I must put on godliness, I must put on brotherly kindness and I must get the Love of God! So take your hand from under your jaw, and stop wondering 'How am I going to put on these virtues, Brother Bruce? How am I going to put on this knowledge?' You don't have to bother about it. What you have to bother about right now is surrendering your heart and enter the **presence** of

God. Do you know how you come to that faith? By what I taught you yesterday, by surrendering your life and living in His presence then you will get born again in that realm. You say, "Brother Bruce, I taught that was a prayer message." No beloved. It's an all kind of things message. Don't you realize in the presence of the Lord is the fullness of joy and at His right hand pleasures forever more? That is where you get born again. What I told you yesterday is to **yield** your vessel and come to the Lord, talk to Him like a Father, tell him that you want to go in the Rapture but you are very undone, and you are not sure that you are even born again and stay in that presence of God. He alone could give you the born again experience and then the presence of the Lord will go through your system and He will just bring a change. The born again experience is a **change** of nature. Only God could have changed Nebuchadnezzar into an ox, and only God could have changed the ox back into a king. Yes. My God, I love it! It is the truth. Brethren, listen, do you want to get born again, do you want to put on those virtues? Just come to the presence of the Lord and surrender. Don't walk in here half an hour or one hour after service starts. You have to mean business with God, you have to become desperate with God and stay in that presence. You say, "I don't understand that Brother Bruce."

Luke 1:34-35 <...How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. >

She was given a supernatural birth, without denominational seeds. She was given a spoken Word birth, and that is how you get that spoken Word Birth: come to the presence of the Lord, let the Holy Spirit **overshadow** you and all that you are hearing about Son of Man, the coming of the Lord, comes into your mind and it is in your mental faith and that mental faith wants overshadowing, and as you go to prayer and you let the Holy Ghost overshadow you in the presence of the Lord, the Lord will reveal it to you and turn your **mental faith** to spiritual revelation. You are born again. When you are born again you'll have one ambition. The formality is gone, the figuring out is gone, the skepticism is gone, your figuring out, if this Word is true or if the preacher that's preaching is false or true is gone, because faith is born in you. If you're a skeptic of the Word the prophet of God said, forget it. You're just a skeptic and you're not ready for this. God can't give you that faith because you're a skeptic.

SKEPTICISM

Quote W.M.B.: 18-2 *Notice: you must be borned again... you can't be born again without having faith. That's right... "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those that diligently seek Him."... And when you are a **skeptic** of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.*

What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise. But first it's got to be faith. (Stature Of A Perfect Man 62-1014m).

He said, the first thing that you must settle in your mind is that the Word is right, the message is right, you have heard the truth and we are standing on that ground. Why would you assemble from yesterday, beloved, and come back last night and assemble whole day again today? Faith! Faith is the key. Alright! Now brethren, you have a revelation of the message of the prophet of God, right then and there you are anointed in your soul; the Holy Ghost comes down inside of you. Now, you're in communication with the Lord.

So, this is the nature of Christ that we are trying to put on. Faith is to be born again, it is the foundation and it is the key. Once you get that faith and you are born again the worries of perfection are over. That doesn't mean to say that you could go and do what you want. I tell you! You're looking for trouble because you're a born son of God and every son that He receiveth He is going to chasten and He is going to try him. You're talking about a beating! My! I don't want that. Yes sir! It's a terrible thing and when the Lord puts His hands upon you it is very heavy. A little pride in you, a little this and little that, you will be surprised to know the big hand that drops on your back. So now, the foundation for **Christianity** is to believe in what you are hearing, believe the Bible, believe the message otherwise forget it. If you don't have faith and you're a skeptic to the Word of God and you're still wondering if this is true and if this is a cult, go drink rum, cuss, smoke and gamble and when you realize that you are a sinner come back. It will be better for you than being a make-believer, yet to do those things are wrong.

Now friends, as long as you get born again, the other virtues are automatic. Do you like that word? Automatic! Do you know that the sheep bears wool **automatically**? Do you know that the mango tree bears

mangoes automatically? Do you know that the tamarind tree bears tamarinds automatically? And do you know that the **serpent seed** bears hatred, and malice, and murder, and grudge, and bitterness and unforgiveness automatically? We have the picture over there with Cain and we have the picture there with Judas. It's an automatic thing. And Jesus was born right; He did not have to bother about those virtues. He became perfect by the things which He suffered. He had to go through that certain process and as He continued in life He had virtue, He had knowledge and confounded the doctors. He was a nice and an obedient child. Virtue! Now, all these things were building up within thirty years. Some may say, "I'm tired of waiting for this Outpouring. I'm tired." Jesus waited thirty years and He was the sinless Son of God, **what about you a sinful fellow?** What about all that lust inside of you? Do you think that God is coming down to seal all that inside of you? You nasty fellow, go and fast and pray, get the nasty thing out of you. Then you want to quarrel with God about why He is taking so long to bring the Token. He isn't taking long, but it's you that are keeping back the promise. Now let us hear what he said about virtue.

VIRTUE

Quote W.M.B.: 23-4 *Now, here's what we do. What's the first thing? Have faith and be borned again; that's laying the foundation. Then after we lay the foundation, secondly, you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here... First you have faith, then you add virtue to your faith. This is the next column. First pour your foundation: faith. Then to your faith add virtue.*

VIRTUE IS STRENGTH

Quote: 24-3 *if virtue went from Him to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the **same virtue** in His church, because He was our Example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? "Virtue" is "strength, power." Some of them don't even believe in **power** of God. They say, "That's passed. Only thing you have to do is just put your name on the book. Be sprinkled or poured, or baptized, or whatevermore, and that's all you have to do. "but Peter said here, "Add virtue."*

He said, virtue is strength, virtue is an **odor**. If you are truly born again, you will put on the virtues. You're not going to manufacture this. No! "Well I have to behave real good and I have to show my Christianity; I got to give away something sometimes." But inside of you is selfishness. That is not virtue. He said, virtue is something that you have to give out. The flowers have honey, that's the virtue of the flowers. It draws the butterfly and it draws the birds. He drew the example of Reverent Mr. Lily.

VIRTUE – REVEREND MR. LILY

Quote W.M.B.: 24-5 *I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Reverend Mr. Lily, Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lilies how they neither toil or spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one."*

Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck; and every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part.

Virtue is an odor and you're giving out something. In other words, your life is giving out something. I'm sure there are people here whose lives are giving out something. Something is happening to us and we are growing, people suffered, they paid the price and you admire them. It's virtue. They are giving out virtue. He said, when you give out virtue people look at you and see your **unselfishness**. You must have it before you give it out. Your unselfishness will be reflected. You're reflecting something that edifies another man. It attracts the sinner. Has anybody ever come to you and say, "Brother, thank you for your life, thank you for your sacrifice, thank you for your forgiveness and your loving heart?" Then, that is virtue, that could forget all offences, forgive and be the same person tomorrow. That is odor. That is virtue. Jesus manifested virtue.

*John 8:10-11 <...Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
...Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. >*

That is virtue, odor. How could a person like that turn back and sin? <...go, and sin no more. >
That virtue will bring that bird to the honey. The next thing there is knowledge.

PERFECT KNOWLEDGE

Quote W.M.B.: 25-1 *Yes, sir. He's got it. The church has it. The church of the living God is built up into this perfect man of the knowledge of Christ.*

HOLY GHOST - HEAVEN-BORN KNOWLEDGE

Quote: 28-2 *you've got to have these things. And the only way you'll ever be able to have them is to have heaven-born knowledge. And heaven-born knowledge will vindicate the Word.*

Quote: 28-6 *I believe in genuine Holy Ghost knowledge. Holy Ghost knowledge will always **punctuate** the Word with, "Amen." When you get these things that seem to contradict themselves in the Bible, you set down and study it, and prayerfully like that; and the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit begins to move in. After while you see it ties together, and there you got it. See? That's knowledge.*

Quote: 30-1 *All right, now, knowledge. Now, not worldly knowledge, but it's heavenly knowledge. And heavenly knowledge, when God is the fountain of all knowledge, and God is the Word, then if you've got heavenly knowledge, you believe the Word, and you **reason** anything by the Word.*

Now, brethren, knowledge is the knowledge of Christ and you understand the Word of God. If you're born again God has given you understanding, you have knowledge and that is what we have today. Now, these **heretics** outside there today and people that follow heretics lack knowledge.

Hosea 4:6 <My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...>

Beloved, the Lord has blessed us. I could put any false prophet before this congregation and let them preach. God has imparted knowledge to you. So, you are not so poor after all, you are just humble. That is what it is. But we are **growing**; we have knowledge to know, that is not the Holy Ghost on Benny Hinn but a dirty ghost. We have knowledge to know that we must put on the virtues before we get the Capstone. All this is knowledge. God has given us heaven-born knowledge.

TEMPERANCE - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

Quote W.M.B.: 33-4 *Temperance doesn't mean: stop drinking alcohol here either. No, no. Temperance doesn't mean alcoholic cure, not in this case. This is Bible temperance, Holy Spirit temperance. That's just one of the lust of the flesh. But we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. That means how to control your tongue, not be a tattler; how to control your temper, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you. Oh, my. Boy, a lot of us are going to fall off 'fore we get started, aren't we? See? Then we wonder why God's not in His church doing miracles and things that He used to do.*

Temperance! Temperance is control. You don't gossip, you don't get into cliques and you control your temper. That is temperance

PATIENCE

Quote W.M.B.: 35-4 *Then after that, fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. "If you got **faith**, it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So this is patience. Now, that's the next thing that's going to build this statue. You know, God's got real material in His building. See how short we are, brethren? See, see? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See, we have glory; you have shouts, and things, because we got faith; but when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that statue. See? He can't--He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things we fall and slide off with it. See? He can't build His church.*

Patience! Patience is heaven-born patience. How do we get this patience? The trial of your faith giveth patience. Do you see that you have to go back to the foundation? He said, faith worketh patience; patience with one another; patience will cause you to wait on the **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 21:19 <In your patience possess ye your souls.>

Patience will cause you to wait on the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Anybody that says that he has patience and denies the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit is not even born again.

FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE

Quote: 35-5 *Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing is have patience with God. If you've got real **genuine faith**, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything,*

you believe it. That's all. You got patience. Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to **heal** me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh my, what patience. God told Abraham, and twenty-five years later there wasn't even one sign; he still believed it. He was patient with God.

Put Him always before you. Let Him be the next crossing thing. You can't cross Him, so just keep Him before you. "He said so, and I'm... It's going to happen." See? Keep Him before you. That's right.

PATIENCE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Quote: 40-3 And we should have patience with one another too. See? One time, we get so much **impatient** with one another. We think we got to be like Moses. Moses had patience with the people. Look at--that's what caused them not to go over. See, if you're trying to do something... Like I've tried to get this message over to the **Tabernacle, to see that each member of the Tabernacle becomes this.** It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years (See?), have patience. Women still bob their hair still just the same. But just have patience; just have patience, wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on to this down here. Have patience.

PATIENCE TO WAIT ON OUTPOURING.

Quote: 42-3 Talk about patience; how about the Pentecostal people? As long as they've got the commission, "Wait until. (See?) Wait until you're endued with power." "How long?" "It ain't no question how long it will be." They just got the answer: "**Wait until.**"

They went up there and said, "All right, boys, maybe in fifteen minutes now the Holy Spirit's going to be on us, and we're going to have our ministry." Fifteen minutes passed: nobody. One day passed, no... Two, three, four, five, six, seven... Some of them might've said, "Hey, don't you think we already got it?" "No, no, no, no." That's right. "You better come on out, boys."

Devil said, "You know you've already got what you want. Go on and start your ministry." "No, no, we ain't got it yet, because He said, 'There will come a--what would take place in the last days. With stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people, and this is the rest, that I said,'" See? Isaiah 28:19 said... This is--this is it. You'll get it when... "Why, we'll know when it comes. We'll know when it comes. We'll know it. It's promised of the Father." There they waited nine days, and then on the tenth day... Now, you're there. They had patience to wait.

GODLINESS - PERFECTION

Quote: 43-4 But if you've got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience...add godliness. Oh, my. Godliness to be added... What does godliness mean?... we found it in a dictionary. "Godliness" means "to be **like God.**"

Matthew 5:48 <Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.>

And that godliness is perfection and it ties in to Ephesians 4: 11-15.

PERFECTING OF SAINTS

Quote W.M.B.: 44-1 Ephesians 4 and begin with the 12th verse. All right, let's begin up here at the 11th verse. And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets;... (Remember last night: don't try to take the other man's office. See?)... and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and some teachers;

For the perfecting of... (God... Does it read like that? The perfecting of what? **Saints.** Who are the saints? The sanctified ones, the ones who started from down here.)... perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry:... (The **ministry** of Jesus Christ)... for the edifying of the body of Christ: (For the edifying, building it up, edifying...)

till we all come into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, into the perfect man,... (Unto the assurance, oh, my.)... unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Do you see that the Bible doesn't lie? Over there in Peter, and look over here in Ephesians 4. He said, "The five fold ministry is set there for the edification of the Body of Christ, the perfecting of the saints, until we come unto the full stature of Jesus Christ."

BROTHERLY LOVE – CARE, LOVE FORGIVENESS

Quote W.M.B.: 45-3 All right. Coming in to **perfection now**... All right. Then sixthly, let's add, the Bible said here, adding brotherly love--brotherly kindness. Now, that's a good one. Right here, the sixth one--seventh. All right, adding brotherly kindness. All right. When we get to that, brotherly kindness, put **yourself in his place** on the

matter. Now, you say, "My brother sinned against me," said Peter, "Shall I forgive him?" He said, "Seven times a day?"

He said, "Seventy times seven." See, brotherly kindness. Now, you see, if a brother's all out of tune, don't be impatient with him. See? No. See? Be kind to him. Go anyhow.

What is brotherly love? Alright! The great test of brotherly love is to put yourself in the place of another man when he is going through his trials and sufferings. Not only that but the great test is if you can forgive your brother seventy times seven. That is what the prophet explained here.

W.M.B. VIRTUES MANIFESTED – LOVE CHARITY

Quote W.M.B.: 45-5 Somebody said not long ago, said, "How can you believe these things the way you do and **still go** to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest of them? Well, see, brotherly kindness (See?), hoping someday. See? Patience with him (See?), temperance, enduring with him, knowledge to understand what he believes. And remember, it's in his heart. That's what it is; virtue in yourself to let it go out with kindness, meekness to him; having faith that someday God will bring him in. See? Brotherly kindness, the seventh thing. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. See? Seven things.

CHARITY- CAPPING STONE

Quote W.M. B.: 45-5 Then... Now, you're coming. Next thing then add charity, which is love. That's the capping stone. One of these days in the church.

Plain like that! Charity is the bond of perfection. That is what the Bible declares. This ties down the whole thing. After you put on the seven virtues: faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness now you have an article called Charity. If you want to find out what is Charity just read I Corinthians 13 and it tells you all about Charity. Alright! It's a perfect article.

I Corinthians 13:4-8 <Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away.>

PERFECT CHURCH - CAPSTONE CAP IT OFF

Quote W.M.B.: 47-1 Now, in building the virtue, building this monument, building this statue (See?), it starts off and the foundation that's on faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness. Now, what's it do? Then they're **waiting for the Headstone** which is love; for God is love, and He controls, and He is the **Strength** of every one of these things. Yes, sir. Right in here. Right in here. See, I got in between all these works in here, and here there's little waves coming. What is that? The Holy Ghost coming down through Christ (See?), Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is above all this, welding this together, building a what? A **perfect** church for the capstone to cap it off. What's it been done again? It's manifested through seven church ages and seven church messengers.

Now that capstone comes down to seal the virtues. Charity, which is the capstone, comes to seal the virtues, energize the virtues, put power into the virtues and make it work perfectly.

VIRTUES - SEALED IN YOU

Quote W.M. B.:48-1 Then Peter here says **first (seven things)** faith, virtue (See, coming up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, and brotherly kindness and then the love of God, the Holy Ghost. Christ in the Person of the Holy Ghost comes upon you in the **true baptism** of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you, then God lives in a tabernacle called the building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.

48-2 When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues; you might impersonate any gift that God's got. You might do that, but until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, as you added that to that, then you are a **living monument**. You are a living, moving idol.

Quote: 48-5 But when we, not in a imaginary way, but **prostrate** ourselves before a living God, a living virtue, a living knowledge, a living patience, a living godliness, a living power, coming by the living God makes a living man a **living image**, the statue of God, what's He doing? The same things that Jesus did, walking the same way He walked, doing the same things He did; because it's not an imaginary thing. There's a reality that proves it.

A BODY THAT GOD CAN DWELL IN

Quote: 49-3 Now, that is the **house that God dwells** in, not a building with a big bell on top of it and a high steeple (See?), but, "a body has **Thou prepared Me**," a body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in (Amen.), living instrumentality of God. God walking on two feet in you. Glory. "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you, for ye are written epistles, read of all men. And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore.

Now, do you see friends? After you put on those virtues and God comes down in you, you become His feet, you become His eyes, you become His ears, and God is walking on two feet upon the earth in you as living instrumentalities of God. He said, you are no longer controlling yourself. He said, it's the head that's controlling the body.

VIRTUES THEN HEAD CONTROLS YOU

Quote W.M. B.: 50-2 If you die, you take the blood out of a man. You embalm him. Trouble of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed. See? You take the blood out of a man, he's gone. Then the only thing you can do is put another blood back in him if he's going to live again; you took his blood out. And now we put the Blood of Jesus Christ in. See? And that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head that controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen. Controlled by the Head, takes the people...?... There you are. There is the perfect man of God when he possesses these virtues.

My head controls my body. Take off my head and my body will lose control. Alright! And that is what happened to all the people in message and so-called Christianity, they don't have the Capstone and they are doing what they want too. But then, when that Head comes It is going to direct us.

WHEN COMPLETED CHURCH FOR RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: 50-4 And this "being," when it's completed, is the church of God going to rapture. And this "being," when completed is a **servant of God** in the church of God that's going in the rapture. Glory. See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.

Quote: 51-1 Then the whole statue of your being is governed and controlled by these things. But it cannot be completely **controlled** till it completely possesses these qualities.

That is why there is so much **confusion** in the message today, because the Capstone has not yet come to the Bride, and when that Capstone comes upon the Bride, he said, this is the church that is going in the Rapture. Are you convinced that you must have that to go in Rapture? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] That's what the prophet said. How could they tell me that they are going to leave us and go in the Rapture? No! We will leave them.

CAPSTONE SEALS YOU INTO KINGDOM

Quote W.M. B.:51-5 You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, they see the seal just the same. There you are. See? When a man or woman possess this, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God which is the Holy Ghost.

Then the Word, coming from here, manifests Itself through each one of these beings (See?), and makes its complete being a tabernacle of the living God, a walking, living example of Christianity.

What Christ was, these people are, because His Life is in here; they are in Christ, and their life is dead and hid in Christ through God, and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost: I Corinthians 12. That's right. See? You reckon yourself dead. Then you're born of faith, then virtue, and these other things that's added to you till you're a perfect living image of God.

THEN WILL COME THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: *53-1 When the pyramid Cap does come, the **pyramid** itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed, not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home.*

There will be **no Rapture** whatsoever without the **Capstone** coming. There will be no Capstone coming upon you until you possess those seven virtues. No seven **virtues** will grow in you until you're born again. So as you live in the presence of God, as you come to church, and so yield your vessel and surrender your life, as certainly as you were born again by faith, virtue is actually born in you.

SEVEN VIRTUES BIRTHED INTO YOU

Quote W.M. B.: *39-5 Then to my faith, I add virtue, godly virtue. Then to my virtue, I add knowledge of the Word. To my knowledge I add temperance self-control...I'm climbing up the ladder now. See? I've added virtue, knowledge, temperance; now I've got to add patience. I still ain't got the Holy Ghost. Then after I add patience, I add godliness. You know what that is? ...Let that not be a put-on...**It's a birth.** I've been **birthed** into this, into this, into this, into this, into this, into this, and then the love of God, Christ, comes down and seals all that up in me for service. See? Then what does He do when He gives me the Holy Ghost? (Blasphemous Names 62-1104m).*

Now, if you slouch down and you want to become a **Laodicean** church member and you have that birth down inside of you, He is going to hit you hard because perfection comes by suffering. Yes. He will hit you hard, He may cause you to lose your business, cause a child to die, cause some persecution, stir up your wife against you, stir up the children against you and then when you fall into that travail, you will say, "I have to draw closer to the Lord. I don't understand what is happening." And then you come into the presence of the Lord virtue is born, knowledge is born, temperance is born, patience is born, when you know what you suffered, then you could be kind to your brother, when he is going through his trial. You are getting in shape. So now this is the **unit** that goes in the Rapture.

Brother Branham took up this same topic one month after on the message called 'Blasphemous Names' and he was trying to explain a little more to the people.

BLASPHEMOUS NAMES 62-1104M

VIRTUES BEFORE SEAL OF GOD

Quote W.M. B.: *16-1 Now, these things here absolutely must be in the Christian **before** the Holy Ghost ever **seals them**, before this comes down on top and makes a complete unit.*

SOON THE HOLY GHOST BEING POURED OUT WILL SEAL THE CHURCH

Quote: *20-3 The saints are sleeping, waiting, waiting, waiting, waiting (See?) on till this age, but soon the **Holy Ghost**, being poured out from Christ, will come and will seal up the Church, then the Church will be **raptured**. It'll be a complete unit of God, a Bride for Christ, who will be the head of all things.*

MANIFEST GIFTS - NOT INDICATIONS OF HAVING HOLY SPIRIT

Quote W.M. B.: *20-5 Now, I shunned saying this a few days ago, thinking that the church would be spiritual enough to catch it (and maybe I better turn this tape off right now, 'cause **I don't want it to get out amongst brethren**.); but you could speak with tongues, you could shout, you could dance, you could cast out devils, do anything you want to, and still **not have** the Holy Ghost.*

*Didn't them disciples come back rejoicing and shouting because the devils was subject unto them? And Jesus... Right among them was Judas? Did not Jesus say in that day, when He come, that "Many will come to Me and say, 'Lord have not I cast out devils and in Your Name done mighty works,' and I'll say, 'Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, I didn't know you.'" Those things are **not indications** of the Holy Spirit. By their fruit you shall know them.*

He said the Holy Ghost is being poured out now but then there comes a shower and when that shower comes it is going to seal all those virtues in you and then the Rapture will come.

GIFTS WITHOUT VIRTUE - STUMBLEBLOCK – NOT ACCEPTED BY GOD

Quote W.M.B.: 21-2 Now, you say, "Brother Branham, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely, that's gifts of God. But those gifts of God without these virtues in them, makes a **stumbleblock** to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God. This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, as same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual: made out of the same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You **can't impersonate** them; you can't imitate them; they've got to be God sent and God borned. Imitation only causes confusion.

It's like I said: Could you imagine seeing a buzzard, setting there with a dove feather stuck in his wings, say, "See, I'm a dove." See? He's not a dove, he's a buzzard, vulture.

Could you imagine a blackbird with a peacock feather in his wings and saying, "See...?" That's something that he stuck in. But it has to come from the inside out, and produces Christianity. God, by the power of the Holy Spirit...

VIRTUES THEN CAPSTONE BAPTISM

Quote: 22-3 And now, as in the individuals, these **virtues** and things are (knowledge and temperance)--is added to our faith, then when the **Capstone** comes, the Holy spirit cements it together; There's the **baptism** of the Holy Spirit. That's why it's so short today.

VIRTUES IN YOU – THEN GOD SEALS YOU

Quote W.M. B.: 25-4 Now, when Jesus had been obedient, Jesus to God, God placed Him positionally: "This is Him." Now, when the member is born by the Holy Ghost into the family of God and has proven to have these virtues in him, that God can see virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, and godliness in him, then God seals him or places him. And there, that's when you see the sons and daughters of God.

VIRTUES – THEN ADOPTED AND SEALED BY HOLY SPIRIT

Quote: 26-1 Your own life proves you haven't got it, Until this is there and God has **adopted** you and **sealed** you by the Holy Ghost into His kingdom... Then there's no getting out of it. You are eternally secure. "...Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby all you and your godly virtues are sealed until the day of redemption."

VIRTUES SEALED IN YOU WHEN BAPTIZED BY THE HOLY GHOST

Quote: 33-2 The beast, churches, called churches, they are not churches. Let me be sure that's on record. They are not churches; they are lodges; people join them. But you cannot join the Church of the living God. You're borned into It by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And when you're baptized with the Holy Ghost, these virtues are sealed in you by the Holy Ghost; and therefore, "He that's born of God does not commit sin." He cannot. There you are.

There we are. Thank you for your patience. This will **challenge** the world and put the people of God who loves God into desperation. I do believe that. So may the Lord bless your hearts and let us bow our heads for a moment of prayer. Amen!

FULL OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD ENTITLES US TO THE TOKEN

CHAPTER TWO

<Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.> (Acts 5:29-32).

May the Lord add a blessing to the reading of His Holy Word.

It is certainly a pleasure to be in the House of the Lord, and to stand in His presence where the anointing of the Holy Ghost can be felt: It breaks the heart, yes; It humbles the proud, yes and causes us to understand that we serve a great and a fearful God. We love His Word.

And, I have something upon my heart this morning which the Holy Ghost placed there just about an hour ago and turned around my message in a marvelous way. I want to borrow the words of the prophet, Brother Branham, from the message entitled 'The Token'. In that message the prophet cried out, and said:

Quote W.M.B.: *Full obedience to the full Word of God entitles us to the Token.* (The Token. 64-0208).

I want to dwell upon that subject. I lay emphasis upon the words 'full obedience'. And that was a scriptural statement that the prophet made because we could find that statement over here in the Book of Acts 5:32 that God giveth the Holy Ghost to them that obeys Him.

It was soon after Pentecost that a healing revival broke in Jerusalem, the Holy Ghost was being imparted. The real Outpouring of the Spirit that Joel prophesied about.

Joel 2: 28- 32 <And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.>

And they held the apostles, and they were mindful to do them harm and being full of the Holy Ghost Peter spake up and the other apostles and said,

Acts 5:29-31 <...We ought to obey God rather than men.>

Boldness of speech. And, then they gave the Jews an exhortation and concluded, saying, "We are witnesses that God giveth the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him."

Beloved, we are after that same promise that they had on the Day of Pentecost. And if obedience was necessary for them to receive that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in that age and in that day, I believe it is needed today. And this was confirmed by Malachi 4:5-6, our precious Brother Branham in the message called 'The Token' that full obedience to the Word of God entitles us to the Holy Ghost, to the Token.

For those who do not understand the term Token: it is a little Bride language. It represents the Holy Ghost. And if you read carefully in that message we will understand that he was making reference to the Outpouring of the Spirit like it was on the Day of Pentecost. People just slight that over and make belief, that it is just an anointing or what the people call the Holy Ghost in so-called Pentecost but it is not. In that book he spoke of the Covenant that we must come under to receive that Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. He called on the deacon's board, he called on Brother Neville and he called to the Branham tabernacle saying, "You must receive the Token or perish." He let them know that without receiving this article that he was preaching about that morning, that they would perish. Yes. It could not be the **article** that was being given out in a small measure. No. It was the article of Pentecost. And, if obedience was necessary to receive that Outpouring on the Day of Pentecost then we must be obedient to the Word of God to receive it. That's the commandment of the prophet and I wish that you would go and read that message

sometime. The prophet said, “*Full obedience to the Word of God entitles us to the Holy Ghost or the Token.*”

Friends, in all the decades that we gathered here, we have one aim and one ambition and that is to receive that **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit. And every time that you come to church, every minister that preaches to you has one thing in mind and that is to bring you into **obedience** to the Word of God, to the Message of the Hour.

OBEY HOLINESS MESSAGE OF MALACHI 4:5-6. HOW?

The prophet of God brought a **Holiness** message into the world. Bringing a Holy Ghost message into the world, beloved, that Holiness message came first to prepare the people to receive another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. People think that the message just says, “Come out of organization and God sent a message”. No, the message is more than that. The message is the Token. It was the highlight of Brother Braham’s ministry, according to his own statement in the Book called ‘*Desperation*’. Yes. And we must obey in order to receive the true Outpouring of Holy Spirit. What do we have to **obey**? First of all we must obey the abc’s of the holiness message. That is why God sent a prophet and his first mission was to bring a holiness message to the world before the Seals were opened.

The **Seals** made a way for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Before that time the prophet of God was revealing the mysteries of God that was written in the Book and he was laying a foundation of a Holiness message. Everybody that will go in the Rapture, everybody that will receive that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit must come into full obedience to the Word of God and the message that Malachi 4:5 brought to us. There is no way to enter into this Outpouring nor go in the Rapture without full obedience to the Word of God.

And, there is a way to become fully obedient and that is first to surrender your heart. It’s not a matter of law. No. It’s a matter of grace. Yes. And your desire must be to fulfill all of His Word. And as much as you stumble and fall rise up again and continue to fulfill the Word of God.

Proverbs 24:16 <For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again...>

So, this is not speaking of being faultless. This is not speaking of coming to a place of **perfection** where you don’t make a mistake. It simply means: **surrender**. Yes. It simply means to surrender your heart and desire to obey with all your heart and soul. And the sins that easily beset you, you must cry out for grace in prayer and desperation, night and day, yes, beg God for grace to obey His Word. Now, I believe that makes it very easy.

Yes, and the apostles heard the Word one time and because of the stiffness of God’s Word they cried out to the Lord and said,

Luke 18:26 <...Who then can be saved? >

And sometimes it sounds impossible but by the grace of God we will make it in. God is looking for empty vessels. He is looking for hearts that are surrendered. He is looking for hearts that desire Life above every other thing and that is where the secret is. Beloved, the secret is wrapped up in that little statement that I just made there: ‘**desiring Life** above all things’.

Matthew 6:33 <But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.>

We must surrender our hearts to obey God’s Word.

PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT A PEOPLE

As Brother King rightly said, this morning, that we are a people who were not a people but now the people of God. Little did he know that he was reading right from my notes here by the Holy Spirit, where I wrote that we are a people that were not a people, taken from the Book of Ephesians. And we are now called out from Laodicea, blind Laodicea. A people who were not a people in our churches. A people who were not a people in our organizations. A people who were not a people as sinners, yes, drunkards and harlots, beast. The time will fail to tell about our rotten condition. We were really a people who were not a people. I preached a message from the Book of Ephesians, concerning a people who were not a People, and ‘*From a dog to the habitation of God.*’ And that is who we were. We were dogs without a hope. Yes.

Oh my God, sometimes I look at **people** in the world there, and it seems like if they are just going down the road innocently, ignorant of a God, **ignorant of judgement**, ignorant of having a soul, ignorant that they are lost, and I picture myself and many times I say, “I could have been like that man or that woman that’s so ignorant of the things of God.” Think of the mercy of the Lord that you could have walked in here and walked out again and still be

ignorant of Eternal Life. Beloved, we ought to be ever grateful. And, if you see what you came to, there must be gratefulness in your heart, and out of that gratefulness and thankfulness and out of shame it will compel us to serve God.

Anybody that sit and hear this and will go out and wallow in sin, turn their backs upon it, friends, they have not seen anything. No, it has not dawned to them. The time will fail to speak of where the Lord brought us from, but once in a while we ought to look back to the rock from whence we were hewn. It's a rock of disgrace and shame, and we ought to look upon the Rock that we are now standing upon: the Rock of divine revelation. Yes, the Rock that is Christ that bringeth forth water in a dry and thirsty land.

We were called out as a people that were not a people, out of blind Laodicea. We were lost in our churches. There was not one of us born again in our religion or in our churches. I say that boldly. Organization cannot produce the **New Birth**. You could accept the Lord Jesus in all sincerity, and if you never heard the truth and turn it down you could die and go to heaven but friend, they cannot produce the New Birth. And the prophet of God made that very clear in *'Spoken Word is the Original seed'*. He said that organizations and denominations, which are harlots and cannot, give spiritual birth.

Quote W.M.B.: *85-3 Now, the Protestant hasn't got Jesus; it's got a denomination (See?), same thing, a image unto the beast. So she can't give Word birth to her children, none of them. She is a harlot herself. The Bible said she was. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).*

Quote: *86-2 She left Jesus, her Word Husband to marry a pope, so she can't give birth, spiritual birth; she can give denominational birth now; she's got plenty seed of that. She can't give spiritual birth, because she was a harlot. Only thing she can give is denominational life and a lot of ballyhoo. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).*

We were lost with a Bible in our hands. We were lost, friends, praising God. But we are a people who were not a people and we came from those kinds of blindness: cults, isms and don't talk about sin. A sinful people! Oh brothers and sisters, how can we ever describe ourselves in the world back there.

Children, who were born under this Word of God and you are seated here today, you are a privileged people. But your parents, your fathers, your mothers, if only you knew where they came from, you would give thanks that God called us that you could have a seat today under the Word of God. If only you understand the suffering that were in our minds, our souls and our hearts seeking peace, that we never found until we found the Truth. When we **experienced His joy**, when we experienced his forgiveness, then with all our hearts we wanted to hang on to that all the days of our lives, never to turn from that because we knew that the world cannot give this kind of joy. Try to enter into that feeling, if you have an experience with the Lord you will know what I am talking about, even though you were born in the church.

We were called as a blind people, groping in darkness and the blind was leading the blind, yes. That is where the Lord called us from: blind, wretched, miserable and knew it not.

And then, we were called by the voice of the prophet. We heard of a prophet, a mighty prophet by the name of William Branham, Malachi 4 and he was strange to us. God in His grace had to open our eyes. We were blind to God's purpose of this age but God in His mercy opened our eyes to His servant.

Think of how many other people that are blind to the purpose of God through out the world, good people, wonderful people: rich, poor, lovely people. There are many nice people in this world. I am telling you the truth. In our little corner, friends, we meet many nice people, they are just void of the truth and there is no way to tell them what we know. It just doesn't seem that they could grasp it. Lovely people, nice people, who even appreciate the life that we live. They even appreciate the principles that you uphold. They just grope in darkness. They just could not grasp it like those people behind those ten inch thick bars, and the prophet cried out and said *"snap out of that."* And that lovely brother said, *"I just can't grasp it, Brother Branham. I just can't grasp it."* (Works Is Faith Expressed 65-1126)

Beloved, but you **grasped** it. You need to stop for a moment and in your heart thank God that He gave you the grace to grasp it. What about if you had come here and never grasped it? What about people who were born here and dedicated from this pulpit and never grasped it? You would have been on your way to hell. But we have found the purpose of God. God's grace did that. How we ought to behave ourselves in all praise worthiness, and thankfulness and reverence to God and His Word.

PURPOSE OF MESSAGE - MALACHI 4: 5-6

A little later when we thought that we had known the message from whatever assembly and we thought that the message was to come out of organization, get baptized in Christian baptism, we heard the voice of the Master call out that you will receive the Token or perish. You are still hearing it tonight, that we will receive the **Token** or perish. Then our hearts trembled, then we understood the purpose of the message. Yes. And the purpose of the message declares that you must have the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit **to be qualified for the Rapture**.

That was the entire message of Brother Branham summed up in the Token, that you will receive the Token, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit or you will perish. We thank God for all the mysteries that were revealed. We thank God for all the other messages: eleven hundred and fifty messages. But the prophet said that the Token was the highlight message and the capping of his ministry. He said, it is linked to the Opening of the seals. He said, one of these days I will tell you how.

Quote W.M.B.: *28 Now, this morning I told you, being not with you, I think we had another two or three hour message this morning...I believe that one was it (See?), the one that's needed to follow those Seven Seals. (Desperation 63-0901e).*

Quote: *This morning, the message this morning was to me the highlights message of my entire ministry...Someday I'll tell you how it come about. And I know that everything has worked for months and months and months up to that one message, moving up to come to that place. (Desperation 63-0901e).*

But he never got time to tell us but God in His grace sent a man our way to tell us the meaning of the Token's message. And it is very simple today concerning what Brother Branham said on the Token message. You will receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit or you are tribulation bound.

But, friends, there is a **preparation** for this great Outpouring. This message of another return of Pentecost has gone out into more than a hundred countries around the world and maybe stretched out to many other countries. And for the first time people started understanding about the Outpouring of the Spirit in the way that It should be understood. It challenged the world. It challenged ministers. It challenged congregations. It challenged the message world and they had nothing, to say against It. They had no defense against It.

IRREFUTABLE DECLARATION BEFORE PUBLICATION OF E.O.D.H. BOOK 14

Dear Christian friends, E.O.D.H. publication has compiled almost all the major quotations concerning the doctrines of Brother Branham on the **next outpouring** of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of Pentecost.

This document is meant to be the **1st chapter** of E.O.D.H. book 14, entitled: "The final outpouring of the Holy Ghost for rapture power", but because of its importance and present need to the brethren around the world, E.O.D.H. is offering it to them before the book is completed. Bound copies will be in circulation no earlier than next year, 2006.

It is a thirty page document, consisting of the direct words of the prophet, teaching and emphasizing the **necessity** of the final outpouring of the Spirit.

Those who live in expectation for the fulfillment of God's promises, and especially the rapture, would find this teaching of the prophet to be of **tremendous** importance for the ministry and the congregation. It is a great tool to silence the voice of the enemy, which spew out unbelief in the promises of God.

This document and the audio version, which are identified by numbers 67-70 of 2005, can be freely **downloaded** from this site. I anticipate that many will be blessed by the teachings of Brother Branham concerning the final outpouring of the Spirit.

Another reason why this chapter is published ahead of time is to invite **questions** on the subject, which answers can be included in the continuing chapters of this book.

Negative comments and questions are also invited. Such comments should be supported by the scriptures and the message of Malachi 4: 5-6, and should be done in a sensible manner, as it may be also included in the writing of this book. Comments motivated by the **wrong spirit** and arrogance, and without proper message and scriptural support, may be placed on a special list with the names of critics under it, or be simply disregarded. However, our effort is to include questions and answers, from worldwide message source, on the subject of "The final outpouring of the Holy Ghost for rapture power."

RESPONSE TO DECLARATION

Ephesians 6:24: <Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.>

We are delighted to inform our friends and associates that all responses concerning God's promised outpouring were positive and that many now support the prophet's revelation of the final outpouring. No one accepted the invitation to ask critical questions or engage us in any form of discussion or debate, after this notice was posted on our website for several months. This does not **indicate** that all are believers who read our notice and studied the quotations of the prophet on chapter one of E.O.D.H. book fourteen.

Reports of faithful ministers who contend for the faith of another outpouring of the spirit are as follows:

"Heretics continue to oppose God's promised outpouring. They are afraid to openly oppose the authors of E.O.D.H. because of fear of public exposition.

They contend with local ministers in various countries, bitterly opposing God's promise.

Some who previously denied God's Promise, arose after many years and now teach it in a perverted form, not knowing what they assume. They have formulated **heresies** of various kinds, upon the subject.

Some have arisen as deceitful workers to hold their congregations to other erroneous beliefs. They now proclaim an outpouring of the Spirit to come, pretending that such a revelation came to them first handed, and not through the influence of E.O.D.H. They follow the pattern of Trinitarian ministers who stole the vital truths of the message of Brother Branham and then denied him as God's servant.

As a result of such reports and act of cowards, Pastor Dalton Bruce requested from faithful ministers overseas a documentation of such controversial, erroneous and heretical questions and also similar statements, which opposes in any form the teachings of the prophet on the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Inclusive of questions which message believers and ministers ask for edification about the subject.

His request was granted and questions and heretical statements sent to him were exposed which are to edify, equip and strengthen ministers, loyal to the Word and message of Malachi 4:5-6. Thanks to Brother Daniel Seebrat {senior minister of Bethel} who was used of God to help in answering such questions under the guidance of Pastor Bruce.

This chapter is a documentation of such questions, statements and E.O.D.H answers. It is evident, by the prevailing attitude and the fear of Message ministers to attack the teachings of the prophet, that E.O.D.H book 14, upon the subject of the "Final outpouring of the spirit for rapture power", is **undefeatable**.

Thus the above notice remains in effect. E.O.D.H stands ready to entertain the comments of critics by the principle and policy of the above notice. Amen!

I placed the first chapter of book fourteen on the Bethel Website, with a notice there. I said, "Any man that could refute what I am saying here come and challenge It. I want to continue to write this book and your objections will be included in this book. Bring evidence to show that what I am saying is off the message and off the Word." I had not one dog to bark through out the world. You better know where you are standing when you say something like that. And although they would not attack us, friends, they started grumbling behind the barn because they were afraid of exposure. Then, I took all their grumbings and I put it in the very book, and refuted them.

Now, the Token's message is right. Brother Branham was correct when he said that we will receive the Token or perish. Now that is becoming an **established** doctrine in many parts of the world. In India It is like wild fire. In Africa It is like wild fire. In the Philippines It's like wild fire.

Almost every letter that comes in speaks about another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and they cannot help but associate the man of God called 'The First martyr: Robert Lee Lambert' with that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They desire to know more about that man. Yes, some wrote and said, "I laughed, I cried, I jumped, I praised, when I read the life story of Robert Lee Lambert. Tell us more about him." Yes. And I told them, "He was a man sent from God, pastoring a little church there in Connecticut. He had never made himself of any reputation. All that he spoke about was that you will receive the Token or you will perish. Ye must be born again."

PREPARATION FOR THE OUTPOURING: OBEDIENCE, SURRENDER

So, my beloved, in all this great wild fire that is going around the world and as much as we have heard about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the necessity of It, before you go in the Rapture there is a preparation for It. That's my **highlight**. And the preparation for It is obedience. To be obedient you must surrender.

Nobody here has a perfect wife. Every wife makes mistakes in all different fashions but many a man today have wives whose spirits are surrendered. The Lord looks upon the hearts of men and women but man looketh upon the outward appearance. We the church are the wife of our Lord Jesus Christ and we are not perfect but, we have a surrendered heart and mind to Him, and that is what He is looking at. Obedience is a surrendered heart. That woman whose spirit is really surrendered to her husband, she weeps and cries, yes, and don't know what to do with herself when she disobeys. Yes. She wishes that she could remake herself, and wishes that she would never make those mistakes again.

But there is another type of wife that is just rebellious, whose spirit is not surrendered, and they don't **care** what they do, and how they talk to their husband, and if they rule over him or if they even go in the Rapture. Now, that's a different kind. That's organization in type.

Now, that is the way that you husbands ought to look, and try to discern the purpose of your wife and your children. That is the way that pastors ought to view the congregation, not just looking at the faults. **Faults** must be corrected but you've got to look at the **motives** and objectives of what they are trying to achieve. And if they are after Eternal Life, and they want to obey with all their hearts, the Lord will take care of the mistakes. What the Lord wants is a surrendered heart.

I want to highlight, I want you to get the essence of this message. That as far as the Token: it is coming, it is a settled issue. As far as there is an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming to the world, It's a settled issue. That had been settled a long time here in Bethel. Yes, for many decades It has been settled in my heart. You are convinced and it's becoming a settled **issue** among the elect of God around the world. It's a settled matter in Guyana. It's a settled matter in St. Vincent. It's a settled matter in Grenada. It's a settled matter in St. Lucia. It's a settled matter at G.C.C. It's a settled matter in India. It's a settled matter in Africa. There must be an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And I must mention a gallant minister over there in Germany and a few brothers; it's a settled matter with them. They send that message like wild fire wherever they go: 'An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We must have that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.' It's catching fire even in Europe. In the Philippines it's a settled affair.

I will highlight that you must be prepared to receive this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And the preparation is full obedience to the Word of God. The prophet said, "*Full obedience to the Word entitles us to the Token.*" Don't get the law in your mind, my friends. Don't get '**faultlessness**' in your heart and let that scare you. Don't start looking at your faults. Beloved, what God wants is a surrendered heart. I don't care about your condition. I don't care about your faults, yesterday. I don't care what you're trying to get rid of in your life. The idea is that you are willing to obey the Word of God. I don't care what condition the wife is in and how rude her mouth is to her husband, if she is striving to become obedient that is it right there. I don't care how unruly children are, if in their hearts they want to do differently and are striving towards that, God is looking at that.

Full obedience to the Word of God entitles you. It will cause you to get the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Don't get discouraged and say, "I cannot obey all the Word of God. It is too strict and it is too much for me, Brother Bruce." Don't get discouraged and go back in the world. You will be a candidate for the Tribulation. To turn back is to be lost. My soul shall have no pleasure in that man that looketh back. Yes. To turn back is to **be lost**.

Let us go forward. If you have to be lost let us go forward. But I assure you that if you go forward you cannot be lost. A coward turns back from the army, and runs back, but then he has to face the firing squad in the army for being a coward and turning back in battle. Yes. But Christian soldiers have **no turning back**. Yes. No turning back. Like the "Bush Negro" in Suriname told me, "Me wane waka, na Jesus backa, na sambarro, na sambarro." He means, "No turning back, no turning back. I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back." To turn back is to be lost. Yes, we're going forward. Never mind the faults and mistakes that you might have, your **attitude** and your desire counts at that moment. And if your desire is right, your ambitions are right you will manifest that.

OBEY HOLINESS MESSAGE

What is the Lord calling us to when He said 'Full obedience to the Word of God entitles us to the Holy Spirit-the Token'? Friends, Brother Branham had already preached the holiness message and laid down all the holiness standard. The next important thing was the opening of the Seals. Next to follow the Seals was the Token's message. Thus, he was referring to obedience to the **holiness** message that was established by him for all the years. That is it.

Now, follow the ministry of John the Baptist in the scripture and you are going to see that John the Baptist came with a holiness message. He said that he was making His part straight. The soldiers said,

Luke 3:10 <...What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none...>

It was a message of rebuke. Yes. And after that holiness message foundation was laid, then, what was on the way was the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Now, this holiness message is most important, it's the foundation and the prophet of God called us to **obedience**. Friends out there on the field, you cannot bypass the abc's that Brother Branham laid down and go in the Rapture. You have to come out of the sports field; you got to get rid of your television; you got to dress right; you got to be men of your homes. You sisters got to be in subjection to your husbands; children got to be in obedience to their parents; you must obey the holiness message. Nobody is going in the Rapture until they obey the holiness message that the prophet brought.

Full obedience to the Word of God entitles us to the Token. You must surrender! You cannot say that I have so much revelation now that I don't have to do this, and I could put on high heeled shoes; I could wear those kinds of clothing of the world; I could show my belly out; I could show my back out; and I could do this and do that. No. full obedience to the Word of God entitles you to the Token. Yes sir.

How does full obedience start? Full obedience to the Word of God starts with humbling our hearts. Alright! Except a man **humble** himself and become as a little child he shall in no wise receive the Token. I hope that you are awake. Oh that's a beautiful message to speak on "The Children's Kingdom, The Kingdom of Children." Oh, it's a fantastic kingdom that exist right here in this sinful world. And Jesus used that as an example to the Christian church itself. Think of that sometimes.

Except a man humble himself and become as a little child he shall in no wise enter God's kingdom. Don't you know, friends, that unless you humble yourself you cannot obey? Why is that child disobedient? Why is that wife disobedient? Why is that member of the church disobedient? They are disobedient, because **pride** is in their hearts. They have not humbled themselves.

But beloved, after we see where the Lord brought us from shouldn't we humble down? Shouldn't we forgive our brethren? Shouldn't we remove the malice and the hatred? Shouldn't we try to soften our hearts towards the Word of God, even in thankfulness, as a little contribution of thanks to Almighty God? When we look back to the rock from whence we were hewn, and realize that we were drinking rum, we were cussing, we were on cocaine, we were on marijuana, we were immoral people. Beloved, when you look back to the rock, how could you be proud? You cannot be proud. This is the big problem that will keep people from the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus never joked around in laying emphasis. He said that except a man humble himself and become as a little child he shall in **no wise** enter into this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In other words, unless you humble your heart there is not a way in the world for you to get this Token. That's what the Lord is saying.

Brethren, I want to humble my heart. Brethren, let us humble our hearts. We have nothing to be proud about. We are "nobodies". We should not be proud about our looks, our hair, our clothes, our money, our home. We could get sick tomorrow. Proud about our strength; proud about our education. What do we have to be proud about? Let us humble our hearts and try to fulfill the Word of God, knowing that if we miss this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, friends, we are **doomed forever** if you receive the mark of the beast. Your only chance after that is to be found in that foolish virgin bunch. They missed the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And what kind of a chance that is, friends? If you cannot live for the Lord in a time of peace now, friend, how are you going to live in a time of wrath? "And the dragon spurring water out of his mouth", floods of persecution and killing Christians? How are you going to do it?

We must humble our hearts. Except a man humble himself he cannot obey. It is true that full obedience to the Word of God will bring you the Token. But, how are you going to obey unless you first see that you need to humble yourself? **Consider** that we came from no where. Consider that you were lost in your organization. Consider that you were lost in sin. Consider that you were lost with a Bible in your hand. Yes. Consider that you never knew God; you never knew nothing about the opening of the Seals. You never knew about a prophet. Yes. What do we have to be proud about? Nothing! No.

You must humble yourself and obey the abc's. Yes. Now, pride is a terrible thing. It could cut you off from God. Pride will cause you to resist correction. *1 Peter 5:5 <...for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.>*. Examine yourself to see if you are an obedient Christian or you need to buck-up. We must obey the **abc's**. Yes.

PUNISHMENT FOR DISOBEDIENCE

Under Moses there was a great bunch of people, they were murmurers and complainers after seeing all the miracles and all the signs they did not look to the rock from whence they were hewn. God brought them deliverance from the task master's whip, beaten for generations upon generations. Because of their disobedience and unbelief they perished in the wilderness though they had a mighty prophet and a Pillar of Fire.

They were a disobedient people and even caused Moses to disobey. I feel sorry for Moses. Yes. He fought with that rebellious bunch all the days of his life in his ministry. They got him so angry one time: God told him to touch the rock and it shall bring forth water, he said,

Numbers 20:10 <Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?>

And he forgot what he was doing, smote the rock two or three times and water came out. The miracle took place but God was angry with Moses.

Beloved, let me show you something on disobedience. Regardless of what caused Moses to be disobedient God never let him enter the Promised Land, and that was a man, that God spoke to, lip-to-ear and the Bible said,

Numbers 12:3 <Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.>

I always feel sorry for Moses, and it helped me to see how close a man could live to God. And one day when Moses thought that God forgot his disobedience, he said, Lord, would you not let me go into the Promised Land. We are such friends. The Lord said, speak no more unto me about this matter.

Deuteronomy 3:24-27 <O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.>

I was telling a couple brothers last night. "We read the things in the scriptures but we don't get into the vision of scriptures." At the end the Lord told Moses,

Deuteronomy 32:49-52 <Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of MeribahKadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.>

My God! You're talking about **punishment** for disobedience. That land represents the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The disobedient will see that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and would not be able to enter in. The foolish virgins will see that gift and blessing manifested among the Bride and they'll say, *Matthew 25:8 <...Give us of your oil...>* and they would not receive it. Why wait for that time? I say, 'Obey now.' Surrender that spirit now! It doesn't matter how hard it is, surrender that spirit now.

Oh God, I feel so sorry for Moses. "See that you talk to me no more about this matter. Come up into this mountain Moses that you may die." Think of the scripture. I believe that was the slowest walk that Moses ever walked, up to that mountain. He was a human being looking back at his children and the church. Oh my, I don't want to start preaching on that now. "**Come up into this mountain that you may die.** Stand up here Moses look at the land but because you did not sanctify me, respect me and gave me the reverence that I deserve you shall not enter into this land."

Beloved, if God did that to his prophet to whom He spoke to lip-to-ear, and the meekest man upon the earth, because he was disrespectful to God in that one instance, He cut him off that he never entered the land; what would He do to people today that are rebellious to the message? You will receive this Token or perish. That's the declaration of the prophet. Let us humble our hearts as we have never humbled them before, my friends.

And to finish that little story that many of you probably never read. After showing him that land, Moses died and the Bible said, "And the Lord buried Moses." (*Deuteronomy 34:5-6*). He had the privilege for God to bury him, and where God buried him no man knows up to this day. When God buries a man, oh God, you cannot find him at all and we want to be **buried** in Christ. If we are buried in Christ nobody will be able to find our grave after a certain time.

I Corinthians 15: 52, I Thessalonians 4:17 <For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible... Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the

Lord in the air.>

Nobody will be able to find our graves because we are buried in Christ. We must be obedient. If you have a **spirit** of disobedience you got to pray against it, you got to fast, you got to beg God on your knees. There are children of disobedience, that God cannot do anything with them. They are **children of disobedience**. In other words they made up their minds to disobey regardless of all the preaching, regardless of all the church they attend, regardless of all the council that father, mother, brother, sister and pastor give to them.

Ephesians 5:6 <Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.>

ENDURE CHASTENING

Disobedient to the promise of God for the hour, regardless of all the counsel. Israel was a disobedient **and gainsaying people**, and the Lord stretched forth His hands all the days unto them. They never entered the Promised Land, which is a type of this Outpouring that is coming today. We live in the most rebellious generation that ever existed upon the face of the earth. Proudest generation. You cannot tell them anything. They know it, they just know it. That is the prophecy for today.

We've got to examine our hearts. Let me find out what kind of spirit is in you by the Bible. "Brother Bruce, what kind of spirit do I have? I believe I am saved, I believe the message. I believe in an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit." So did the people of Israel. They believed they were going to a Promised Land. But friends, there is a preparation for it. There is a preparation to enter this Promised Land. You just cannot say, 'I believe the Outpouring now' and go on in your own ways and your **unholy** condition. You cannot continue with a denominational style of living. You cannot come with your Egyptian ways and enter the Promised Land. You have to leave your Egyptian ways in Egypt. You have to leave the onion, leeks and garlic over in Egypt land. Yes, you've got to come up to that place. I read this scripture here,

Hebrews 12:5 <And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord...>

Listen to these scriptures, friend. You might say, "Brother Bruce, you are going off your message." No. I am talking about, full obedience to the Word of God, entitling you to the token, and let us see if you have a spirit of obedience, or **disobedience**.

Hebrews 12:5-8 <...nor faint when thou art rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.>

Friends, I want to highlight the words 'endure chastening.' Everybody, sometime or the other is chastened by the Word of God. All are partakers of chastening, but all do not **endure** it. But if you could endure the chastening, then God is dealing with you as with a son, and if you cannot endure that chastening, then it shows that you are bastard born. Now, what am I trying to do? I am trying to test the spirit of every preacher, test the spirit of all brothers and sisters; I am testing the spirit of all heretics and bringing it down to the Bible.

If ye can endure **chastening**, then God is dealing with you as with sons, and if you cannot endure that chastening, then you are a bastard. I could split that up into about three categories for your understanding. People claim that they are saved by accepting the Lord Jesus, even from organization, but friends, they cannot take the message of rebuke that came by William Branham. They cannot endure it. Now what does that reveal? It reveals that they have a **bastard** birth. It reveals that their claims are false. It reveals that they are not saved, which is the biggest deception upon earth today. The Devil is making people believe that they are saved, when they are not saved. Anybody that claims to be saved and cannot take the correction of the Word of God from the message of the hour in organization or otherwise, is not saved.

Try the spirits and see whether they are of God or not. Friends, you are wrong. You did wrong. Every one of us do wrong sometimes. We were all wrong together. We were all born wrong, together; we lived wrong, my friends. You come to a place of truth. You say 'Amen' to It. "That is the truth. Yes, yes, yes. That is the truth. Yes, the preachers here are gifted of God, yes, it's great." But friends, there is a Word test, to prove what kind of a spirit that is upon you. The Word test is simple to test your spirit, to test your birth.

There is only one way to test the spirit of any man, prophet, priest, king, evangelist, any great man, or lay member. I am reading in my Bible here, that if you could endure chastening then you are a Son of God and if you cannot endure that chastening, then you are bastard. Now, that is the sum of it. A person could be saved and cannot

endure the Word of God. Then a person could claim that they have the spirit of Christ in them, but they cannot take Christ Word. It goes to show that their claims are false. Then another **category** I would put that into. You could claim to be born again and you cannot take that Word of God and you cannot endure correction. Friend, your birth is a bastard birth, and lastly, if you continue to be disobedient and rebellious at the Word of God and the Word of correction, it shows that the election is off.

Titus 3:10-11 <A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.>

So there are two or three categories. A man could be wrong and be rebellious and yet a child of God. "Scripture for that, preacher?" Saul the theologian. He was rebellious insomuch that he threw the brethren into prison, but later he was an obedient son of God. He obeyed the Word of God. Do not put all such people into one category. This examines if you are saved. It examines what kind of a spirit, if a Christian spirit is inside of you. It examines if your birth is of the Lord and then finally it examines your election. The Bible said to make your calling and election sure. It examines your election. **What kind of a spirit do you have when corrected?**

Let me stop for a moment here and speak to the gospel field. When the truth came by E.O.D.H., what was your attitude to it? You heretics outside there: Gan, Jackson, Santiago, Frank, Vin and all notable heretics. When this Word of God projected an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and tried to bring to you the abc's and show you that you should not be on the sports field, you should not have the women dressing like that, and you should not be having false prophecies in the church and all these things, what was your attitude to what I quoted on E.O.D.H. books? All that E.O.D.H. is saying is what the prophet had spoken. I am establishing the abc's right in E.O.D.H. Books and I am highlighting the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and I am exposing heretics.

What is your attitude? Did you call it false? Did you jump up and start fighting? Did you publish me as a heretic or did you repent? Did you write a sarcastic letter? Did you try battling against what Brother Branham said on those books? Then you are a **heretic**. After the first and second admonition, I rejected you. According to the scripture,

Titus 3:10-11 <A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject.>

After reading those books, say that you never knew those things before, after seeing what Brother Branham said right on those books and the tapes that I have sent out by the hundreds, around the world, and you know that is what the prophet said and you still have a spirit to **fight**, it shows that you are a bastard and all that follow you are also bastards, who fight the Word.

You are not saved and you could not be saved in your organization. It challenges the spirit that is upon you. Only the spirit of the Devil will fight the Word of God. It shows that you are a bastard, and it also challenges your election, if you continue to fight the Word of God, you will fulfill Hebrews 6 and Hebrews 10, because you are not fighting me, you are fighting William Branham. You are fighting the message of the hour. Yes, you are fighting the Holiness Message and you are **not going to get this Outpouring**, because full obedience to the Word of God entitles you to the token.

Anybody that rises up locally or from a foreign land, after the Word of God goes forth and corrects their sins and you see that they become rebellious, it challenges their salvation. It challenges their birth. It challenges their spirit. It does not matter what they say and how much they believe and how many years they follow and what is their testimony. Friends, there is a **measuring rod** in our Bible. If you cannot endure chastisement something is wrong with your spirit. That is what the Bible is saying. Now can somebody rise up and tell me that I am wrong? No sir! Now let me show you how strong that measuring rod is, in Hebrews 12 and 7. A man could work all the miracles, raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out devils, have a great ministry for years, and he comes up to the Word of correction, and he resists that. It shows that he has a wrong spirit.

Matthew 7:22-23 <Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?>

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.>

What we sent out on E.O.D.H. Books is, "Thus saith the Lord." Because we quoted William Branham and we quoted the Bible only. Yes sir! That is not, "**Thus saith the Lord**" from Bruce. That is, "Thus saith the Lord" from Malachi 4: 5-6 and from the very Bible.

Yes. If you cannot agree there, Mister Heretic, that sports is of the Devil, where Brother Branham said that multiple times and you have your own opinion, you have a contrary spirit and the spirit that is upon you is a devil. If you disagree and you say the women could wear high heeled shoes, you have a devil. I am telling you the truth. If you say that the women could wear tight dresses, you have a devil. If you cannot understand that you should not show out your belly and your back down there in India, you have a devil inside of you. Oh it is getting pretty stiff. There is a devil down inside of you. Yes, that nasty style came from Bombay to Trinidad before this modern style from Hollywood and Bollywood. For years those Bombay women used to have their bellies out and their backs out.

A woman's own **sense of morality** ought to tell her that she is naked, much more to be under this message and expose your back and your belly and wear pants, which you are calling churidar. It is a slacks, and slacks is condemned by the message of the hour.

SLACKS – WORSE THAN SHORTS

Quote W.M.B.: *E-22 I happened to meet a lady today, and she was very much upset on what I said the other night about women wearing little short clothes; it was not nice for Christians to do that, and it was absolutely unscriptural. She said, "Young man, you'll ruin your ministry." I said, "Oh, no, no. If I don't, it'll be ruined. See?"... I said, "Are you guilty?" She said, "No, sir, I don't wear shorts." I said, "Well then, what's you fussing about?" She said, "I wear slacks." I said, "That's worse." She said, "Oh, no," she said, "--it's decent like if..." And said, what are you going to do with a woman out in the **field**?" I believe is the way she put it. Said, "Yeah, riding a horse." Said, "Out with my husband to help round up some cattle. You think I ought to wear a skirt?"*

*Said, "... I said, "You oughtn't to be out there in the first place. That's what's the matter; women's trying to take man's work now; we got so many men out of work." That's right, that's right. She said, "What about in the **garden** --when you're pulling up stuff, a garden with a--with a dress on. Don't you think it'd be better with--with **slacks**?" I said, "No, ma'am. My wife has no trouble about it, neither did my mother. I don't think you will either, if you'll just **take care of yourself**." I said, "I don't...?..." She said, "And slacks is wrong?" I said, "The Bible said that a woman that'll put on any garment that pertains to a man, it's an abomination in the sight of God." That's right. (Abraham's Covenant Confirmed 61-0210).*

Yes, and blind preachers that will fight the Word of God after it is made known unto them that have a contrary spirit. Yes sir! If you have the correct spirit, what you are going to do is to humble your heart and say, "I never knew that, I never knew the prophet said that. Thank you, brother. I am sorry, I am ashamed." That is the behaviour of a **Christian spirit**. Yes, but the behaviour of a bastard spirit, a spirit of the Devil, is so proud that they would say, "Nobody can teach me anything. Those Trinidad boys cannot come and tell me what to do in India. We were in the message before them." It is not the Trinidad boys, it is God talking to you, and He already spoke that through His prophet Malachi 4:5-6 and all that we are doing is repeating what the prophet said and we are **right** and you are wrong. Yes, obey and live, or reject It and die.

You got to obey the Word of God, and full obedience to the Word of God, entitles you to the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If you can endure correction, then you have a Christian spirit, but if you could look at the very quotations of the prophet saying that you should not be on the sports field, you should not have a television, you should not be wearing immoral clothing, you should not be wearing a dress as a man and want to reject that, your spirit is contrary. First of all I would start with the mild one. You are not saved as you claimed that you were saved in organization. I will go a little higher again, you did not get the Holy Ghost yet, child of God. I will go a little higher, that you are not born again yet.

BASTARD BORN

You have a **bastard birth** from the organization, a bastard birth from Coleman, a bastard birth from Vin, a bastard birth from Frank, a bastard birth from Santiago, a bastard birth from Gan and you need to be born again and now I would go a little higher to finalize that. You might say, "Preacher, you could say what you want and all what the prophet said there I do not care about that. I would show you that I could enter the Kingdom of God." Then your election is off. You are a heretic and after the first and second admonition you are rejected. God said so. He said to reject you, after I talk to you once or twice.

So now, rebellion challenges your salvation. When you get angry at the Word of God, because it does not fit your conception, something is wrong with your birth. Friends, there are people that read those books and get so **angry** that they burn them with fire. God would curse you, Mr. Franco Torgonon (Philippines), because you burn the Word of God. One man wrote to me and said, "I have this pile of books and I am going to burn it." I said, "Listen to me before you burn them. When you burn that, you burn the Bible and you burn the quotations of Brother Branham. He said, "Then I would keep them on my shelf." I hope somebody comes and get them. I said, "When you burn those books, you are burning the written Word of God and you are burning the quotations of Brother Branham, because all that I have in there is the truth." O yes! Rebellion against any correction, any form of correction, challenges your salvation, **challenges** your birth, challenges the spirit you have in you and challenges your election.

My doctrine is that, the races should not be married to one another. We do not believe in mixed marriages.

And if while I am preaching a certain doctrine here, friends, on any item, you would get huffed up and puffed up, kick up and fuss, go and speak evil after the meeting, you have a Devil inside of you. I do not care who you are. That is the words of William Branham and the Word in the Bible. When I preach here, friends, that certain men are heretics and you will get angry and rebellious, you have the **same Devil** as the heretic. When I expose those heretics and you will still be reading their books and be in contact with them, you have a contrary spirit. No heretic can bring anything to edify the church of God. The spirit behind them is contrary. You got to follow the Holy Spirit.

Why are these heretics rejecting the Word of God and rejecting the message of Brother Branham? Because of **pride**. What would cause these heretics outside there to teach contrary to Brother Branham in every respect and try to show, how much they know more than Brother Branham? They try to show how much more educated they are and tell you that you do not have to listen to Brother Branham. "He was not so educated." He was not educated, but he was **revealed**. He was not educated, but inspired of God as no man was inspired upon the face of the earth. We believe William Branham; we believe all of his message. Yes, we believe all his teachings. Yes sir! We are contending for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. Yes sir! Proud devils around the world rise up to pervert the message of the hour. Yes! Your **rebellion** against the Word of God, challenges your birth. Whether I preach about mixed marriage, preach about a heretic, preach about the nasty life that you are leading, preach against you trying to catch another woman outside of your wife and you become rebellious. Tell me what kind of a spirit you have.

How many say it is a **contrary spirit**? Contrary spirit! If you will turn back and try to fight me again and bring me down. What kind of a spirit that is? I am saying you are not born again. I am saying you have a bastard birth from so called Pentecost and the Baptist that you never changed. If ye endure temptation, then God dealeth with you as with a son, and if you cannot endure that temptation, my friend, you are a bastard. That means you are not saved. That means to say that you have a contrary spirit. That means that you are not born again and it could very well mean that the **election** is off and that you are a Judas or you are an Esau.

REBELLION AT CORRECTION

God have mercy. People look at these things as small items. They are not small items. You see a man resist correction, run from him. He is going to put that unbelief on you. Yes sir. Let me make this statement here, the first martyr made this statement. He said, "You can **never know a person** and the spirit in that person until they do wrong and you have to correct them by the Word of God." Let that soak in a little bit. You will never know a person and the spirit that is in him until they do wrong and you have to correct them and when that spirit rebel at that correction of the abc's, you know right then, what kind of a spirit, is on that person.

I am a gospel preacher for the past forty years and I have **proven** that statement to be true. Listen to Brother Bruce, you do not know who is who, until you have to take that Word of God and chastise them and then see their reaction, under that chastisement. In my years of preaching this Gospel, beloved, I esteemed men and women to the highest heights of spirituality and they were buddies as we are buddies and I never knew what spirit was in them until I had to come to the pulpit and correct those spirits and say that you are following a false doctrine. It is an antichrist. That resurrection doctrine is of the Devil. Brethren, I never knew those men until I had to come to the pulpit and say that you are an adulterer, you are a fornicator, you should not be wearing that kind of dress, you should not be trimming your hair and I seen them same loving brothers turned, like a chameleon. That is a lizard.

Their colours changed, and friends, became **enemies** overnight. That taught me a lesson that I would never forget all the days of my life. People look at **resistance** to correction as a simple thing, it is not. When you correct a man about anything, friends, about a simple thing like 'you as a husband should not be **flirting** with another woman.' Instead of repenting, continue to do the same; then go about to run down the preacher's name. Is that the spirit of Christ? Come on. I say it is the spirit of the Devil. Your Pastor is correcting you, trying to save your soul and you could not endure that correction.

Why could you not endure that correction? Are you a bastard, not born again, not saved, or are you a Cain seed? That is what it amounts too. You decide wherever this message goes. When you cannot take the correction of the abc's, something is wrong. Let me **encourage** the hearts of you brothers there on the field in Africa, India, Philippines and Europe. When you take the abc's of E.O.D.H. and the message of the hour and what you heard, from Bethel, from the Seals and you take the Word of God and lay the axe to the root of the tree, even like John the Baptist, everything that **fusses against the Word of God, is bastard born**. Everything that forms a clique in your church and **fighters** you, run down your name and says that you are off the message is not of God.

II Timothy 4:2-3 <Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all

longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; >

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II Timothy 4:3-4 <...but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.>

When you lay down the holiness message there in India and the other churches in other countries, when you lay down the abc's of the message: dressing right, no high heeled shoes, no television. Every spirit will make manifest.

Yes, when they cannot endure sound doctrine, the next thing they would do is to find a preacher that could **tickle** their ears. Do you know how these preachers tickle the people ears? Tell them their shoes are not too high after all, “I do not think that the tight dresses are so tight after all, and I think that you could keep the television in your house but monitor the shows.” Who is monitoring what show? You have an evil spirit inside of you to begin with and when it looks a little bit, it wants to look at a little more. The Bible says to flee the presence of evil. Brother Branham said he would blow it out of his house with a shotgun. I would blow it out with a **cannon**, because the days are evil and the shows are more wicked and nasty.

All these cell phones, with all the pornography on it, all those games in there that you are allowing your children to have and you yourself as big men and women involved in that. You are wrong. Pornography right on those **cell phones**. They are downloading it right from the internet and they are sucking on that. You are a disobedient spirit. How on earth can you be a child of God, born again and be sucking on something like that? My God! Brothers and sisters, I have never seen a blue movie and I do not want to see any. My God! Nasty, filthy, and Christian people are looking at that and calling themselves Christians. Young fellows have that right on their phones. Get it out off your phones, brethren, or it would damn your souls to hell.

It would **spark the fire of hell in your flesh** and in your bones. You would lust and you would daydream. Get it out. Get it out. Get rid of those nasty newspapers, with all those naked females. Now they cannot sell a phone, without putting a stinking, nasty female. If you see the rotten, nastiness, trying to advertise T.S.T.T. phones. After they fool the people for years and sold them dead phones. Digicel came into the country; they are exposed, because the Digicel phones are working efficiently. From east to west, north to south. It showed up T.S.T.T. phones, and do you know what these bastards are now doing? Trying to put up poles all around.

It goes to show that they knew that they never had the facilities for the cell phones. Digicel exposed them, and now they are trying to put up poles. Yes, that is like the Gospel. E.O.D.H. went and exposed them everywhere, now they are putting up big poles. “Outpouring, Outpouring, Outpouring, Outpouring.” That is not going to save you. You’ve got to be **prepared** for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Total obedience, full obedience to the holiness message, will entitle you to the token.

Yes, there came a time upon the earth friends; that there was a drought, according to the vision of Brother Branham. There came a drought and the wheat lifted up their heads and said, “We want a rain,” and then the tares lifted up their heads and said, “We want a rain.” This is the hour of that prophesy that we are living in. Beloved, prophesy fulfilled. E.O.D.H. books have gone and highlighted the Outpouring and now the tares are lifting up their heads and saying “**We want a rain**. We want a rain.” Mister tare, if you want the rain, be prepared. Full obedience to the Word of God entitles you to the Holy Spirit. Full obedience to the Word of God entitles you to this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

You will sigh and you will cry for the abomination that is done in the city before you get this mark upon your forehead. That is what the Bible said in Ezekiel 9. Oh my God. The Lord showed me some things on that. Oh, it might make book fifteen. Preparation for the Token and the Rapture. Pray for me. When you miss me, I am not idle friends. I have no holiday. Day and night, I have no holiday. I have never gone for a holiday, where there are no churches, where there are none of God’s people. If I go, I go to another church over there. I go to another church in Cedros, when I go, I go to another church there in St. Vincent, Grenada, Guyana. I go to another place in GCC. I am at work.

The hour is late. We cannot afford to idle. Yes, thank you brothers for all your help, thank you sisters for all your help. Yes, my mind is upon that promise day and night. My mind is upon deliverance of God’s people day and night. Yes, my beloved. But do not think I am idling at all when I go out there. He has revealed that to me more than thirty years ago, “**How not to get mad**.” Yes, you’ve got to know how to balance yourself; and it takes the Lord to balance you. Brother Bob said, “You would be like a coon dog chasing your tail right around and trying to catch your own tail if God don’t hold your mind together.” Yes, my beloved. Do not wish for this little ministry that God gave me. Friends, it takes God to put you there and if He does not put you there, you will go into the mental asylum. Yes, mental asylum. It takes God to hold a man, yes sir.

Then friends, when that Word of correction comes and you get **angry**, something is wrong with your spirit.

I am examining your spirit. Let me stop here a minute. When you become arrogant, when somebody reports your wicked ways and you would brand them as traitors and brand them as betrayers, something is wrong with your vision. That is **rebellion**. If you cannot see, as a man or a woman, that your brother is trying to help you, something is wrong. Now let us stop preaching and discuss this thing. Brethren, if someone is trying to court another woman, outside of his wife, telling her how much he loves her. Things that he never told his wife, buying all kinds of gifts and the thing is known to his children. His wife knows that and they make a report to the Pastor that this man seems to be carried away, how could he have the Spirit of God and call that **betrayal** and call them traitors?

How are you going to do that? Impossible, impossible. Not the spirit of God. It would not do that. The spirit of God would make you feel ashamed. If you have big children: seventeen, eighteen, twenty years of age, and you behave like a teenager, the spirit of God will make you **humble** yourself, bow your head, and if necessary put your head in a sardine pan, in humble repentance. It will make you realize that you are not so handsome after all. Now on top of that, brand people as traitors, betrayers, and try to attack the preacher's character, showing how he is a compromiser, with others and he did not compromise with you, for your nasty **sex spirit**.

Come, tell me if that is the Spirit of God. It cannot be the spirit of God. He that endureth not chastisement has a **bastard birth**. That is the only way that a man could do that. He got to have a bastard birth. When your thinking is so carnal, that you could call your children bastards and call your wife a traitor, because they reported your wicked ways, something is wrong with your spirit. That is **arrogance**! Arrogance! Alright, here you are corrected by the Word of God and you say I never meant to divide the church, I believe that, but you went out and speak evil of your Pastor. Wherever you are, whoever you are, you went out and spoke evil. Why have you done that? "I was frustrated." No friend, it is more than frustration. I am showing you in the Bible it is more than frustration.

You are not yet saved; my Bible is revealing that you do not have the Spirit of God in you. My Bible is revealing that you are not born again and if you continue in that course, you are a **Cain seed**. That is what my Bible is revealing. You say, "Frustration." You mean the Word of correction frustrated you? How come the Word of correction frustrated you? There is something wrong. You mean the Word of God; frustrated you that you could speak evil of your Pastor? Something is wrong and I would tell you what is wrong. Anytime the Word corrects you and you feel that you are **frustrated** by the Word, you do not believe the correction.

You have not received the correction. You want the pastor to correct you in a certain way. You want a flowery bed of ease and you want the preacher to fan you with feathers. I threw away the feathers a long time ago and I have a fist under your jaw. At all cost I would try to save your soul. It is your soul that I am after, not your friendship, not your money, not your house, not your land. I am after your soul. There was a man after the souls of the people and they crucified him. Yes, but that is the kind of price that preachers got to pay, in order to snatch some out of the fire.

Jude 1:23 <And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.>

Why were you frustrated? You say, 'frustration'. 'I went and spoke evil of my Pastor.' What frustrated you? The way that the man corrected you?

You have not received correction in the **right spirit**, because you do not have the right spirit. That is all of it. You say it is only one person I told. How many persons that person told? How many persons others told? A mouth that speaks evil to one person, could speak to others also. Why would you pick up your telephone, and say, "I do not like what the pastor done."

Now watch out, friend. Listen to me there, India, Africa, and other Pastors of the message. When you lay down the Word of God and you see men get together and start forming cliques, start hanging around a man or a woman that is corrected from the pulpit. They have the **same spirit** in them. After the meeting they go to meet such people to 'soft soap' them, to rephrase the message and pass judgment on the message that was preached. The Bible say,

II Thessalonians 3:14 <And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.>

You went out there to pat him on his back. You have a contrary spirit and that is how **cliques** are formed in the House of God.

Now preachers, listen to me. When you correct that churidar and that kind of immoral dressing that you have in India, also that kind of tight wrap that you have in Africa, you will find that you have two or three children of disobedience that will rise up and they will be talking together and they will rephrase your message, and will disagree with that kind of **dressing**. You preach against high heeled shoes and three or four women will get together and say "I do not think that is bad. I do not know where he got that new doctrine. It is from Trinidad." It is not a new doctrine from Trinidad. It is the Word of the Lord. It came from the message. But you were blind to the message,

and I am trying to open up your eyes.

Now look at rebellion. Let me show you a little something on rebellion. You do not have to be rebellious in big things. There was an experience that, Brother Branham's mother had. There was a woman with a pair of high heeled shoes and Brother Branham cried out to this woman. He said, "Sister, you cannot walk that narrow way with those high heeled shoes on," and the woman started twisting and she told Brother Branham, "I will show you that I could walk this road, with this high heeled shoes on and she started twisting and marching through the narrow way and she fell into a chasm of darkness, screams went out and she was lost.

Quote W.M.B.: 33-3 *My old mother...she dreamed a dream that I was standing here by the side of a three steps. And I was standing preaching to everybody that they must walk up these **three steps** before they hit the highway. And on the highway's a little pearly-liked white line run right into the doors of heaven, to the pearly gates, and that pearl had been stretched out to the top of these steps. If that ain't my Message exactly today: justification, sanctification, and **baptism of the Holy Ghost**.*

Now, I was saying that a person has to come by these three steps to be able to walk that highway...(Now, you know what kind of shoes people wore thirty-five years ago.) Well, there was a lady come by, had on a great big pair like they wear today, spike-heeled shoes. And she come by and I said, "Wait a minute, sister. You can't walk that highway with that." And I said, "You can't do that."

*And she said, "Aw." She said, looked around at the rest of the women and said, "Don't believe him; he's a madman. (See?) Don't believe him. I'll show you I can be justified, sanctified, and **filled** with the Holy Ghost and **still** walk that..." I just let her go, couldn't do no more about it, couldn't stop her. And she jumped up on the highway, she looked back at the sisters and said, "See, I told you." She started to run up, and she... You know what the Bible said in Isaiah, 5th chapter, said they'd have outstretched necks (they have to; they're pitched over. See?)... (have to twist)--mincing as they go, making a tinkling with their heels (See?), the daughters of Zion in the last days.*

And she started up that highway just as hard as she could run, and after while the road got narrower and narrower. She started reeling, mincing like that, and off she went. And mother said, "The horriblest screams that I ever heard in my life was that woman falling into those flames and smoke, going down, down like that." Said I turned around and said, "See?"

*She just obeyed everything but **one Word** (See?), everything but one Word. Sure, Pentecostal women can be saved, sanctified, and **filled with the Holy Ghost and then fail**. Absolutely. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word...And she failed it. And as I said (See?), she'd have went on in all right, but (See?) she failed to listen. Telling her what was ahead. (Rising Of The Sun 65-0418m).*

That is the **attitude** of the women that follow this message today. They want to show you that they could fellowship with whom they want to fellowship. They could fellowship with the backslider, and they could hug up whom they want to. Oh yes! They could be against the ones that report them. They could carry back the message to the backslider. You are a **rebel**, you are a traitor. You have betrayed the Word of God and then despise those that reported your wicked ways. You are a child of disobedience to the promise of God. That is the truth of it. That is the Word of the Lord.

When you lay down the Word of God and you have disobedient spirits. Preachers, you could expect cliques to rise up in the House of God and give you pressure as a minister. Young men, some backslidden preacher in your church there, and when you lay down the abc's of God's Word, these spirits of disobedience, would rise up and form cliques in the house of God and tear up your whole church. Let me tell you something. Do not let that **stop** you a bit.

After you lay down the Word of God, if five souls remain there, stay with those five. The Word of God will catch the elect of God and he that is of God will hear you and he that is not of God would not hear you. We are not looking for numbers there in Africa, India, Trinidad and wherever you are. We are looking for the elect of God. Few there be that find it. I think that you have gotten this **vision** good and solid, to understand that anything that cannot endure chastening on God's Word is bastard born and no matter how small it is, when correction goes forth from the sacred desk and somebody rises up and will speak contrary to that correction and persecute that minister, it is a **contrary** spirit. You do not have to bother, when that contrary spirit arises. Pay no attention to that; do not give your ear to that. Do not support that. Otherwise that spirit will jump on you. It is a spirit of disobedience. Do not look at that slightly.

Think of Abiram, Korah, and Dathan, who arose with a spirit of unbelief and rebellion. See how many people they caused to be lost. The earth opened up and swallowed all of them at that time. Now friends, this is the **most rebellious generation** that we are living in and they are going through the tribulation for their rebellion. Do not follow those paths. Full obedience to the Word of God, entitles each one of you, to the token. We want to obey. We are endeavouring to obey. I thank God for your surrendered spirits. You have proven that over and over and

over my brothers and sisters, for decades. Do not let anybody come in here and persuade you differently. People came here; they met us and left us here. Let them go about their business.

We are about our Father's business. We want to obey God's Word. I thank God for obedient children. This message is not for everybody here. No sir! I have obedient children that follow the Word of God. Young and old. I have brothers and sisters that will lay down their lives, for the Word of God. I am persuaded that we will receive that Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, when it comes. I just believe it. Do you believe that? I believe that with all my heart. Give us a song there Brother Peter.

FULL OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD ENTITLES US TO THE TOKEN

CHAPTER THREE

<Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.>
(Isaiah 1:18-20).

I will read yet another scripture from I Samuel 15:20. This story always saddens me. I have read this over forty years and it always touches me.

<And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.> (I Samuel 15:20-23).

See also I Samuel 15: 24-35.

PUNISHMENT FOR DISOBEDIENCE

What a sad story and punishment for disobedience. This story is pathetic. God never did forgive Saul for that sin of disobedience as much as he cried and as much as he wept. Can you picture that? Here is a mighty king, the first king of Israel and he was taller than all the men in the army and at that point he did wrong because he hearkened to the voice of the people instead of listening to the Word of the Lord.

Acts 5:29 <...We ought to obey God rather than men.>

That is what the apostles said when they were challenged. Here is a poor, little prophet, Samuel with the Word of the Lord. He was called since he was a child, from a little fellow and he lived before Israel. And Saul became king and he did wrong and to see how that man said, "I have sinned Samuel, before you and before the Lord, **forgive me.**" And then Samuel said, "I will not turn again with you to worship the Lord." And, he turned away from Saul and Saul grabbed a-hold of his clothes, the king on his knees begging a prophet who was a humble little man. Saul was a king that could have put Samuel to death, but he was sorry with his whole heart for what he had done and instead of finding mercy, he grabbed a-hold of the mantle of the prophet and then it tore. He held it so hard crying for mercy until it tore in two; and instead of mercy the prophet of God prophesied and said,

I Samuel 15:28 <...The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.>

That man was David. And look at the sin that David committed, friends, and then God forgave David for adultery and murder; and look at Saul. I always compare that to see how Saul begged for mercy and never found it: disobedience.

And it breaks my heart always, to think of **Moses** that when he thought God had forgotten his disobedience at that rock, speaking lip-to-ear, he said, Lord, would you not let me go over and see the land? I always feel blessed to see how the Lord speaks to His people just like if He is a man. He said,

Deuteronomy 3:25-26 <I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

*But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; **speak no more unto me of this matter.**>*

For that one disobedience the meekest man upon the earth, Moses, God never forgave him. And at the end of it, He took him up and said, "Come upon this mountain that you may die. I will show you this land but you will not enter therein."

Beloved, disobedience is a terrible, **terrible** thing, and Samuel described disobedience in I Samuel 15, and said,

I Samuel 15:22 <And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.>

Friends, it is better to obey than to pay your tithes, and give your offering and do many mighty works of righteousness. We are a people who are called to obey the Word of God.

God did not send a prophet in vain. He sent a prophet, anointed by the spirit of Elijah to bring unto us a holiness message, the commandments of the Lord which the church forgot over two thousand years. But these **little** things that the Lord restored by the prophet, He wants us to obey them. And full obedience to the Word of God will entitle us to this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is not a matter of picking out what you want to obey, and what is good for you, or what is easy or what is hard. Friends, that holiness message must be obeyed or we are not going in the Rapture. That is my **emphasis**.

QUALIFY FOR TOKEN AND RAPTURE

That holiness message was sent to us to prepare each one of us for an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and when we get that Outpouring of the Spirit, then we are prepared for that Rapture. Without that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit nobody goes in the Rapture. There is not a living soul upon the earth today that will go in the Rapture unless the Lord brings that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That will **qualify** you for the Rapture but obeying the abc's and surrendering your heart unto the Lord, to do what He tells you to do is the thing that will qualify you for the Token, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Fullness of God, the Kingdom of God. Everybody wants to be qualified for the Rapture but **first you must be qualified for the Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit. And what qualifies you for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Full obedience! It was already declared by Elijah the prophet, "*Full obedience to the Word entitles us to the Token.*"

Check your Bibles, friends, from Genesis to Revelation and consider the words: obedience and disobedience. The human race, from the very start went into disobedience, disobedience to God's Word; therefore the only way that we will get back to God is by obedience. If disobedience caused all the corruption that there is, and all the sin, and all the death and everything that goes with it, there is only one way to get back to God and that is obedience to His Word.

Yes, there is nothing small that we could overlook. People are deceived and they think that's a small matter, that is a small thing and I could do that even though the Bible said that, even though the prophet said that. It is not so, friends. I believe the prophet of God: full obedience to Word of God entitles us to the Token.

The Token is none other than the Holy Ghost in the fullness of Its measure and It's the same article that they had on the day of Pentecost. That's the only way that you will get this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. So, it is one thing to believe that there is an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming but then, friends, the next thing is to be prepared. God has set His servants over the church, He has set gifts over the church, **gifted men to bring the church into obedience** and we must obey the Word of God.

It is true that we have three kinds of believers and don't matter what we preach people would do what they want to, that's a sad condition. You have the unbeliever that sits right there to the end and he does not care nothing, he has his own plans, he has his own aims and ambitions, yes, he doesn't believe in his heart what is being said. That's a terrible condition to be in. And then we have the make-believer that pretends to be obedient, pretends to be a Christian, pretends to be standing for the Word of God but then like Judas he is a thief. he has hate, he has jealousy, he has murder, he has rebellion in his heart and he does not love the Lord Jesus. And then, we have the believer, and the believer may be full of weaknesses and faults like Peter but he is determined to stand. He said, "Though all men forsake you, I will go with you even unto the death." The right attitude towards Life and the Lord. The believer is not a perfect man. He has faults, he has failures, but his attitude is right and his spirit is **surrendered** unto the Lord. This is what divides the unbeliever and the make-believer from the believer: that word "surrender". The unbeliever is not surrendered to the Word, and the cause of Life and Eternal Life, and the make-believer is not surrendered, no, but the believer is surrendered. And the believer may have a lot of faults and failures but his heart is surrendered and we have that example in Peter.

Oh, he was always doing some stupidity or asking a question until the Lord had to correct him, one time he had to tell Peter,

Mark 8:33 <...Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God...>

It was a devil upon Peter that was trying to foul up the plan of God. Peter was an aggressive fellow, he wanted to find out everything from the Lord, he wanted to be protective to the Lord. He was so aggressive that when they came to do harm to the Lord he pulled out his sword and chopped off a man's ear. The Lord had to correct him, He said, "Your hot temper is not good, Peter." He said,

Matthew 26:52 <...for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.>

But he was a believer. He had the desire to stand for the Lord, but friends, **he** failed and the Lord said,

Luke 22:32 <But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not...>

But he denied, and he cursed and he swore but the man's heart was surrendered to the Lord and that was proven a little later on.

Later on after the Token fell, soldiers were approaching him and he started to run again, and he heard a voice and It said, "Peter, Peter would you deny me again?" And he turned right around and went back unto the army and said, "Crucify me upside down for I am not worthy to be crucified like my Master." That upside down cross, up to today represents the martyrdom of Peter. It is one of the most horrifying deaths, to be crucified upside down, where all the blood from your body will run through your mouth and your nose, but he stood for the Lord. That **determination** of Peter to stand for the Lord, He anointed it later, and the determination that you have today to stand for the Lord somewhere down the line the Lord will anoint you to fulfill that desire.

The determination that you have young man, to overcome that lustful problem, to overcome that tongue, to overcome that nonsense in your life, to overcome the foolishness that is bound up in your heart as a young lady or a young child, you hold that desire right there, the Lord is going to anoint you to overcome. Don't change your **mind** because of trials, because of pressure that you may go through. Stand, hold on right there, yes, and the Lord is going to take care of the weaknesses.

Brethren, what I told you here this morning and what I am trying to bring to you about this great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit is most necessary. You must be prepared. The Bride hath made Herself ready. And I have a few quotations of Brother Branham concerning preparation and I want to link that in the Bible.

BUILD INDIVIDUALS INTO STATURE OF CHRIST THAT THEY MIGHT BE POWER HOUSES

Quote W.M.B.: 27-5 *Were not building an organization. I'm not here this morning to build an organization. Christ never sent me to build an organizations. Christ sent me to build individuals to the statue of Jesus Christ that they might be the power house...?... dwelling place of His Spirit by His Word. (Stature of a Perfect Man 62-1014m)*

Beloved, the mission of every **minister** upon the earth that is true to God, is that he must have that vision of bringing men unto perfection, making them receptacles, sanctified and holy by the holiness message that they might be tabernacles for the power of God that is coming. Any minister that is not preaching that and advocating that and spending all his time and energy in that effort is not preaching the message of the hour. Our vision, my vision, this morning with the vision of the ministers present, and in India, and Africa, and the Untied States and wherever it goes is to prepare your souls through **sanctification** of the spirit that you might be receptacles to receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If I tell you that you're going to receive that Spirit with all those things in your life I would be a deceiver this morning but we are not deceived. We are following the pattern of the major prophet called William

Branham. He said, we are not trying to build up a congregation or an organization better than anybody. He said, "I am here this morning to help produce individuals in the stature of a perfect man that they can be **power** houses for God." Friends, I am trying to produce power houses for God. I want to see every one of you filled with that Outpouring of the Spirit. I want to see my brethren have nine diverse gifts in operation, I want to see the five-fold ministry set in order then we are going to show this world a living Lord Jesus Christ. That's the aim, that's the ambition. Alright!

Preparation for the Rapture: that's the effort. What's the vision that every minister must have? What's the vision of Brother Branham?

END TIME MESSAGE IS TO GET THE BRIDE READY AND PREPARED FOR THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: 222 *The end-time message is to get the Bride ready and **prepared** for the **rapture**. What can it do? According to Malachi 4, is bring them back to the faith that was once delivered to the saints: bring them back to the faith of the fathers, the **Pentecostal part**, in the restoration time. "I will restore, saith the Lord." (End Time Evangelism 62-0603).*

WORLDWIDE VISION IS FOR THE BODY OF CHRISIT TO GET READY FOR THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: E-44 *Jesus never died just for Methodists, and Baptists, and Pentecostals. He died for the entire body. And the worldwide vision is for the body of the Lord Jesus Christ to get **ready** for the **rapture**. (Escape Hither Come Quickly 58-0202).*

That should be the vision of every minister. Not run from here to the end of the earth just making disciples. Brother Branham ran from here to the end of the earth seven times around the world and he won hundreds of thousands of people, and there was **nobody to prepare them** for an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit nor the Rapture.

100,000 CONVERTS – AS SHEEP AMONG WOLVES

Quote W.M.B.: 762-85 *What if I was in India, go back to India... And maybe in two or three weeks, when I was over there two nights, and maybe a hundred thousand converted to Christ, nowhere to go. The next day take a plane and start back to Rome, then to the United States, leave them just like sheep put out among wolves. What if I **had a group** of men, young men **trained** in the Message (See?) to say, "Now, wait a minute, before I leave here, we're going to set in order these churches. I'll have a man who I've already telegraphed him, and they got the money; they're on their road here right now to take over this, a good man. There's two or three young men with him who'll be his helpers and assistants."*

And a church of this faith can be set there which will be a outpost in India, outpost in Germany, outpost in Switzerland. While right now, we should've had them all around the nations where I've been... Then from there comes another, from another comes another. See what I mean?... What could've been done under this? It'd been ranking in the millions. Sure. We've lost that time. (Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601).

CHURCH SET IN ORDER

The church should slow down at this time, and preach the holiness message, get the church in order as you see here this morning: a church being set in **order**. That a man would not get up to spit while the presence of the Lord is in our midst, and while the Word of God is being preached, people in aches and pains, sick and afflicted and would not get up to go outside unless it is necessary. That is Holy Ghost order: people worshipping in the Spirit. It would not be long until such a people get an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit for, "out of the presence of the Lord shall come forth another **refreshing**."

Acts 3:19 <Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.>

There will be another refreshing. I am telling you, friends, that your **time is not spent in vain**, our gathering is not in vain, the heat that you sit in is not in vain, the hours that you spend before the Lord in prayer and listening to the Word is not in vain. You are doing the greatest thing that any human being could do right here this morning. People are out to enjoy themselves with this and that but we are here enjoying the Word of the Lord. The entrance of Thy Word giveth joy. This is our hope, this is our stay, this is our great hope of salvation. All the labours

of a man are for his belly. But, let me tell you friend, the hours that you spend here today, the moments that pass are for **eternal** benefits. We are going to be a people that shall never die. My God, I just cannot get over the fact that people will never die and never get old.

Yes, friends, all the labours that you labour for the whole week: catching your fishes, working in your office, going to school, labouring for Caesar has no benefits. All the labours of a man are for his own belly. In other words it goes down to the toilet, it goes to the dung hill. Your house will remain here and it will burn. If you have money in the bank the pope will take it, but friends, what we are doing here this morning by building up our souls by the Word of God has eternal benefits, this is the thing that will last. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God shall not pass away. And if you have the Word in you, you cannot pass away because you are founded on the Word of God. Oh merciful God! Children, you are doing the greatest thing this morning. Old lady, old man, brothers, you might say, "I am tight here. I wish I had some more room." You're doing the greatest thing: bearing patience, sitting there, friends. Believe what I am telling you, the greatest thing is to **sit at the feet of Jesus**. Oh my!

Martha started quarreling because Mary was not washing the dishes, and the Lord looked around there (He knows when you are fussing) and said,

Luke 10:41 <Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things.>

In other words, you are too anxious about the natural things. But Mary hath chosen that good part, to sit at the feet of Jesus, and that is where you are sitting this morning. We feel His mighty presence.

Oh beloved, we are trying to be prepared for that Rapture. What is your **attitude** and ambition towards It? I am going to show you some prophecy this morning to confirm all what I have told you. What is your attitude towards this preparation? Do you look at It as just some messages that the preachers are preaching and just harping upon you and trying to frighten you? No friends, you will regret that attitude, yes. Oh merciful Lord!

PREPARING PEOPLE FOR THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: *E-15 Noah working away...he was looking also for a miracle. And the church today as it's laboring away under the task of preaching the Gospel, with signs and wonders a following, they are preparing for a miracle: the rapture of the church and the going home. **Preparing** people, getting them light, unburdened from the things of the world, and getting their souls set in the Presence of God, that when Jesus does appear the second time in glory, those who are ready will rapture and be caught up together to meet Him in the air and be with Him. (Junction of Time 56-0115).*

CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S PROMISE

What are you doing here this morning, children? Preparing for the Rapture. You are automatically preparing for an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, trying to walk in obedience to the Word of God. God has given me an obedient bunch of people, and I am thankful to God. You might say, "But, I know such and such did so and so, and they did such and such." We have three kinds of believers. I cannot account for the make-believer and the unbeliever. No friends! I am accounting for the elect of God, the Bride of Christ. I preach to everybody as the elect of God, but when you **resist correction** and you want to show a disobedient spirit, then I know that you are a child of disobedience, because there are children of disobedience to the Word of God.

Woe be unto you if you are a child of disobedience. Do you know what a child of disobedience is? Don't get frightened young fellows. That does not mean to say that you heard the Word and you made a mistake. It means that **people are set in their ways**, and it doesn't matter what you preach their minds are already made up to go their way. Isn't that clear? That while they hear the Word of God they already have in their minds what they are about to do even though it conflicts with the Word of God, and the pastor, and the prophet and the message. They have their minds already made-up what they want to do, who they want to listen to, who they don't want to listen to, who they want to hate, who they want to despise, who they want to be jealous. They have it already made up in their minds of which service they will attend and which they would not attend. Yes. Children of disobedience! Children of disobedience towards the promises of God. They hear about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and they care nothing about It, they don't even believe that It is coming but I am telling you that none of your **unbelief** will stop the promise of God. It's coming, it's coming, it's coming. It is going to be here, my friends, and right now there are people upon the earth that are sighing and crying for the abomination that is done in the cities and the Lord is coming in power to set a mark upon them.

Ezekiel 9:4 <And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.>

LET'S GET READY FOR THE FIRE FALLING TIME

Quote W.M.B.: 45-7 *A voice come down through the loud speaker said, "All things are ready." ... "Let the fire fall." ... Brother, let's get all things **ready**, for one of these days, the **fire's** going to **fall**. We're going up. Now, let's get ready for the fire-falling time.*

*We're in the last days... And we're ready for the coming of the Lord. The thing to do is separate yourself from all sin. Separate yourself from anything that pertains to the world. Don't love the world or the things of the world. Let no man, by his creed, deceive you. You stay right straight in the **promise** of God, the Word of God; and that Word, if It's the Word, for this day, God vindicates It so. (Invisible Union of the Bride 65-1125).*

Get ready for the fire falling time. The prophet took his children to a great, big show where a great, big show was going on and a great fire falling time was coming down from the mountain by the army, yes, and a man came out and said, "All things are ready. Let the fire fall." Inspiration struck the prophet of God and he said, "That's correct!" He said, "One of these days the Fire will fall." But the church got to be ready first before the Fire falls. I am still crying out the same message today that the Fire is going to fall soon, but first we must be **ready before the Fire falls**. I love to hear the prophet:

THE CHURCH HAS TO MAKE HERSELF READY

Quote W.M.B.: E-27 *And we know that those that are going to make up that bride is going to be His church, and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle. And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, it said, "She has **made herself ready**." So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him." But that's up to you. You got to do something too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things," they that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? She has made herself ready. I like that Word.*

*You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then say, "Blessed is he that **overcometh**." You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through. But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God. (Marriage of the Lamb 62-0121e).*

FOOLISH VIRGINS DIDN'T HAVE HOLY SPIRIT – MISS BEING IN THE BRIDE

Quote: 279-1 *It is the second resurrection wherein the five foolish virgins come up. Notice that they were virgins. They did **not have the Holy Spirit** so they missed being in the bride, while the five wise who had oil became a part of that bride. (Sardisean Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt.7).*

Beloved, the **difference** between the foolish virgins and the wise virgins is that the wise virgins had the Holy Ghost and the foolish virgins did not receive it. This Holy Ghost that the wise virgins had is what we are preaching about. We are preaching about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and there is enough power in it to rapture you from the face of the earth. This is very clear here that the foolish virgins did not attain to that power of the **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit, and the wise virgins came up to that place of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That is just not an anointing on the outside, to say that I got an anointing, and I spoke in tongues and, I got sanctified and I am living a life for Jesus Christ. I am re-emphasizing here that there must be enough power to rapture you from the face of the earth and that's the same power that was resident in our Lord Jesus that brought Him again from the dead and took Him away in a Rapture, and also brought the saints that were dead for thousands of years from the grave. I believe this is as clear as a whistle that a fool shall not err therein.

Romans 8:11 <But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.>

PROPHECY - UNPREPAREDNESS FOR THE OUTPOURING

Now friends, my emphasis on the last message and my emphasis on this message here this morning, is that we could preach the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and we could believe an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit but there

is an important thing here that we must face and that is preparation for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And that preparation has to do with the **holiness message**. You cannot be disobedient.

People think that they have so much revelation of **thunders** and all kinds of heresies that they even preach a doctrine now that the holiness message was for the seventh church age and they don't have to obey that because it was the law, and we moved from the law unto grace. You are talking about devils' doctrines. When you sisters dress like the prophet said to dress, they say that you are legalistic. When you let your hair grow out, they say that the preacher is legalistic. So they brand you as old ladies, they brand you as fanatics, but little do they know, that is what the prophet taught. We must be obedient to the Word of God.

So now, what I am telling you here about preparation for the Outpouring, for the Rapture, friends, is prophecy. And this was prophesied in our Bible in the parable of the foolish and the wise virgins. And here we have an example of preparedness by the wise virgins and here we have a picture of unpreparedness by the foolish virgins. Now, this is not a made up story but this is prophecy for the end time. A prophecy for the end time is over here in the foolish and the wise virgins. I am not preaching on the foolish and the wise virgins this morning, because we preached about that many times but I am showing you that this is prophecy.

There are **two groups** of people right now upon the face of the earth and this has to do with end time prophecy. And may I bring it right down to all that are under my voice here today and those that will listen to this tape: there are two major groups of people: the wise virgins and the foolish virgins and they are seated **under this message**. "How do you know preacher, that they are seated under this message? That's a wide statement and you must be careful of how you speak." Well, I am very careful, and I will show you that they are under the message. The Bible said,

Matthew 25:6 <And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.>

And the Bible said, they **all arose** and went out to meet the Bridegroom. (*Matthew 25:1-13*) Both the foolish and the wise virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom, but something happened along the way.

Everybody that follow this message is looking for the Rapture but something happened on the way. The foolish virgins realized something that she never realized before because she was slumbering, she was sleeping in her spirit, and she realized something was on the way. And when she realized that, she said to the wise virgins:

Matthew 25:8 <...Give us of your oil...>

Friends, the time is going to come around this message that people are going to realize that what we are saying is the truth. They are going to **realize** that what I am preaching here this morning is the gospel truth that you got to get the final Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to go in the Rapture and when they do realize that they will start asking the wise virgins, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out." Let that digest, friends.

Why would these people say, "Give us of your oil" after they were on their way to meet the Bridegroom and not before that? Before that they were "okay". It goes to show that they were in a Laodicean condition: "Packed up, sealed up and ready to go and they had need of nothing." Well if you think that you have need of nothing you would not be begging and asking for anything; and if you think that you are okay in this congregation this morning, you have no need to prepare, you have no need for prayer, you will think that you have no need of repentance, you will think that you have no need to correct those offences, and you will **argue** with the preacher, you will fuss with the preacher because you think that you have need of nothing, that you are good as anybody else and you belong to the message and, "I got baptized in Christian baptism and I am looking for the Rapture." I am telling you that you are deceived of the Devil.

Friends, the foolish virgins finally did believe what we are **preaching** here this morning but she believed it too late. This isn't something that's hatched up. This is prophecy that I am talking about. This what I am telling you about, that you got to be prepared for an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and when you get the outpouring of the Holy Spirit then you'll go in the Rapture is Bible **prophecy**, and I am proving that this morning in the parable of the foolish and the wise virgins. What was the problem of the foolish virgins? **Unpreparedness!** And what was the victory of the wise virgins? She was prepared, she hearkened to the voice of Malachi 4:5-6. He just spoke to us here and said, "You must be prepared." He said, "It's fire falling time, you must be prepared church." He said, "That is what the preachers are trying to help you to do: prepare." You must be desperate in preparation.

People that are desperate don't come here and sleep. People that are desperate don't come here where the preacher cannot see them and sleep in the middle of the church and sleep in the back. No. something is wrong with your spirit.

Now, these **two groups** of people are seated right here this morning, they are seated right there in your church Brother Watson, they are seated right there in your church Brother Asserwathan, Brother Mc Gahee, they are seated right at G.C.C. Brethren that will listen to this tape, they are seated under this message right through the world, and when they hear about being prepared for another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they cannot comprehend

it, they don't want to comprehend it, they are "packed up, sealed up and ready to go"; their heads are filled with the mysteries that Brother Branham revealed by the Holy Spirit, filled with intellectualism. They study the message so much until they think that their intellectualism will take them in. You could believe all the heresies and the "Thunders", you are not going to lift one foot off the earth, you are not going anywhere with that attitude.

Except a man **humble** himself and become as a little child he shall in no wise enter this Outpouring of the Spirit. You got to humble your heart, you have got to humble your soul, you got to beg God for mercy. Yes. You are not going to come in here, and have your own way and your own ideas and say, "Well, I don't care what he says this morning, he is trying to frighten me." That is a bad reflection. Yes. Oh my, understand me right, brethren.

WISE VIRGINS' KEY TO SUCCESS

This is prophecy. Look at these wise virgins. Let's look at the good part first. Now, the wise virgins had the victory. Okay. The only way that she could have had that victory, was that her lamp was lit. That means that her soul received the revelation of the Bridegroom. If you don't understand that don't try to interpret it. The lighting of that lamp is the revelation of the Bridegroom. That was the Light of Life. So she had the Light of Life, and when that happened, the oil that she received was the Holy Ghost. Oil represents the Holy Ghost but the fire that was burning out there, the lighting of the lamp was a revelation of the Son of Man, a revelation of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:3 <...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.>

The Oil goes together with the Fire. Do not put this somewhere far down the road with about five women. These are people that are seated right here, people sitting, and hearing me this morning but their attitude is going to determine their eternal **destination**. It is end time prophecy and the virgins are born on the earth: they are in church, they are under the message but their attitude will determine whether they are wise or foolish. Preparation for this Outpouring of the Spirit is most important.

The wise virgins were no better than the foolish virgins because all were virgins. However, something made the wise virgins better than the foolish virgins though all were virgins, they were holy people, church members, loving people that wanted to serve the Lord, belonged to the message, paid their tithes, and gave offerings. I will tell you the difference that qualified the wise virgins for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The wise virgins had a **surrendered** heart; they had a surrendered heart to the abc's that the prophet brought.

You might say, "Prophet? Quite down there?" You are missing the mark, friends. This is end time prophecy. The one that told them that the Bridegroom was coming was William Branham, Malachi 4: 5-6, the Elijah's spirit forerunning the second coming of the Lord. These are people like you and I. Don't look for some kind of a white dressed women coming down the road. This is you and I, we **are represented here** and the church of the endtime is represented here. The first group which is the wise virgins are those who go in the Rapture and the second group over here are those that cannot go in the Rapture. Study their attitude.

The wise virgins had a **surrendered heart** and because they had a surrendered heart, their souls became alight by the revelation that was preached, and they received the Holy Ghost that led them to perfection. And then, they went out to meet the Bridegroom fully ready. All of them started on that journey but there is something that happened to the wise virgins even before the Bridegroom came and that is when she heard the message, she heard the gospel, she had a surrendered heart and because of that surrendered heart she started to obey the abc's.

"Well, give us a little picture of that Brother Bruce." A picture of that is that she loved her shepherd, wherever those **shepherds** were in any part of the world they loved them, respected those shepherds, their spirits were surrendered to them. You might say, "I am surrendered to the Lord." You better think that over. If you are surrendered to the Lord you will be surrendered to your shepherd because that shepherd is speaking for the Lord whom you cannot see, and that shepherd that you are looking at, he is speaking the Word of the great Shepherd. So their spirits were set in a certain way towards that shepherd, they valued that man, they valued that gift, they valued the words of that man, they were filled with joy to know that man is going to tell them the words of life. It's joys unspeakable and full of glory and because their spirits were surrendered, whatever their shepherd told them, even though they did not understand it in the Word of God, they were willing to submit. They were prepared to go unto the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I don't have time to explain this but the marriage represents the Outpouring of the Spirit because the **marriage** is when the Bride and the Bridegroom becomes One, that's the **Capstone coming to the Body**. They were prepared. How were they prepared? They were prepared because they surrendered and they had surrendered hearts.

Malachi 4 said not to break the speed limit, if you break the speed limit it is premeditated murder. Here is a sign that says thirty miles an hour or fifty miles an hour and if you break that and kill a man then it's premeditated

murder. Don't matter how small that looks, that surrendered heart of the wise virgins will say, "I believe that. Lord, help me, don't matter how busy I am, to obey instructions."

SPEEDING – PREMEDITATED MURDER

Quote W.M.B.: *133 The reason we got so many loose-leaf things in the earth today, the penalties are not strong enough...If a man's caught doing anything wrong down the road, speeding, he oughtn't to be given less than ten years; he's **premeditated murder.*** (Christ Revealed In His Own Word 65-0822m).

Oh brother, if only I could explain to you this morning that the condition of your heart got to be right, yes. This Rapture is not for **goat** spirits. A sheep yields and follows the shepherd but a goat runs in front waiting for a chance to run away from him or put some horn on him. Alright!

So now, there is a holiness message sent in the end time by Malachi 4:5-6. Now these wise virgins were adherent to that message and she believed that message: "It doesn't matter what the Word says I want to obey. I have no idea of my own, I have no interpretation of my own. I want to follow, I don't know, I want to follow." Now, the message in itself was the abc's and it was the thing to prepare those people hearts for the Outpouring of the Spirit. You cannot **bypass** these abc's of the message and receive that Token. Impossible! You cannot. That's the emphasis that I am laying this morning. The abc's made a way for them to get the revelation of the Son of Man.

John 14:23 <...If a man love me, he will keep my words...>

If you love God you're going to obey the abc's: you will dress right, you will act right, you will speak right and if you make a mistake you will repent, you would not have a goat spirit that fight, fuss and butt up at the Word. You will be constantly in the Word of God and prayer

Quote W.M.B.: *17-5 And how will the Messiah--the people that's believing Him **know it**, unless they're **constantly** in the Word to know what He is. Daniel said the wise shall know, but the foolish, the unwise wouldn't know. They shall know their God.*

*18-2 Now, now, how He said It'll appear in the last days is to bring the people back to the Word, so that the **Bride** will know Her Husband, know Her Mate, the revealed Word. That's why this has to happen. It wasn't in the reformers; wasn't in Luther, Wesley, and the Pentecostals, and them; the Scripture says it wasn't. But it will come; that is His promise for this age.*

We're living in the age that His coming will be in. She must be identified in Him. Any woman must be identified with her husband, for the two are one. And Christ's Bride has to be identified with Him, for the two are One, and He is the Word, not the denomination, the Word. (Feast of the Trumpets 64-0719m).

Brethren, what you are hearing for all these years is the Bridegroom, this is the **Bridegroom's** ministry. **I am not Him.** The Word is the Bridegroom, the Word is God, the Word is Christ. **No man** upon earth is Christ, no man is Jesus and no man will ever be Jesus, but the Word is God. Now don't take this lightly: unless you are constantly in the Word of God and prayer you would not know the Messiah when He comes for He will be the revealed Word of God.

Now the key to success of the wise virgins was a surrendered spirit. They were not a people that do what they want to although they heard the Word of God. There are people that do what they want, even though they heard the Word of God, even though it is contrary to the wishes of the shepherd, they are "big men" and they are "big women", even when the Bible said that only children are going to receive the Kingdom.

Anytime you are **too big in your spirit**, and you want to fuss with the minister, you want to fuss with the deacons, you are not little in your sight, and that is what Samuel told Saul. "When thou was little in thy sight the Lord sent you on a journey and you were obedient. But since you became big in your sight," (in other words,) the Lord sent you on a journey and here you are telling me that you obeyed the voice of the Lord. "If you obeyed the voice of the Lord, King Saul, what does the bleating of the sheep mean in my ear, and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?" He said, "I have saved the best to sacrifice unto your God." Then Samuel rebuked him and said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offering and sacrifices as in obeying His **voice**?" He said, for "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord He hath also rejected you from being king." The Lord told Saul to kill everything: sheep, and oxen, and king and people. He saved the best. He said, "I feared the people and disobeyed the voice of the Lord." Beloved, we ought to fear nobody; we must not let anybody influence us to do the wrong things: a backslider, a brother, a sister, a minister nor a heretic.

The key to the success of the wise virgins was a surrendered heart. You cannot be obedient until you have a surrendered heart. If you're not surrendered to your father, young fellow, you cannot be obedient to him. Little

sister, unless your heart is surrendered to your mother and you cherish her counsel you cannot be obedient. And church, you cannot be **obedient** to your shepherd until your hearts are surrendered to him as a man of God, bringing the Word of God to you, trying to prepare you for the Rapture, and you value his labours. Otherwise you will consider that man as a dog, you would not care if you obey, you would not even think about his labours. When he tries to correct you, you will butt up and fuss up and kick up like a mule. Now, it reflects another thing and that is, you have not seen the Word of God. Friends, when you cannot surrender to a ministry like the one that you are sitting under you are a blind man and you don't know what is going on. That is how surrender comes. You must see the Word by revelation

APPRECIATION FOR WILLIAM BRANHAM & THE WORD

Friends, if you were in organization, believing a Trinity, under heretics following all kinds of isms and here a man passes by one day, after you sat there five years, ten years, fifteen, twenty years, thirty years, thirty six years like this old former Baptist man here, and you hear the Word of God, and you really heard it, and you **recognize** truth and you know that is God's servant of whom you had the privilege to pass your way and you was sure that that is the Word of God that he was bringing to you, brethren how can you not surrender? If you are sure about that you will appreciate that so much and, Brother Lloyd, you will see your privilege. You might say, "Why me? That man could have gone somewhere else."

Romans 10:15. <...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!>

Immediately your appreciation would come for that man. Let me say of Brother Branham. We were in darkness and the Lord sent a prophet, anointed by the spirit of Elijah, how can I not appreciate Branham? And do you know why the people hated him? Because they never understood the message and they are blind, but we heard the message and when we heard the message we appreciated Brother Branham, we wish the man was alive today, we wish that we could go and meet Brother Branham. My brother, it's not the **personality**, it's not the flesh, it's because you appreciate the Word and the ministry that was sent to you, and we know that represents Jesus Christ and it represents Eternal Life. That holds well for every pastor that is preaching the Word of God: he represents Eternal Life to you, he represents Jesus Christ to you. You may say, "I love God but I don't love that pastor's head." Something is wrong with your spirit. Yes sir. Beloved, you must appreciate It, and if you appreciate that and you recognize that as Eternal Life, you recognize that as the truth, that you have never heard before in all the days of organization, if you had belonged to the plain message and never heard anything about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and thought that you were ready to go in the Rapture, thought that it was just to get baptized, and "When I get baptized I can go in the Rapture." Then a man passed your way and showed that you were bound for the tribulation, bound for hell, you got to **appreciate** that ministry. You got to appreciate the man. You got to appreciate the preaching. Now if you appreciate that preaching, then you want to be **led**. Then that would lead you to surrender. Do you know the thoughts that you would be taking? You will come up to that man and say, "Pastor, I want to confess that I know nothing. I never had anything in my organization. All that I knew, a little while after is that God sent a prophet, and he sent a message. I never knew how to prepare for the outpouring. Never knew how to prepare for the Rapture. I appreciate you Pastor." Yes. Now you could say that with your mouth. But friends, the appreciation is going to come by a surrendered spirit and if you have a surrendered spirit, you will be led. A sheep that has a surrendered spirit will be led. Not that when the pastor comes to you and tell you that you are going wrong, this is wrong and that is wrong, you will challenge the Pastor. When you say, "Yes. I always get wrong when I come to you." Watch that spirit. It is an **arrogant** spirit. It is a spirit of the Devil. It is a spirit that will take you through the tribulation. Watch out, friend.

Now, are you understanding the lineup? I am talking about the wise virgins, and her quality was a **surrendered spirit**. The only way that she could have become surrendered is first to understand what she came to and the privilege that she was given. And when she seen that man of God, that pastor, that prophet, that teacher, and how deceived she was in organization and under the message, she immediately embraced the truth, and came right down and said, "I surrender. I thought I had known something, but I know nothing."

Anybody that comes out of **Pentecostalism**, Baptist or organization or under the message where those heretics work and still thinks that they know something, when they come under this, something is wrong with their experience. I am saying to you with all respect that, you or nobody had known anything about this message, until you heard the Token preached to you, until you heard the Son of Man preached to you. But your head was filled with all kinds of intellectualism of what the prophet of God said, but it could not take you in the Rapture. So when

you want to boast about knowing this and knowing that and knowing the next before you came to this, you have not seen what you came to. The day that a man sees what he came to, he would understand that he does not know anything, and as Brother Sam rightly said, he had nothing in his church and that is true. I 'Amen' that. He had nothing. You were not born again. You had not the Spirit of God in you. You had no revelation, but yet some boast that they were looking for the Outpouring. You heard a rumour and you were preaching a rumour. Yes, but you did not know how to prepare for the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Now that is the truth of it. That is the truth of it. You had nothing, and anytime you think you had something back there, over in Laodicea. All that was there was blindness, nakedness and madness. That is all you had and whether you came from an Independent, you came from Pentecost, or you came from where you came, you had nothing. That is who the Prophet was sent to. A **blind** bunch of people, naked bunch of people, and a bunch of mad people, that did not know the left hand from the right hand.

Yes sir! The only thing that makes sense to this message is the preaching of the Token and the preaching of the Son of Man. You knew nothing with all the heretics that you followed. You had known nothing. When you came to this you had to start all over. I am saying, you could not be **born again** in your Pentecostal hog-pen. No sir! They had a corruptible seed and William Branham brought the incorruptible. Yes! He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man and if you are born again, tell me about the Son of Man sowing the good seed, then you have it right.

CAN'T GIVE WORD BIRTH

Quote W.M.B.: 85-3 Now, the Protestant hasn't got Jesus; it's got a denomination (See?), ... So she can't give **Word birth** to her children, none of them. She is a harlot herself. The Bible said she was. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).

SHE CAN'T GIVE SPIRITUAL BIRTH

Quote: 86-2 She **can't give birth**, spiritual birth; she can give denominational birth now...She can't give spiritual birth, because she was a harlot. Only thing she can give is denominational life and a lot of ballyhoo. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).

EVERY PERSON THAT'S BORN BY HER WILL DIE

Quote: 74-4 Then if a denomination can only bring forth a hybrid child, why do you want to belong to it for? Now, brethren, that's the reason I'm against it. She's a whore to begin with...Now, her children are come from the womb, **dead**. She's got to die. That's exactly right... Listen, just as sure as every mortal person that breaks the womb of a woman will die, so will every person that's **born** by them will **die**, 'cause she's a hybrid, illegitimate, and her children are illegitimate. That's correct. I hope that don't go over your head. (Spoken Word Original Seed 62-0318e).

There we are. The wise virgins, their great success was a surrendered spirit and let me compliment this church, my brothers and sisters. Many, many **people's hearts are surrendered to this ministry**. Many people are ready to die for this, because they could look back and see where they were and how deceived they were and where they are today. They pay their tithes without question, they give their offering without bothering about it, they trust their shepherd with all their hearts. That reflects a surrendered heart. Their surrendered spirit is eternal life. I could go into a lot of types. A wife must surrender to her husband before the seed is planted.

A SURRENDERED SPIRIT - RESERVED SPIRITS

Mary had to surrender to the Angel of God and she said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." Oh! I feel the power of the Holy Ghost. Think of that little virgin, seventeen years of age, with a blind mother. Think of the privilege. Oh God! Think of the privilege, out of the whole world that God could have looked down, Brother Joe, out of all the women in the world and Israel, and send an angel to her and say, "Blessed art thou amongst women." And she was troubled at his saying, because she considered herself as nothing. "How could I be more blessed than all women upon the earth?" And she was troubled at his saying. She said, "Sir, I do not understand that." He said, "Thou shall conceive and bring forth a child." She said, "How can this be, seeing that I know not a man." A young teenager was talking. He said, "The Holy Ghost shall over shadow thee and that which is formed in thee shall be called the Son of the Highest." "**Be it unto me** according to thy Word." My God! When you hear the Word and you

hear the angel sent to us, as there was an angel sent to us today at the end of the six thousand years. On the sixth day, an angel was sent unto Mary. God needs a surrendered heart. She said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." It compels us to do the same.

The Lord appeared to His disciples one time; He said, "Cast thy net on the right side for a draught." They said, "But Lord, we fished all night and caught no fishes, but at thy word." Never mind my experience as a fisherman. Never mind my experience, my knowledge, my understanding and all what I know in the organization. Lord, at thy word we will cast the net." When everybody says it is all over, we are taking Him at His word. There is yet a **harvest** of fishes. Right over there in India; three hundred thousand waiting. Oh my God! They are waiting in Africa. Waiting in the Philippines; waiting around the world. Nevertheless, at thy word, we will cast the net and when they cast the net there were so many fishes in there, yet the net was not broken. When we cast this net, no matter how many fishes come in. This is an unbreakable net. It is word upon word, precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little, that makes up this net. And we will catch that three hundred thousand in India. I am searching for them down there Brother Watson and Brother Asserwathan. We are searching for them. We are searching for them over there in Africa. This gospel is going into China, it is going into Japan, and with all of that, this net would not be broken. We want to obey the gospel.

A surrendered spirit is life. Only when Mary surrendered life came. I said, when she surrendered life came forth; Eternal Life came forth. Yes, it is only when the disciples surrendered and said "**at thy word**", they caught the fishes, and that is what we are doing. This is not the time to run from coast to coast evangelizing; this is no time to run here and there. Prepare what you have there in India, prepare what you have there in Africa, prepare what you have there in G.C.C., for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The difference with the foolish virgins is that the foolish virgins **reserved** their spirits. There are people sitting right in our midst, whose spirits are reserved. They have not let go to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the ministry. Do you know why people think like that? Because they think they know something too. Yes, they think that they know what they are doing too. So they have reserved spirits and the foolish virgins' spirits were reserved. Why were their spirits reserved? They lacked vision. Vision on the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yes, vision on the Bridegroom. So if you lack vision of what is going on here, you will lack **faith**. You will be full of unbelief. You would not be certain of what is going on. "Just what is going on?"

In your eyes it is looking like a money-making something and do you know what you will do? You will sit down and see how many men are working in the church and you are going to try to figure out how much tithes are coming in. And if you are a mathematician, you will try to work out, and see this, and see that and see the next. But a surrendered heart, when a man surrenders his heart, he surrenders his money too. Yes, he surrenders his family. He does not get jealous when his wife goes over to the **office**, and say, "What are they talking about so long?" His heart is safely trusting in his shepherd and he knows that, that man is set there for Eternal Life. They are not afraid to send their wives and children to the office, and they do not interrogate them when they leave the office. "What did you go there for?" "What did you tell the pastor about me?" I will tell you right here, you have some things **to hide** and you tremble like a leaf, because you think that your wife is telling about your nasty ways. It goes to show that your heart is not yet surrendered. Brother this is a simple thing that I am talking about. To show that if your heart is surrendered, friend, you would actually believe. Yes, but then if your heart is not surrendered, then you will have a carnal mind.

Romans 8:6 <For to be carnally minded is death...>

When you have a carnal mind, it reflects death. It reflects no Eternal Life.

<...but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.>

Do you know why people are so **miserable** and they do not have any peace? They are carnally minded. But to be spiritually minded is life and peace. When you are spiritually minded your mind is set on Eternal Life, and on the Hereafter. You think about the Millennium, you think about the Rapture, you think about the Token, you think about never dying. But when you are carnally minded you are worried about your money, you are worried about your house, you are worried about your wife, you are worried about this and worried about that. Martha, Martha, thou art cumbered about too many things. To be carnally minded is what? Death! But to be **spiritually** minded is what? Life and peace with the Lord. I may not be jumping up with joy and getting emotional, but **peace** flows like a river, down on the inside. When the billows roll, the anchor holds, in the storms of life. When the sickness comes. Oh my God! My brothers and sisters, when troubles arise, when persecutions arise, when death faces you, you are calm. Do you know why? You know that you are serving a God that is greater than the sickness, bigger than the troubles, bigger than all the persecutions. Yes, if it pulls you down a little bit, it may get you concerned. But you have peace down on the inside.

To be spiritually minded is what? Peace, friends, that is what we have today. That is why people cannot understand **why we are always smiling**. Brother Jack was with the Chief Immigration Officer and the Chief told

him, "Jack, you are always smiling." Boy I tell you, big men wants what we have. The rich do not have it, the educated do not have it and the pretty do not have it. All the famous people do not have what you have. It brings peace down on the inside. Peace, that is what we want. My God! Give me time to preach. Yes sir! Oh beloved, it is so wonderful. For to be carnally minded is death: that is the foolish virgins. But to be spiritually minded is life and peace, that is the wise virgins. The wise virgins were all settled down, all contented, waiting on their Bridegroom, she dropped asleep too, but then after a while she heard a call and she obeyed that call. That is so wonderful. Yes, because the carnal mind is enmity, against God. For it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be.

Friends, in order for you to **obey all** of God's Word, you must have Eternal Life in you. You must be born again. Your minds must be changed from natural to spiritual and the way that you get born again is to come there and say, "Yes, I want eternal life, I want to obey. At all cost I want to go in this Rapture." You can hear the Word of God, and God will change something down in you. He will change your mind, change your thinking. Yes. That is what the Bible said, and if that is not changed after sitting and hearing the Word of God, it is going to be an **enemy** against the pastor and against God. That is what the Bible is saying here. I am not making up this.

Romans 8:7 <Because the carnal mind is enmity against God...>

If you are an enemy of God, you will be an enemy of His Word. You will be filled with bitterness, hatred, malice, strife and jealousy down inside of you. Oh God! Brethren, if that is inside of you, that does not mean to say that you are **lost**. It means that you are not born again yet. If you have arrogance down inside of you, brethren, enmity and jealousy, it does not mean to say that you are not a child of God.

You need to be born again, you need to have a **change** of nature.

Romans 8:7 <...for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. >

You see you are trying to obey God's law, but you have an evil nature and it is going to give you trouble. When something is up against you, you will kick up and fuss up like a mule. It goes to show that you are not born again yet. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 <But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.>

It takes the Spirit of God down inside of you and if the Spirit of God do not come and change your carnal, natural mind you cannot obey the Word of God.

SKEPTICS TO THE WORD

You will be a skeptic of the Word. Now some people willfully do not surrender their spirits after coming to the Word of God. Even because they do not understand the Word. They do not see the need to surrender. So they are **skeptics** to the Word. "Preachers, under this kind of preaching, you expect to have skeptics?" Yes skeptics, suspicious of their pastor, suspicious of the Word that he preaches, because they do not have a revelation. Yes, you are leaning upon intellectualism, You depend upon your **smartness**, to figure out this revelation. It does not work so. No sir! You depend upon your brains. You will not get this by your brains. You will go in the mad house. Yes. You have to use your heart. That is how you get revelation. Out of an honest and a good heart, they brought forth a hundred fold. Now friends, people are disappointed in the world there, in people, in religion, in this, in that and what happens is that they develop a certain **complex**. When they develop that complex, they come under the Word of God and they reserve their spirits. "Boy, I trusted that certain man and that certain church and it did not work out." So they reserve their spirits. As long as you reserve that spirit from that Man of God and from the Word of God and the Lord you cannot be born again.

Now friends, back in the world, people trusted their religions and gave all to their religions. People yielded all to the dope, people yielded all to education, people yielded all to science, people yielded all to heresies and the heretics, people yielded all to vices, people yielded all to the rock and roll music. But when they **come to the Word** of God, their spirits are reserved. Yes, "Well, I have to check this thing out, you know?" Yes, you are a blind fellow. You have not seen the Word of God and you depend upon your intellectualism.

They think that when they **yield** to the Word of God and the Spirit of God, they are yielding to a man. They think they are yielding to the pastor. Friends, you got to yield to the Word of God. They read some kind of a funny book of how people could lead people astray, and how they could get them brainwashed and so on and they are using that kind of a medium to check out everything, intellectualism. So you find that they are reserved and go that much and they will tell themselves, "I do not want to be brainwashed. Let me give myself a few services off and when I give myself a few services, in case I am being brainwashed, I could break that **spell**." That is the kind of people that sit under the Word. They do not want their children to yield to that Pastor too much. If they see that their

children are around the pastor, they want to find out what they had been speaking, because they are trying to protect their children from being **brainwashed**, when the pastor is trying to wash their heart. I do not brainwash anybody, I am trying to wash your heart. It is filthy and nasty. All evil proceed out of the heart, Jesus said. So it is a heart washing. Bear patience with me, brethren. But I am telling you about the kind of people that sit under the Word and what cause them not to surrender. They read some kind of a nonsensical book and they study some kind of a cultism. So they are watching for these things here or wherever the Word of God is preached and they are trying to judge and determine if this is right or wrong by these kinds of books.

They do not want their children to yield to that. No! And if their children start yielding and get close to the pastor, get close to the people and start praying a little extra and start listening to the tapes a little extra, start talking about the spiritual too much, they rebuke them. They say, "You are getting fanatical. You are playing Mr. Holy. You are playing Sister Holy. You are becoming fanatical." You are the fanatic. You big dumb man, big dumb woman, you are the **fanatic**. You are a formal fanatic, intellectual fanatic, educated fanatic. Yes sir! Every soul ought to yield all to the Lord Jesus Christ. Take all the Word of God, all the Spirit that they could get. We want the fullness of the Holy Ghost. Pay no attention to anybody. Pay no attention to a father like that, a mother, a sister, nor a brother like that. They will take your soul to hell. Yes sir! "You mean Brother Bruce, under the Word of God you could find carnal people like that?" Yes brethren, three kinds of believers. Foolish virgins and wise virgins. Yes! Skeptics, suspicious, intellectual, smart, big brains. Using their brains to figure out the Word.

Those are the same people who come and after that they hear the Word of God say, "Well, I am tired of hearing one thing over and over. It is one thing that we hear, and you know it is a kind of a circle, from the Seals right back to the Seals. It is the same thing that they are saying over and over." You are a blind man. It is the Light that shineth more and more to the perfect day and the church is growing. We are understanding better, the Light is shining more today and there are people here that are not hearing the same today. They are hearing something new. Every time we are gathered here it is **something new**. This message this morning is something new. Preaching the foolish virgins is something new. We are growing. The problem is not with us. The problem is with you. You are a dwarf; you are a midget sitting in the House of God. No **spiritual midget** is going up in the Rapture. You got to grow in the Lord. You got to be prepared. My God! How could people be like that? Yes sir! "I had my suspicion; I guess I will hold back my tithes because I do not know what is happening to everybody's tithes." Take it all and bury it in a hole, brother, yes, like that slothful servant. He took the talent and buried it and when the Lord came, He said, "I know that you are a man that is reaping what you never sowed and you are an evil man." He said unto him, "You know that I am a hard man and you never put my money into the bank for me to get interest when I come back? Cast him into outer darkness." That hypocrite! Now that will happen to those kinds of people with that kind of an idea, you are **cursed** for that kind of attitude. Yes sir! My God!

They do not trust that Man of God, with their wives and children. "He may defile them." But they **trusted them with rock and roll music** before they came here. They trusted them to wear shorts. Nobody was defiling them. Trusted them with pants. Trusted them in the company of relatives. You see the dumbness of people? Yes, but when you meet a man of God that lives a life before you, and preach the Word of God, you get so smart now. You pretend that you have so much discernment and so much brains. "You got to watch that pastor you know, although everybody trusts him, you still got to watch him. I got to watch a little five more years. He may turn out to be one of those money Satan." And meanwhile your soul is not growing, because you have no faith, and you do not have the Word in you to make you **grow**. All that unbelief is going to do, is to put you in this bunch here, amongst the foolish virgins. You cannot surrender.

A man does not have to use his brains to find out who is God's servant and what is truth. "Is that so, Brother Bruce? But how, how, how?" My sheep hear my voice. What theological college did the woman at the well went to, to find out who was speaking to her, which pastor did Nathaniel go to after he heard the Word of God? Tell me what school did the Ethiopian man went to, to humble his heart and say, "How can I understand, save I have some man to guide me?" That is humility. The treasurer in Africa for the Queen Candace. "How can I understand, save I have some man to guide me? Come up into the Queen's chariot, thou man of God. Sit in a place that you are not even worthy to sit. What does the prophet mean here? Tell me what the prophet mean here. Speak he of himself, or speak he of another?" And he preached Christ to him. "I do not understand when he said, I would ride this trail again. Speak he of himself, or speak he of another?" He was speaking of Christ. The ministry that is coming in the Bride. Some of you are straining. But you will have eternal benefits. Oh my God.

Yes, my beloved. It is so wonderful, it is so great, it is so precious, to think of a spiritual mind. Spiritual minds have no questions like that. Something bears **witness** in their hearts. "That is God's Word. No matter who says what, that is God's servant, that is the revelation for the hour. If I follow it I am going in the Rapture, if I follow it I am going with the Lord." My God! That is what we want to believe. Yes sir! Then we act like children of God. Those are the children of God: when your heart is surrendered like that, when you do not resist correction.

I am sure those foolish virgins were resisting correction. That is what sent them through the tribulation, to purge out the things in their lives that they never adjusted. The prophet of God said that, the foolish virgins went through the tribulation for their purging. My beloved, who wants to go through the tribulation for their **purging**? I want my purging here. I want to be purged by the Blood of Jesus Christ. I want to do a little fasting, I want to overcome here. I want my purging here. My purging is chastening from the pulpit. When you get your purging from here and you kick up, and fuss up and butt up, it shows what kind of spirit that is in you. You still have a carnal mind down in you. It challenges your birth, it challenges your spirit, it challenges your election. When somebody reports your evil ways, you are mad vexed. You get angry with them. You would not speak to them. That is the carnal mind.

When an **officer** is set in the House of God, and he reports to the minister, the activities of the people if they are doing wrong, some brand them as spies. Oh yes! Some brand them as news carriers. No, they are doing their duty. The prophet of God said on the Hebrew Book, he said as follows:

Quote W.M.B.: 337-278 *And any persons that knows a guilty person, and you don't go to them and talk, then you're the part of the Church of God that's going to answer for that sin. That's right. (Hebrews Chapter 7 Pt.2 Church Order 57-0922).*

Quote: 339-292 *Now, if there's anything wrong in the church that you ever know of, some individual or some person or anything, you are duty bound and will answer before God if you don't clear that thing out, you, the church. Now, you remember, it's not on my shoulders; it's on yours. And anything wrong in the church, God will make you answer for it. That's right. That's the way He runs His church. That's the way it is in the Bible. That's the order of the Bible. (Hebrews Chapter 7 Pt.2 Church Order 57-0922).*

When any spirit rises up and has hate to the people that report their wicked ways, hate to the minister, hate to the deacon, hate to the song leader, hate to the saints they have an **evil spirit**, their minds are carnal yet, their minds are carnal to the core, their spirits are not surrendered. When they are filled with arrogance at correction, it challenges their salvation. They are unprepared, for the outpouring of the Spirit. You must correct that before that outpouring comes.

These foolish virgins, they were more interested in the natural. Let me stop a little bit. I am talking to this congregation. We came in as paupers, **most** of us, paupers, dogs, beggars, here in the Caribbean. Some of us did not have food to eat and Brother Bruce was lined up right with that. We did not have houses, we did not have motor-cars, brothers, and sisters. We did not have friends, we did not have families, but after we took the Word of God, God gave us motor-cars, He gave us houses, He gave us lands, He gave us Love, He gave some businesses, money more than they could spend, and in such a time like that, because of the material blessings some people do not have time to pray. They do not have time to come and do a little fasting. They do not have time to come and serve the Lord and they get proud like Saul. When they were little in their sight, they were in the tabernacle of God. When they were little they took corrections, but when they get big in their eyes, they say, "Do you know my worth? Who is concerned about your worth? I want to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I do not want to know your worth. Yes sir! Your **worth** to me is if you have the Word inside of you. That is the true worth. I do not want to know the worth of your money, your house, your land, your car or other items.

Yes sir! I know no man after the **flesh**, but after the spirit. What do I care about your worth? You came in here as a pauper and a dog, begging for a piece of roti to eat, begging for a loan. After you got that loan and you done your business and you prospered, without any interest charged to you, I want to ask you this question. Did you ever come back and put extra money into the offering plate and say, "Lord, I did not have to pay interest for the money that my brother gave me, or lent me. As thanks worthiness I am giving you just five percent of the interest that I would have paid in the bank?" Did you do that? Did you come to God and say, "Thank you Lord." Many got loans to build a house, to buy a motor-car, to feed their children, to send them to school, and such people turn right around and say, "I do not have time to attend a prayer meeting." You got **too big** and the Lord could take it away too.

Few sit in the House of God and when the pastor speaks to you, you want to flare up, you want to butt up in his face. You were given thirty days to correct your life and you are so stubborn like a mule that you let the thirty days pass, stamped up and walked out. It represents a carnal mind. Yes, that pastor is killing himself to pastor the church. Everybody should be obedient. We got to pray. Yes, we got to pray. We got to come down to that place where we are concerned for one another.

A man of God here, playing that guitar, breaking his hand. Do you know how he makes that **music**? He cannot even lift his arms, he cannot write at certain times. Did you ever consider the music coming from the guitar

and give thanks to God? Did you ever consider what the ministers have to go through, to bring a message to you? Where is our concern, where is our love, where is our appreciation? Not because the ministers do not come up here and say, "I have the flu today, my back pains me, Oh brethren, I have some problems." That does not mean to say that everything is good. Yet they do not take their burdens and throw them on the congregation. No friends. You put your burdens upon the ministers, they have no where to go but to God, and still people will be checking out and checking out for years in **unbelief**.

Any man that resists correction and claims to have the Spirit of God and be born again, he is a bastard. Out of shame, how God blessed us, my beloved, with everything, we should give thanks. Let us say you are poor and do not have what others have. **At least you have peace**, at least you have joy, at least you have friends, at least you have brothers and you have pastors. God gave you them by the dozens. We ought to be thankful to God. Lift your hands and give him a praise offering for all that He has done for you. Amen.

KEYS TO THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER FOUR

<And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, what meaneth this? Others mocking said, these men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:1-18).

FALSE CLAIMS OF PENTECOSTAL ARTICLE

May the Lord add the blessing to the reading of His precious Word? For a subject: "Keys to the Outpouring of The Spirit." There are many today that profess around the world, to have the article of Pentecost, but have **no knowledge** about the Keys to that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe that a people who has the genuine article will know something about the Keys. And I want to show in a few scriptures how the keys were **employed**, and without the keys of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, nobody could have received the article of Pentecost.

To receive the article of Pentecost, after the first coming of the Lord, a man had to come in contact with those keys, and the keys are useless, without a hand to turn it. If you drop the keys before your door, and just command the keys to open the door, it would not work like that. It takes the correct hand **to turn the keys**, and only then the keys are of any value. Millions today claim the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the article of Pentecost, and they even work signs, wonders and miracles, and they think the initial evidence of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues, some think that it is the fruits of the Spirit, and these same people that claim the article of Pentecost live contrary to the Word of God.

St John 16:13 <...when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...>

Because it is the Spirit of truth. And what we have today is a multitude of people, professing to have God tabernacled in them, like the early church, and live contrary to the Word of God, they are even baptized wrong. That is the first commandment that was given by Brother Peter after the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell.

Acts 2:38 <...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.>

And there are people today that refuse the Name of Jesus Christ in baptism, and claim the article of Pentecost, now that is a false claim. There are women with high heeled shoes, condemned by *Isaiah 3*.

Isaiah 3:16 <...walking and mincing as they go...>

There are women today with pants on, right in the Full Gospel churches, chopped off hair, mini skirts, wearing shorts, half-naked and claim to have the Holy Ghost. Now that is not the Holy Ghost, it is a **dirty ghost**. They live in adultery, live in fornication, and the pastor himself cannot say anything about it, even because he has a nasty ghost too, even because he is guilty of adultery and fornication, his very wife is attired in the wrong type of clothes with paints as Jezebel, bobbed hair, slits in their clothing, pants, living immoral, hugging up men, who are not their husbands, breast to breast, right after the service and in the church. All tables are full of vomit and there is no place clean.

It was prophesied in *Isaiah 28:8 <For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.>*

Because the Lord offered them the real rest and they did not accept it.

I am not talking about that modern article of today, with a powerless church, an article that will cause people to live nasty, and have tempers like a buzz saw. I am talking about the genuine article of Pentecost. The initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is not speaking in tongues, there is no scripture that brings that out. The Bible said that tongues is the least of the gifts. Now these same people that speak in tongues and claim to have the Holy Spirit, deny the Word of God. It is recorded:

I Timothy 2:12 <But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.>

I Corinthians 14:34-35 <Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.>

Those same people claim to have the Holy Ghost and deny the very Word. The Holy Ghost cannot deny His own Word. If you have the Holy Ghost in you, He will Guide you into all truth, and if you don't have the truth, and the Lord leads you to a man or a people that have the Word of God, and you are elected from the foundation of the world, you would **respond** to that Word. If people have what they claim to have, they must understand about the keys to the Outpouring of the Spirit. I want to show you how this key was employed, in New Testament times, in the early church.

Is it not strange, that God would send down to Joppa, to find a particular man? O glory to God! The Lord specified who to send for, while there were other apostles in the land like John, James and others. There were others who had received the Holy Ghost like Phillip, the evangelist, and many others, but out of all those men, tired as Peter was, the Lord specified him unto Cornelius, in a vision by an angel,

Acts 10:32 <Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter...>

Oh, there were many Simons around but their surnames were not Peter. There was a Simon that was living in that house near the sea. Peter was tired from his evangelical ministry, but he went over and raised Tabitha, by just calling her name. She sat up on the bed and He presented her alive. (*Acts 9: 40-41*)

He was in Joppa, the Lord had him in the right place, and the angel of the Lord, appeared unto Cornelius, being commanded of God. "Go tell Cornelius, be very specific in your instruction, send men to Joppa, and ask for one Simon whose surname is Peter, for he lodgeth with one Simon the tanner."

God knows you by name, whether you are relaxing, fishing, or in the ministry. The Almighty looks down and He knows everyone of us by name. My God! When our alms and our prayers come up to Him for a memorial, He will call us by **name**, and He promised that in the end time, that even though we fall asleep He will call us by

name. There was a man called Lazarus, his alms came up to God, his prayers were stored-up in a vial, and he lay sick and died but then the Lord came and called him by name out of the grave.

St John 11:43-44 <...Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth...>

Even because the Lord called him by name. We have some brothers and sister that have departed this life but the Lord will call them by name, that is **fantastic** to me, children. The Lord knows every one of you by name, think of that. He knows everyone of us by name and you are represented in one of the stars of heaven.

The spiritual seeds of Abraham are represented in the stars, and you have a name by which the Lord knows you. He knows your nature, He knows your inside, He knows your good parts and He knows your bad parts, and when He sees your bad parts, He winks at it. Oh my! See the love of God!

Acts 17:30 <And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.>

When you take those chances on the Word and think that you are hiding from God! The Lord looks down there and closes His eyes and say, "Stupid little fellow; repent, repent; turn from your wicked ways; you are too naughty. I will put a **chastisement** upon you." You can hear the love of God. He knows us by name; and He knew Peter by name, and He knew the ministry of Peter and He knew what was the **commission** that He gave to Peter.

Just suppose they had brought the next Simon. Suppose that solider did not hear the instruction right. Cornelius came down there and instructed them properly. He took a whole evening, the angel appeared at 3 o' clock, and maybe he instructed them in the night, they were to take their journey the next day. I imagine that Cornelius wanted to be so specific, he said, "Do not mix up the two Simons." If he had sent for the next Simon, he would not have the **blessing**.

He sent for that Simon whose surname was Peter, and although the other Simon was a good brother with a wonderful spirit, a humble attitude, a humble brother, and no doubt had a humble family. Peter thought it best to go and spend a little time with that Simon, who used to tan skins of animals: sheep skins, goat skins etc. Perhaps Peter thought that this brother's spirit was so nice, 'he may not have much money but he has a nice spirit, and we can communicate together.' His house was open to Peter. The Lord was looking at his hospitality. Now, the Lord knows where you are friend, He knows where you are spending vacation, and He knows where you are working. He knows who is your partner, and He knows your ministry.

That angel came down there and the solider was instructed correctly. I guess that Cornelius emphasised over and over, "Go and get Simon Peter! Not the tanner!" It meant something very important, even because Simon the tanner did not have the ministry of Simon Peter. Yes! It was a special gift. Look at the kind of ministry Peter had, he came down and imparted the Holy Ghost. The formula to receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the article of Pentecost, is "to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." (*Acts 2:38*) Not the titles of Father Son and Holy Ghost like the Catholic Church. Anybody that is baptized in the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is baptized into the Catholic Church, because it is specified.

Acts 2:38 <Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. >

Matthew 28:19 < Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. >

Father is not a name, Son in not a name, Holy Ghost in not a name! But Peter knew the Name. On the Day of Pentecost, he said, "Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."

NO OUTPOURING, NO RAPTURE

The angel specified which man to bring from Joppa. They went down and got that man. Though an angel appeared he could not preach the gospel of salvation, but he sent for a man to preach, because the Bible says,

Romans 10:14-15 <...how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?>

There are thousands who came from Bible schools, and yea millions, with PHDs and LLDs but are not ordained of God, to preach the gospel. A Bible school is not ordained to send you, it takes the Lord. It takes the Lord to anoint you, it takes the Lord to call you, and to reveal His Word to you. Peter was an ignorant and unlearned fisherman, and the Lord used him in a ministry, that I will discuss with you now. He used him in a ministry even greater than many of the apostles. I am preaching on, 'The **keys** to the Outpouring of the Spirit.' And this is very important to us who are looking forward for the Outpouring of the Spirit. There will be another Outpouring of the Spirit before the **Rapture** takes place, we are confident of that, and we are sending this message to Africa, to India,

to the Philippines, to Europe and the rest of the world to notify them, that there must of necessity be another return of Pentecost, another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit before the Rapture takes place! **No Outpouring, no Rapture!** And hear that loud and clear! No Outpouring, no Rapture! We must have that Outpouring before we have the Rapture! Yes sir! If we don't have that Outpouring there is no power to change our bodies!

Romans 8:11 <But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.>

People are sitting waiting on the Rapture everywhere and they do not have the power to transform their bodies. We are waiting on the Rapture, but we are most urgently waiting on another article and that article is another return of Pentecost. Oh glory to God! But I have news here for you tonight! Though we wait on the rapture, and though we wait on the outpouring of the spirit, there are **keys to the outpouring** of the Holy Ghost; and in order for you to get that outpouring in China, in Japan, in India, in Africa, and throughout Europe, and the rest of the world, you must come in contact with the keys to the Kingdom of God!

KEYS TO EARLY CHURCH

It is not only an **outpouring** but it is the keys to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost! Oh, glory to God! The keys to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, my beloved, it **belongs** to the church, it was given to the early church, and the keys were employed, the keys were in operation. *Acts 10* shows how those keys were employed with a group of people that were not yet even baptized, and had not known about the coming of John the Baptist nor Jesus. Jesus was crucified right on the hill over there at Calvary.

Jesus was in Caesarea, when he asked Peter, *Mark 8:27 <...Whom do men say that I am?>*

That was in Caesarea and Cornelius belonged to Caesarea but it so happened that he never even heard of Jesus, and if he ever heard, he heard of him as an ordinary man, but this is another thing, the keys went to work. Why did the angel of the Lord, pick out Peter, out of all the apostles? "Cornelius, send way up to Joppa and fetch Peter out of the tanner's house!" He was near the seaside relaxing. In essence, "Tell him, 'your rest is over.' You are going down with us; you send for that man, tell him to come down with you. Cornelius don't go up, send men to Joppa." And if you notice in your scripture, Cornelius sent those men, but when they reached there God told Peter

Acts 10:20 <Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

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Yes, Cornelius became the mouthpiece of the Almighty! And when he sent those men, God sent them, because he obeyed the vision, and the angel.

God sent for Peter, because Peter was given the keys to the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of God is the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:17 <For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.>

Acts 1:7-8 <...they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...>

The Kingdom of God and the **Kingdom** of Heaven is none other than the Holy Ghost, and Peter had the keys to the Kingdom of God, as a result of that God knowing what he had in mind for Cornelius, sent for Peter. It happened that we know what God has in His mind now, to give you and I, but Cornelius did not know that; but God knowing the blessing that He wanted to bless Cornelius with, the gift of the Holy Ghost as the first man among the gentiles, he had to send for the right man! The angel could not outpour the Spirit! My God! He could not preach the gospel, though he was a mighty angel that came down from heaven. He could only bring the message and tell the man who to send for, to tell him the way of Life. You better hear a preacher and live, or reject that preacher and die.

PETER TURNED THE KEYS

You say, "I am not **following** any man." Cornelius never said that. He took the soldiers and sent for the man! How can you hear without a preacher? He sent for the right man. Yes. If he had brought down Simon the tanner all he could have done is some tanning for him; but he sent for Simon Peter, the man with the keys to the kingdom of God, a man who knows how to turn those keys. God needs a hand to turn the keys!

The keys are useless until you get a hand to turn it! In other words, get a man who is familiar with the Holy Ghost; who knows the will of God, who knows the formula, of leading people into the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a man that is **acquainted** with the Holy Ghost! He knows what God wants done for the hour, the time and the season! A man that would not trust anything, but who is anchored upon the Almighty. And Peter's heart was anchored upon the Almighty, and when he could not get his food in time, he went up on the housetop and prayed a little bit. Peter perhaps thought "Though I am hungry, I will not quarrel with the sisters, and ask them why do they cook so late. I am going to pray a little bit until that time comes." And then he fell into a trance, which is, he was caught into a different dimension.

KEYS TO KINGDOM – A REVELATION TO LOOSE THE OUTPOURING

And he saw a vision. Do you see how the Lord works? The Lord sent for him, he went up there, he had the keys to the kingdom. What are the keys to the kingdom? He had the plan to the outpouring to the Holy Spirit; he was acquainted with the gift of the Spirit. He had a revelation given to him of how to impart that outpouring. Before he was given those keys he was asked a question. While everybody was confused about the Son of man and the coming of the Lord, Jesus looked around to them and asked;

Matthew 16:13 <...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?>

In other words, "What are people saying about Me, the Son of man?"

Matthew 16:14 <And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.>

Lord they are saying all kinds of things, you are John the Baptist raised from the dead, you are Jeremiah.

"But whom say ye that I am."

The Holy Ghost overshadowed Peter and gave him a certain revelation, and he said,

Matthew 16:16 <...Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.>

In other words, "You are God tabernacled in human flesh and You are the first coming of the Lord."

My God and my Lord! The keys to the kingdom is a **revelation** of the coming of the Lord. That is the only revelation that could have loosed the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the people on the Day of Pentecost.

Beloved, the keys was the revelation of the Son of man. The only time that Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom is when he confessed that revelation. So now the revelation itself concerning the **Son of man** and the coming of the Lord was the keys. That was the keys to the outpouring, do you not see that? John the Baptist, came and then the coming of the Lord took place, and only when a man caught a revelation of the first coming of the Lord, then and only then Pentecost could have come, the outpouring could have come on the Day of Pentecost.

Now, I am talking about the first coming of the Lord and the early church. That was the keys to the kingdom and Peter made that confession. When he made that confession, friend, that was the keys to the kingdom. Now since he had the keys to the kingdom, and God was going to pour out His Spirit upon the gentiles, he needed the man with the keys. He did not want Simon the tanner, he wanted Simon Peter, because on earth He gave him the keys, he had to be present if this door was going to be opened to the gentiles. The keys were needed to fit the lock on the door. The gentiles needed Peter who had the keys to the kingdom, to turn the keys on the door.

Now, let us see how he is going to use it and why when he spake, the Holy Ghost fell upon them. Do not think that it was a magic, like the sorcerer's, for it was God in operation. He made a promise while He was there, that "I give you the keys, Peter."

Glory to God! Here we locked the church and one of the caretakers has the keys. I could not send to Port-of Spain to an office, to anyone and say come down here and open the church. No, I have got to find the man with the keys, you are the janitor, you closed the church and carried the keys in your pocket, and its quite down in Joppa, you come down here from Joppa now and open up the church doors.

Now its not keys to put in your pocket, it is keys to put in your **heart**, its hearts' keys. Peter had the keys, he received them by understanding one God, Son Of Man, and the first coming of the Lord. He and he alone had the keys at that time. Let us see if the keys are really what I said.

Peter's first words of exhortation stated,

Acts 10:36 <The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)>

For He is **Lord** of all and then he came right down telling them about John the Baptist and how Jesus died for the remission of sins. He presented the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all to the people at Cornelius' home.

They believed the Messiah and that Jesus Christ is a greater God than all the Roman gods, for He is **Lord of all**. Peter very well knew how many gods the Romans worshipped, so he put that in, right there in the very first statements. “You want it, take it or if you do not want it, leave it.” They started catching on right there, and believed that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

The keys were already turned in their hearts, from heart to heart the keys were working and then he said, “If you believe this you shall have remission of sins.”

Now notice another little thing here, Peter was not the apostle to the gentiles. Who was the apostle to the gentiles? Paul was a chosen vessel and a light unto the gentiles. He was the **apostle** to the gentiles but Peter had the keys. When the door was going to be opened, he had to turn the keys because he had the keys. Then he turned over to Paul, in other words, “Paul the door is opened, fix to suit.”

Paul led millions of gentiles and even imparted the Holy Ghost, to them, showing you that Paul also had the **keys**, and when he went up to Ephesus he said,

Acts 19:2 <... Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.>

Acts 19:3-4 < And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.>

He rebaptised those people, laid his hands upon them and they received the Holy Ghost, showing you that the keys did not stay in one man's hand, it went on to another apostle because the keys was a revelation of the Son of man and the first coming of the Lord.

While Peter yet spake the words, the keys were already turned, because they accepted the Lord, as Lord of all and that turned in the hearts of the people and opened up the door to the gentiles, and the Holy Ghost just came upon them.

GODHEAD EXPLAINED

Now, you cannot believe that God is a **trinity** and get the genuine born again experience, nor can you get the genuine article of Pentecost by believing that there are three gods. No sir! Three gods is heathenism.

Mark 12:29 <...Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.>

John 4:24 <God is a Spirit...>

If it is a trinity it got to say, ‘God is three spirits’, but God is not three spirits. God is a spirit and He was manifested as a father in the Old Testament and He was manifested as the Son in Jesus Christ. When God was incarnated, then after His death burial and resurrection, He came back on the Day of Pentecost, one Spirit that dwelled in a Pillar of Fire, the same Spirit that dwelled in His Son Jesus and the same Spirit that came on a hundred and twenty on the Day of Pentecost, **One God**.

You cannot believe a **trinity** and have the genuine Holy Ghost. No! You got to find the keys. It is a revelation of the Son of man, Jesus Christ, one God, one Father of all. Now, you could not be confused over there in Africa and India thinking that it is two persons in the **Godhead**, under the message and have the **genuine** article of Pentecost.

God is not two persons there is only **one person** of the Godhead and He was manifested in flesh and that **flesh** was called the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The flesh was not God, but the Spirit was God and to prove that the flesh was not God, He said,

Mark 15:34 <...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?>

And then he died on Calvary.

John 4:24 <God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.>

If the flesh is God, then God died. But God cannot die, and does not sleep.

Psalms 121:4 <Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.>

Jesus was slumbering and sleeping on a boat, but God was **waking**. Some people cannot divide the Spirit from the man, but it took a revelation to Peter, and the Lord said

Matthew 16:13 <...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?>

He said in so many words, “Man, you are God hiding in human flesh and you cannot fool me.” Phillip, who did not have a revelation, said,

John 14:8 <...Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.>

God spake out of Jesus and said,

John 14:9-11 <...Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.>

Now God is very simple, God was hiding in Christ, God was hiding in Jesus. The vessel that He hid in was a man born from the immaculate conception, born from the virgin Mary, but God was hiding in Him. The flesh body died on the cross, they put Him in a sepulchre, and then the God that left Jesus on the cross came back inside of Him and He rose again from the dead, then He ascended into heaven. His **body** now lays on the altar of sacrifice for mine and your sins and the Spirit that dwelled in Him came back on the Day of Pentecost.

Instead of God abiding in one man, He went into a hundred and twenty, but to have Him come inside of you, all have got to come in contact with the keys to the kingdom. The door was ready to be open on that day at Cornelius' house, and they had to send for **Peter, not the tanner**. A lot of people have the tanner around the world, all organisations have Simon the tanner, most of the assemblies in the world following the message have Simon the tanner and some of them have Simon the **sorcerer**. I want to show you how the keys were employed again.

KEYS EMPLOYED IN SAMARIA

Acts 8:4-10 <Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

*To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the **great power** of God.>*

We have lots of great power of God. All that you hear about today is, this man of God, this woman of God, the great power of God. The whole bunch of them are no more than Simon the sorcerer. You deny water baptism in the Name of Jesus and work signs and wonders you are Simon the sorcerer. If you allow women to wear mini-skirts, high heel shoes, lipstick and bob off their hair and call William Branham a devil, you are Simon the sorcerer. I am telling you the truth. If you believe in a Bible school you are Simon the sorcerer. If you carry a preachers' licence and a doctor of divinity certificate, a PHD and a LLD, you are Simon the sorcerer and you better look for Simon Peter. There was a Simon coming to **challenge** Simon the sorcerer, he was in Jerusalem and he was letting Simon the sorcerer have his way until he got down there.

Another thing that I observed is that a man anointed with the Holy Ghost, one of the seven called Phillip, he went down there and he had great power to work signs and wonders and miracles and even converted Simon. He was not converted but he caused him to join,. We have a lot of joiners but few converts. Simon was a joiner, he joined the group for selfish **motives** and these brothers went down there and they turned Samaria upside down. The woman that Jesus left there and said unto her:

John 4:14 <But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.>

I am sure she was in that crowd there. Jesus knew her.

The outpouring was going to come to Samaria and she had a revelation, she had a revelation that Jesus is the Christ, she was waiting for that outpouring, she was waiting on the moving of the waters, and these brothers went down there. Oh my God! Great evangelist, great man, I am talking about powerful men, they made the cripple legs straight, they cured the palsies, thousands crying, were demon possessed and Phillip the evangelist just spoke the Word and he said "Come out of them." There was great deliverance and the Bible says,

Acts 8:8 <And there was great joy in that city.>

Simon the sorcerer lost a lot of his **disciples** and when he seen that he lost his disciples he came in very sanctimoniously, and he said, "I want to be baptise myself." Later that devil left Samaria, went down to Rome and he was a leader of the nicoliatans in Rome. He was instrumental in forming the Catholic Church.

My God, you are talking about those devils and those **nicolaitans**. Phillip, after he preached the gospel with such great power, signs and wonders, he had a problem and the problem was that he stopped short of Pentecost, he stopped short of the article of Pentecost. Let me tell you something, friend, you could be a servant of God, you could do a lot of signs, you could do a lot of wonders, you could lead many people to Jesus Christ, and their salvation, but then, when the need comes to talk about the article of Pentecost that is another subject.

Acts 8:13-14 <Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.>

Why was the great apostles so moved to send Peter and John? They knew something, they were right there when Jesus told Peter, "Unto you do I give the keys to the kingdom of God." Him alone.

<Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.>

Here is the **operation** of the keys to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the door had to be opened by certain keys.

Amongst the Samaritans, Phillip the evangelist came to a full **stop**, after all the miracles, all the signs, and preaching about the Holy Ghost, that came on the Day of Pentecost, preaching that "It's unto you, and unto your children and to as many as the Lord our God shall call, and even to you Samaritans, and all the Jews, it is for you."

And they said, "Well, give us it, we are ready for this outpouring of the Holy Ghost, Phillip." Phillip backed up no doubt. Peter and the apostles at Jerusalem knew that Phillip would find himself in some trouble down there, and they called Peter and said, "Peter, you better go down there with the keys to the kingdom and open up the door to the Samaritans, and take John with you. There is no harm in John laying hands upon them but you have the keys. But since you have the keys, go down there and impart the Holy Ghost unto the Samaritans." The Bible said,

Acts 8:16 <For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.>

Phillip came to a full stop. Peter went down to Caesarea there with John. Two stalwart men and pillars of the temple. My God! They landed down in Samaria and the whole crowd, thousands of people were waiting on these two men, because they heard that these men could impart the Holy Ghost. You could imagine the joy. Great joy was in the city, everybody was in line to receive it.

Oh God! Its coming again, children. People are going to **line up** for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. My God! And we are right in shape for it today. We believe that this promise is unto us, and unto our children, and to them that are far off and to as many as the Lord our God shall call. He has called us with a **mighty** calling. He called us unto Eternal Life, He called us for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit, He called us unto the rapture. The church must have the keys to the kingdom of God, and there must be a hand to turn the keys.

The opening of the **seals** released the keys to the kingdom. That was one of the great **reasons** for the opening of the seals.

Beloved, how will we feel to know that after we heard the gospel in such a fashion and having the Holy Ghost in our midst, experienced the joy of the Spirit, filled with the Spirit, promised a greater **measure** of the Holy Ghost for the rapture, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and we know that the outpouring took place, where it was ordained to take place and we have a man with the genuine article coming to us. I tell you, what you never cleaned up in years, you will then clean it up. I am telling you, what you never repented for in years, you will then repent: the bitterness, the strife and the contentions will be put down immediately. People come right up to the brink. They are very "chance-taking" people. The human nature is very adventurous, it will come right to the edge of hell and then run back. But do not do that, friends, you better shape up. It shall come upon us suddenly, suddenly, friends! Think of that great joy over at Samaria. A man with the keys to the kingdom of God.

The keys were in the early church, and that is why Peter went down amongst the Samaritans, turned the keys, and went down to the gentiles and turned the keys. It got to run right. Look at Pentecost, the Bible said,

Acts 1:15 <And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.>

Peter the spokesman was trying to put the church in order. He told about what Judas done and how he ended. He put things in order; he cast lots and appointed Matthias. The Bible said:

Acts 2:1-2 <And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.>

Peter was the spokesman, he employed the keys before, in the upper room. The Holy Ghost came to them and the keys came out in Peter's sermon after the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:14-17 <But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is [but] the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.>

*Acts 2:36 <Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**>*

That is the keys to the kingdom, his declaration of who Jesus was, the coming of Christ, the Son of man revealed was the keys to the kingdom. There were devout men living at Jerusalem, from all nations. They had not known John the Baptist nor Jesus, by revelation. But they were devout men and those devout men started to mock, but then Peter started to preach to them and as he preached to them they understood and said.

Acts 2:37 <... Men and brethren, what shall we do?>

He turned the keys and he said;

*Acts 2:36 <Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**>*

That is the revelation of the Son of Man, the revelation of the first coming of the Lord; that is the revelation which is the keys to the kingdom of heaven. That is the only revelation that would have unlocked the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the house of Cornelius, unlocked the door to the Samaritans, and did unlock the door to the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

All had to come up to that revelation of the first coming of the Lord. It is the only revelation that would unlock another return of Pentecost to any people upon the face of the earth. It is tied up in the Son of Man.

Though these men were devout, even like Cornelius, they had **no revelation** on the coming of the Lord, Peter declared that revelation to them and they were convicted.

Acts 2:37-38 <Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.>

That is the formula, friends. If you are baptised any other way, you do not have the Holy Ghost. On the day of Pentecost, what is it that loosed it? The keys to the kingdom, which was a revelation of the Son of Man, the coming of the Lord. What loosed it at Samaria? Peter came down there and he turned the keys and the outpouring came.

What opened it in the house of Cornelius? They had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit because they had a revelation of the Son of man. That revelation was so strong that it bypassed water baptism and they got the Holy Ghost, and only were baptised in water after they received the Holy Ghost.

It would be no different today. There are devout men around the world waiting for the moving of the waters, not even knowing that God sent a prophet, Malachi 4: 5-6, that the seals are opened. They do not even know there is an **outpouring** of the Holy Spirit before the rapture, and doubtless that they are taught that there are keys to the kingdom of God, but there are keys to the kingdom of heaven. I boldly proclaim that, those keys are in the church today, by His grace. I thank God for His grace today, thank God for His mercy, and as long as those keys are **turned** in your heart you are a candidate for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As long as you have a revelation of the Son of man and as long as those keys are turned in your heart, you are a candidate for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and you will receive the token and not perish, but whosoever does not receive that token would perish today and go through the tribulation.

EVERYTHING FROM UNDER THE TOKEN WILL PERISH

Quote W.M.B.: 9-5 *And we've come up through justification and so forth, but this is the time that the Token has to be applied. I told you last Sunday, I had something I wanted to talk to you about; this is it. The time that when you just can't play with it. It's got to be done. If it's ever going to be done, it's got to be done now; because we can see that the wrath is about ready to pass through the land, and everything from under that **Token** will **perish**. (The Token 63-0901).*

THE TOKEN MUST BE APPLIED – WITHOUT IT YOU WILL PERISH

Quote: 35-3 Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do. Pastor **Neville**, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and the Token **must** be applied. Without it, you're going to **perish**; you must perish. That is the only thing. Oh, don't come together, say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one **Spirit** we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? He was not responsible for any out from beneath it. (The Token 63-0901m).

EVERYONE OUTSIDE OF THE TOKEN OF THE HOLY GHOST WILL PERISH

Quote: 30-2 All outside of the token of the blood perished...And everyone **outside** of the Token of the Holy Ghost will perish. (The Token 63-0901).

HOW CORNELIUS RECEIVED THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER FIVE

<There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now **send** men to Joppa, and call for [one] Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.> (Acts 10: 1-6).

<While Peter yet spake these words, the **Holy Ghost** fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.> (Acts 10: 44-48).

APPROACH FOR ARTICLE OF PENTECOST: HOW TO RECEIVE IT

I will entitle this little story tonight, "**How** Cornelius received the outpouring of the Spirit." Have you ever thought on, how Cornelius received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

If we could look back tonight and see how Cornelius, his house and his people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And we could apply the same method, and have the same approach, I believe we can also get it.

Anything that God does for His people and that **same approach** is made, to the Lord on the basis of faith, the prophet of God said that God is under obligation to do the same for another: healing, giving out of the Holy Spirit, or anything that the Lord done, for another. You see, because God is an unchanging God and He cannot change His ways. And as long as you meet that requirement, then the Lord is under obligation to give you that same result.

I was looking at Cornelius and thought: How Cornelius received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? If I could find somebody in the scripture, who received the outpouring that we are looking for, and follow the same pattern, and have the same approach and attitude, then I am confident that we are going to receive it. And I am confident that anybody that approaches in the same manner, will receive the same promise. We must have the same approach.

Now this is a long story of forty-eight verses, there are many things in that chapter, that I observed a little closer last night. And it speaks of this great man, the end result of this story and all that was done, was the

outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is not talking about a shower of blessing like in 1906; this here is speaking of the **article of Pentecost**, the very same article that Peter, James and John received in the upper room. This is what this is speaking about.

When they contended with Peter in the eleventh chapter of Acts. He said that it was the same Holy Ghost that we received at the beginning, on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 11:17 <Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?>

So for those who do not understand, this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that was outpoured in the house of Cornelius, which came, for the first time, to the Gentiles. Gentiles means “nations”, the nations that were not blessed like Israel, were called gentiles. It does not matter, what were the names of those gentile nations: Syria, Lebanon, Babylon or whatever, they were all called gentiles.

God in His scripture called them “**dogs**”, the Greeks were dogs. And Jesus confirmed that, when the Grecian woman came to Him and asked for the healing of her daughter. He said “It is not meet to take the children bread and cast it to dogs.” But she spoke the right words. Even the dog when it **barks** the right way, could receive a blessing. She barked the right way. Oh, such glorious words that are written in the scripture! “True Lord,” she honored Him yet as Lord. “True Lord, but the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the children table.” “For this saying, go thy way and thy daughter be made whole.” (*Matthew 15:26-28, Mark 7:27-29*).

Your **attitude** has a lot to do with it. And I want you to look into the heart of this story here, to find the answer that we are trying to find, “**how** Cornelius received the Outpouring?” This is the first time that it was coming to the gentiles, which were dogs. That was a door opened to the gentiles, they received a blessing that they had never ever received before in human history, through this man called Cornelius. I could type him to Abraham, that because of his life and devotion, God used him to open up the doors to the gentiles, a type of Abraham.

But let us speak a little bit of Cornelius. Cornelius was a gentile dog, and he knew that is how the Jews considered him. The Romans were ruling, they had the authority and power. Caesar was ruling, and the Romans were a cruel people, above all people upon the earth. They invented the death of the cross and the most immoral people that you could have found were the Romans. The most pleasure-loving people upon the earth were the Romans. Rome is in Italy.

After Cornelius knew how the Jews considered him and all other nations, something happened to the man. And that is, he got **interested** in the God of Israel. Something took place. This man was a soldier, who had a hundred Roman soldiers, some of the greatest, under his authority. He was a rich man; he was a man of authority. And something happened to this man’s heart. Salvation was not for him, as far as the Law goes. He was considered as a dog, in-so-much that if a Jew will shake his hand, the Jew will go home and wash his hands, and his face, because he touched a dog.

The Romans knowing that, I guess they killed a lot of the Jews, because of hatred for them and their inconsideration for the other nations. You could imagine the persecutions, but they had to live up to a certain standard, to avoid all those dogs. You could not bring a dog into the house of a Jew; neither could you go into the kennel of those dogs. That is how bad it was and Peter spoke of that, and said, “Ye know what a terrible thing it is, for a Jew to enter into the house of any other nation.”

This man was elected of God, before the foundation of the world, chosen and foreordained of God. And him knowing all the thoughts of the Jews, the rabbis, and all the holy men, and how they thought of the Romans, yet, something influenced that man, to fall in love, with the **God of the Jews**. And he loved God with all his heart; that it is written of this man.

Acts 10:1 <There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band.>

A gentile, a dog, no doubt one time, running women, killing Jews, killing men in wars. How many wars he fought and commanded his soldiers to kill the people, when they conquered them?

But something changed this man, whatever changed him, was very influential on his life and the Bible said, *Acts 10:2 <A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.>*

I love that Word, “alway,” “Prayed to God alway.” Something happened at some-time in Cornelius’ life that **changed** his vision, from a life of Hollywood, a life of immorality, a life of blood shed, a life of boasting in his authority as a Roman citizen. He was not just a common Roman citizen, but a centurion, that had the command of one hundred soldiers under him.

He was a rich man, history tells us how Cornelius helped the brethren, and they kept services in his buildings afterward. He had money; he had all that he wanted in life. Roman citizenship was a great thing and Brother Paul used that, because he also had Roman citizenship and when he got into trouble he said, “I am a Roman.”

The leaders and all the big men trembled in their boots and one man took them out of jail and wiped their wounds. It was death to touch a Roman or to pass judgement on him at that time, without proper judgment. Paul had power to appeal to Caesar and did stand before him when they gave him the wrong judgment. He said, "I appeal to Caesar" and he was sent down to Caesar, all in the will of God, that Caesar might hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, that he would stand in the Judgement of God.

Cornelius was no ordinary man. He was a man that made it in the world, a man of authority, a man that could have gone the way of the world, with all the women he wanted. Yes, he could have achieved and he had already achieved, but something struck him somewhere that only eternity would unfold. Did he read the Torah, which was the Law of Moses? Did he come in contact with a Rabbi? I do not know, but something influenced this man's life that made him turn from the Roman system to the law of God, or the Law of Moses. Whatever struck that man compelled him to bow to it. He had a vision of Eternal Life.

He knew that the God of Israel was the only true God. He was convinced and thought that, "If I live according to the law, I will not go to that dreadful place called hell, I will gain Eternal Life, I will live with the Jews in the Kingdom of David, which is soon to come upon the earth." To believe the Law, he had to believe that and believe that the Roman Kingdom was going to come to naught, but the Kingdom of the Messiah is going to reign forever. The kingdom of the Messiah will be an everlasting Kingdom. No doubt he read the book of Daniel, about the stone cut out from the mountain and smote the image on its feet. The stone itself became a kingdom, which is an everlasting Kingdom. He believed that with all his heart. Faith in what he read, faith in what he heard. Friends, it never said that he was a proselyte.

That man was living his life right at home and maybe he could not have entered the Jewish temple because of the kind of man that he was. A man who shed blood. Maybe he never qualified to be a Jewish proselyte, but the man loved God. Oh, let me say this here, friends: there are many people in religion, Catholics, other organizations, and those who follow this message today, who love God and are devout men, waiting on the moving of the waters.

DEVOUT MEN AWAIT OUTPOURING

Great things had happened in Jerusalem, my friends, John the Baptist passed through, Jesus passed through, the great Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost and Cornelius never **did** catch on. The Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost and Cornelius never caught on by divine revelation to any of that, but he heard of it. All those things happened right in Jerusalem, friends. John the Baptist and Jesus came and the Great Outpouring took place and this man had no knowledge of the meaning, nor **significance** of those things.

A lot of things happened today upon the face of the earth, God sent Malachi 4: 5-6. Things happened from 1933 right down to 1965, and there are elected of God who are still ignorant of those things, but they are devout men. There are men that are living according to the light that they see and understand right in religion, right in organization, right on the Himalaya Mountains, right in China, right in Japan and right in Africa. There are devout men like Cornelius and we must have these men now upon the face of the earth to receive that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They are there. I have no doubt.

That man Cornelius, when and what he heard, he **surrendered** his life, and came down from the top of the ladder, right down to the bottom of the ladder, humbled himself and had to accept that he was a dog, and the Jews were the children of God, if he had believed the Law, which he did. He was a devout man, full of alms. That man had to humble his heart from a Roman centurion and come right down and admit to himself that, what Moses said is right. "I am a dog. I am convinced that I am a dog, because I was an immoral man. I am convinced that I am a dog, because I never knew God, I worshipped idols. I am convinced that I am a dog, because of the life that my forefathers **and I lived.**" That man humbled himself from a Roman centurion and gave up his Roman spirit.

Friends, how did Cornelius receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit? "Except a man humble himself, he shall in no wise receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit." The man Cornelius heard the Law, he believed and humbled himself. He was about to manifest his humility and his beliefs in a very peculiar way by two main things: he gave alms to all the people and he prayed always to God.

Brethren, what causes a man to give alms and **pray always** to God? It is when he looks back and see where the Lord brought him from. He will ever be grateful and thankful to God all the days of his life, if he really sees where God brought him from and where he is standing today. He would be grateful and thankful to God all the days of his life. People cannot pray because they do not realize where God brought them from, they have not experienced that and there is no gratitude in their hearts unto God.

If you get something from a man and you are convinced that he gave you that thing in love, you will be thankful. But, if you are not sure why he is really giving you that article, you cannot be thankful. That is what drove this man to give alms and to pray always. The man had a vision of Life and there were two things that I would imagine that he had before him, that was, "I want to gain Eternal **Life** and not to go to that dreadful place that the Jews speak about called hell; regardless of my nation not believing that, regardless of friends and family or whoever do not believe that, I believe it."

How did he receive the Holy Ghost? He believed the **light** that he saw and walked in that light. There are people who are candidates for the great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who are yet in religion, in organization and who are following this message sitting under false interpretations, not knowing that they are wrong. There are some Corneliuses outside there, and that is what it takes to bring this power of God.

These things that I am talking about contributed to Cornelius receiving the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit not only to him, but for his house and for his friends and for the whole Gentile world, you and I. My beloved, through Cornelius, a door was opened to the Gentiles that we might be candidates for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is not something small that I am talking about, friends: that man lived such a life. He came from such a depth of sin, depth of immorality; he climbed down from such a ladder; Roman citizenship. This man, no doubt, eventually died as a martyr, for his faith.

RIGHT ATTITUDE - COMPLETE SURRENDER FOR OUTPOURING - WALKING IN THE

LIGHT:

I want you to catch this Message on this fact. How did Cornelius receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit? He was completely **surrendered** to God, and walked in the light that he saw for his day. He was sincere and honest after Eternal Life. He was thankful to God for showing him that much. He was desperate about it. He prayed always. He was so grateful and thankful for the little light, that God showed him on Moses Law and heaven and hell that he took what the Lord gave him and distributed to the people, not only to the Jews, but to the Gentiles.

The attitude of this man was the thing that caused him to receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The attitude to what he heard, the respect to it, and the respect to that Promise. Esau had no respect to the Promise and he lost it. Jacob had respect to the Promise and he received it. Cornelius had such great respect to the light that the Lord showed him, because of the attitude of this man towards life, it brought upon him a gift that he never dreamt about, never anticipated, **never heard** about, and never expected. This man never knew anything about a Token, he never knew anything about an Outpouring. He never knew that a Savior died on Calvary to forgive him for all his sins! How many days Cornelius went around the Jewish Tabernacle and said? "Lord I am a dog, I am not fit to come into your temple, but I honour you and I thank you, and I praise you for helping me to understand that you are God."

He never knew about a Savior, he never knew that a man died right at Calvary to forgive him for all his sins. That man believed so much, that he **influenced** his wife to believe the same things that he believed. He also influenced his children to believe the same things. The Bible said, "He was a devout man and one that feared God with all his house." He feared God, brethren, that does not mean that you have a fear of torment, it means that you respect God. "I respect his temple over there, I respect the Rabbi. I am not worthy to talk to him, but I respect him. I respect what I read in the Law of Moses. My hands should not be touching the Torah; if the Jews catch me they would cut my neck off." Only the Priest was supposed to have had that book and read it. Maybe, being a man of authority caused him to get a copy of that book.

Friends, the Bible said, Cornelius was a devout man. In another place it said that he was a just man. And do you know something? That man's **testimony** was so great that even the soldiers under him testified the same and said that their master was a just and upright man. That man influenced his wife insomuch that she put away her mini dress, she cleaned up his house, she grew out her hair. She possibly used to attire herself like the Romans in that time, they were a people of sports. He called his sons together, "Sons, the gods of the Romans is not God, but the God of the Jews is the true and living God."

How he laboured to turn his sons and daughters to the God of Israel. He turned his wife to the God of Israel, and he ruled his house and convinced them that they were dogs too, but they could be saved. He was not sure how he was going to be **saved** as a Gentile dog, because there was no salvation for those dogs! The door was not even opened yet, but the man continued to serve the God of Israel with a hope, that he will be saved one day,

regardless of the laws and the covenants that only belonged to the Jews. "I am taking a chance here with my whole house; somehow God will have mercy upon me and upon my house! May be if I give some alms it might help. Take this, Jewish brother. Here is some money, let me help the poor, it may help me to enter the Kingdom of God. There is not a hope for me in the world, according to the Law, but let me try this." You see that humility and desperation? He prayed always to the God who considered Him as a dog. He had the right attitude. He said, "God I know that I am a dog because you wrote that in the Bible, I am compared to and unclean beast, but I come to You on hands and knees today and ask You not to let my soul go to hell, make a way for me, that I will enter the Kingdom of God, that I may live there, when you set up your Kingdom upon the earth, your everlasting Kingdom I want a little place there. I do not know how You are going to do that, but I believe that you are going to do it." Here is a man that is praying beyond hope. What about you and I brethren, who have all the chances in the world and the Grace that God has been bestowed upon us?

I believe that he is honor-bound to hear us. I believe that the **Outpouring** of the Holy Ghost is our portion, yes; I believe it, friends. That man had a complete change of attitude. Now, what caused Cornelius to receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit? It was his **approach** to God. He had a certain approach and it was right. His approach was one of faith beyond hope. He read in the Torah that the Gentiles could not be saved, but beyond hope he still believed.

Now, that attitude of the man and his approach will later bring an angel unto him. Brethren, if we maintain the right attitude and have the right approach, **angels** will appear to us. Not only that, God will send His life-line to us. He knew where that servant was abiding; He knew that he was by the seaside. He knew Cornelius by name. The same approach that caused the angel to appear, drew the man of God from Joppa into his house, contrary to the Law. It is the **same attitude** that caused Cornelius, with his whole house to be born again while the Word was preached: to put on the seven virtues: also caused them to receive the Holy Ghost.

DEVOUT MEN IN FOREIGN LANDS AWAIT OUTPOURING

Brethren, I am trying to help you to see the heart of Cornelius, and what attracted the attention of the Almighty. You cannot receive that great Outpouring until you are born again and have the seven virtues. A miracle took place in that house that never happened in the entire Bible. I believe that in this age of grace, that God is able to do the same thing for the many Cornelius' around the world today, **devout men** who are walking in the light that they see. Because of the shortness of the hour, I believe the Lord will do the very same thing again. If He did it back there, He is able to do it again. There are some in Africa, some in China, India, those in the Philippines who are sitting there today knowing this message and are devout men awaiting the last Outpouring. There are people in organizations who are devout men and women, they are just waiting for the moving of the waters. The Lord is going to lead them to the right servant of God, the right shepherd in the right time. They will receive the same penny as those who worked from the morning, the eleventh hour Gentile worker would receive the same penny. Lord, hasten the day is my prayer.

I am a grace believer. What about you, friends? There are men and women who can read themselves into this Scripture here today and say, "There was a group of people living in Trinidad, living in the United States, living in the Caribbean and certain parts of the world: a devout people who feared God with all their house, which gave much alms to the people and prayed to God always." If that fits Cornelius, I believe that it fits us today, even a thousand fold, because we have the truth, even because we love God. We look forward for His **promise**. We fear God; believe His Word and are trying with all our hearts to obey the abc's of the message. Cornelius was trying to obey the abc's of the message that he knew.

I want to say with all sincerity that under this revelation there are men and women who are devout, and living with a hope. They have obeyed the abc's. They have made sacrifices: left husbands, left wives, left children, left friends, left professions, money and all this world behind them and faithfully served the Lord, even in this and other tabernacles that uphold the truth, praying and praying and praying for five years, ten years, fifteen years, twenty years. We could be giving alms every week, every month and every year, and it seems like there is no reward for it, but, there comes a time when the alms and the prayers come before God as a memorial. When they come before God, the Lord is going to smile upon you, and He will reward you and bless you. What I am saying, friends, is to continue to pray, continue to give your alms, continue to live your Christian life, continue to obey the abc's until they come up before God as a memorial. It looks like your prayers are never going to be heard, your alms are

never going to be rewarded, never think that way, they are waiting to come up before the Lord as a **memorial**. That's the only thing that it is waiting for, to come up to the Lord as a memorial.

II Thessalonians 3:13 <But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. >

God has them stored up in **vials** for the right time. He will command the angels, and say, "Take up that vial there, loose it and bring it before me and pour it out before Me." All the prayers and all the alms go up as memorials before God. There is a reward to follow. Mordecai, in the Book of Esther did a great deed, he saved the king's life and the scribes had it recorded in the King's Chronicles, and one night the king could not sleep, the Holy Spirit was moving upon him and he said: "Bring out the books and read." And as they read he came to the part of Mordecai, how he reported a plot of someone had to kill the king. Then the king looked around and said, "What deed had been done to Mordecai for what he has done for the king, that saved his life?" They said, "Nothing my Lord." The deeds of this man came to him as a memorial and when it came to him as a memorial, the king commanded and he elevated Mordecai to **be a great** ruler in his kingdom.

Our prayers are coming up to the Lord as memorials. And, as those alms and prayers come up before the Lord as memorials, **the King** will command. When the prayers come up before the Lord and the vials were opened, God remembered Cornelius. Everything was working right in place and He summoned an angel. He said, "You come here. I want you to go down and speak to Cornelius for Me. It is about time that the doors of the Gentiles are opened and I pour out My Spirit upon them. He prays and give alms, and he do not know what he is praying for. He never heard of the Token, never heard of an Outpouring, never heard of Jesus giving Eternal Life, never heard of John the Baptist as the forerunner, never heard of the Day of Pentecost." All that Cornelius was doing was his duty, praying, giving alms, fearing God and keeping his household in the faith. He was still working, he was still a Centurion, he still had to contend with that spirit of the Romans, he still had to suffer reproaches and confessed to them that he is a Gentile dog. He did not know what was going on in heaven concerning him.

There are people today who have **never** heard about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, about what is happening here in the Western World. They do not know that the highlight of Brother Branham's message is, another Outpouring of the Spirit but they are **devout men**, they are living the message, they are living good lives in Organizations, they love God and they are in Religions today. But their prayers and their alms will come up as a memorial before Almighty God. When their prayers come up before God as a memorial, the Lord is going to send them the right man that could help them. He is going to send them the Token.

It is recorded about Cornelius as follows:

Acts 10:2 <A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house...>

You are talking about living the Law. Cornelius, that great Centurion Commander, I imagine he said. "Do not do that son, the God of Israel do not like that. We cannot eat blood in the house. Wife, you cannot put on that mini-skirt. The God of Israel is going to send us to Hell." Can you imagine, that man being a **pastor** to his house? He had been praying when his alms came up before God as a memorial. Eternity will unfold it, but he obeyed the abc's.

APPROACH TO GOD FOR OUTPOURING – HUMBLE THYSELF

If we approach the same way as Cornelius we **must** get the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He appreciated what he heard, he loved what he heard, he ordered his house according to the Word of God. He was thankful to God for the light that he seen, he was kind-hearted to his fellowmen, he was praying desperately and he had faith that God was going to save him somehow, even though he was a dog. It touched the Lord to see a man that could not enter the Temple, praying and passing that Temple saying "I hope that one day the Lord will make a way for me to go in there."

Cornelius went to pray one day, and he saw in a vision. A vision is not a dream. You open your eyes, and you are transported into a different dimension and you see while you are awake.

Acts 10:3 <He saw in a vision evidently...>

I like that word, 'evidently'; it was not an imagination nor something hatched up.

You could see how he was practicing the law; that is the hour that they used to pray in the Jewish Temple: six o'clock, nine o'clock, twelve o'clock, and three o'clock. He was praying in his house.

<..an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.>

Friends, if you live true to the light that you see, God knows you by name and He will call you by name. He knows you friends, He knows who Sam is, He knows who Ramkumar is, He knows who Rogers is, He knows these little sisters: Sister Wendy, He knows you friends. And he sent the angel down there, "Go down to Cornelius."

Acts 10:4 <And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. >

The approach to God that this man had, brought an **angel** down from heaven. My God! But this angel could not preach unto him salvation; he needed a preacher. Angels desired to look into these things and they were forbidden. An Angel came down and could not speak salvation, preach Jesus to him, preach John the Baptist and preach the Outpouring to him. Hear what this angel is going to do, with all his great authority and power, knowing his place, he said unto him:

Acts 10:5-6 <And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.>

He knew where the both of them were. Peter being a fisherman he chose that certain place. The angel could not tell him the way of salvation. He said, "Send down to Joppa and get this man named Peter, he is going to tell you what to do, because your **prayers** came up to God and he said that you are crying out for Eternal Life, you are crying out for salvation, what you prayed about thirty years ago has reached me. I am sending My angel to you and I want to answer your prayers concerning salvation. But send down to Joppa and get a man, he is going to tell you what you ought to do." My God this story is long but sweet!

God knew where Peter was. Peter had now raised a sister from the dead, he was in a certain town, and they said, "Come quickly over here." He went across there and put the unbelievers out and he just said, "Tabitha, arise!" She was a seamstress, they were people **like us**. She used to sew a lot of clothes and give to the sisters. They were crying and showing Peter all the dresses and different things, he just cried to her and she arose. He opened the door and presented her alive unto the sisters that were crying.

Peter was tired from preaching, so he went down by the seaside and he was with another Simon called the tanner, and the Lord knew where they were. They were not to mix up the two Simons and bring the wrong Simon, he said, "One of them surname is Peter, ask for Simon Peter." God was giving **directions**. My Lord, you are talking about our God, giving directions. I want you to see how these men never trusted anything, they never wanted to be deceived and you could see the kind of personality these men possessed, also the influence that Cornelius had by the life that he lived.

Acts 10:7 <And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually.>

Cornelius was a man of authority, that soldier was the man's bodyguard, who waited on him continually, if he walked this or that way, that soldier dressed in his Roman armour followed him, with other soldiers. Cornelius lived such a life before those soldiers around him that he was able to convince them that an angel did appear unto him. He called the chief soldier, the chief bodyguard and he spoke to them, I believe they never slept that night. He got about three men, devout men, and said, "Listen to me, I have seen a vision, this is the direction, when you go up there, do so and so, there are two Simons living in that house, do not bring the wrong one to me, ask the man if he is Simon Peter, the angel specified, the surname Peter. Get the right **one**."

Those men had so much confidence in the words of Cornelius that they believed and took their journey to Joppa. The vision came one day and then they departed the next day.

Acts 10:8 <And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.>

Now, do you remember that Centurion servant that came for healing for his servant? He said, "When I say unto one go, he goeth; and to another come, and he cometh." This is a soldier here, under the Centurion, he said, "Go, and he goeth; come and he cometh. Those Romans soldiers were not jokers. We read the story of Josephus history; you are talking about men, gallant men, cruel men, blood-thirsty men, and had order in the Roman kingdom. It was represented by Iron.

Acts 10:9 <On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour.>

That's twelve o' clock.

Acts 10:10 <And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance.>

Do you see how the Lord deals with His people? He was using Peter's natural **hunger** to bring unto him a vision, in a trance. Do you remember my experience in the wilderness? I was thirsty to death, and when the Lord came to me, He said, "As the coolness of this breeze quench your thirst, so shall this man's message quench your

thirst for righteousness.” Do you see how the Lord operates? Now somebody could pass that off and say “Man, I was hungry so I just dreamt that.” No, the Lord waits for certain conditions to speak to His servants.

Peter was up there praying and he was hungry, the sisters were preparing the food in the house, they were ordinary people like you and I. Peter fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knitted at the four corners and let down to the earth, wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air. Three times it came down and went up. The Jews were taught not to eat any of those unclean beasts like hogs, and everything that did not part the hoof, birds and everything like that. They scorned them. Unclean beasts filled the vessel.

Acts 10:13 <And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. >

Now you could imagine his doubts and fears because he was taught from a child not to eat any of those nasty things, as a Jew. Then a **voice** came from heaven. As far as Peter was concerned, that could have been the Devil. He was not going to trust this vision. He said,

Acts 10:14 <...Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.>

He was a devout Jew.

Acts 10:15 <And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.>

Brethren, that was **us**. All those nasty beasts in that vessel, knitted at the end, was Bruce, Cornelius, Brother Branham and every one of us. That is why the Jews never ate them in the Old Testament, even because they represented the other nations. My God! He said do not call anything that I have cleansed common or unclean. He died for you at Calvary. He had already died for us before he gave Peter this vision. “I cleansed it at Calvary and do not call what I clean up common or unclean Peter”. This was done thrice and the vessel was received up again into Heaven.

Acts 10:17 <Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.>

Now I hope you are seeing the accuracy of God and a vision. God spoke to Cornelius by a vision, it got to work out, and nothing can change it. At the same time, God spoke down there to Cornelius, he also spoke to Peter up here at Joppa. Peter was doubting this vision because this vision was looking like the Devil talking to him to eat those things that were commanded in the Scripture not to eat.

Acts 10:19-21 <While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Then Peter went down to the men.>

Do you see how a man of God does not just grab at a light that flashes nor a thunder that rolls? God spoke to Peter twice, confirmed that it was God.

Acts 10:21 <Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?>

That was all, and he stood there. You are talking about men that checked everything before they yielded. God spoke to this man three times and confirmed these things. He never went out there telling them his vision saying God sent me. Hear the sternness of this man.

Acts 10:22 <And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.>

You are talking about trained servants, orators, Cornelius picked out the best orators to meet this mysterious man up at Joppa. They had to carry a correct message, they were convinced of this Centurion's life insomuch that they could speak firmly, with faith, with boldness, with assurance, that this Centurion, “Cornelius” was a just and devout man and had the right testimony before the Jews and all men. “He was warned of God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house.” It was a terrible thing for a Jew, to go into the house of a Gentile.

Acts 10:23 <Then called he them in...>

Then called he them in. Watch at that, those dogs was not supposed to have come inside of this Jewish house but he called them in. I do not know where they put them to sleep.

<And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.>

I love that. If I were there, I would go down to see this miracle. My God! Are you not enjoying this thing, brethren? I guess Simon said, “Peter I am going with you.” And other brethren who were Jews said, “We are going with you, we got to see this thing.” Peter, going into a Gentile house for the first time. He brought Gentiles inside of this man's house and put them to sleep and he is going into their company, something great is going to happen.

Those brethren had no plans of any trip, may I tell you that they packed up their bundles, on their backs, put a little bread in their pockets and went down the road with Peter. It took about a day's journey.

Acts 10:24 <And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.>

This man believed that angel so much, that he called all his friends. When you really believe something you want the whole **world** to get it, you want the whole world to get salvation. He wanted everybody to see this man that the angel talked about. This angel could not preach salvation, so he sent for a man to preach salvation to the man, and I do not think that Cornelius slept for those days. He went about calling all his friends and kinfolks. I believe he had a big house and he crammed them inside. They did not have telephones to call. Friends, that man was **anxiously** waiting at his front door and in the distance he could see a group of men coming; and he thought, "That could be them."

Brethren, everybody was in **desperation** and anticipation, because an angel sent for a man! And they believed Cornelius! It was quite a scene.

<And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.>

In other words, "This thing is good for you! Yes, auntie, uncle! Yes brother, sister this thing here is good for you! Yes, an angel appeared to me and sent for a man! If that angel is so great this man has to be greater than the angel!" That was the thinking of Cornelius.

Acts 10:25 <And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.>

Do you see how those men **esteemed** the things of God? Here is a Centurion soldier, having a hundred soldiers waiting at that house no doubt, and in humility he knew that an angel sent for that man, he had to be appreciated! In the presence of everybody a Roman is now going to bow down to a Jew! Yes, an old fisherman. And he ran across there, beloved, got down on the floor, raised his hands and worshipped.

Now hear how a man of God behaves.

Acts 10:25 <And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.>

A real servant of God. Oh beloved, that Word of God in you will cause men to bow at your feet. I'm telling you the truth. When people **appreciate** the Word; they appreciate God's servants and will do anything for that servant of God. Yes sir! He did not know better, he came from idolatry. He did not know that he was not supposed to bow down and worship; he used to worship idols, and he bowed down and started to worship Peter. You can imagine a man coming there who received the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This man was sent for by an angel of God! And everybody in the house was wondering, what would be the words that this man would speak. The angel never told them what this man was going to tell them. The soldiers said that, "Cornelius sent for you, that we might hear words of thee." My God! The house was filled with people, also the yard. I imagine people sat on top of the stove, and the bed, because an angel sent for a man, and everybody believed Cornelius, because of the life that the man lived. Peter picked him up by his hands.

CHRIST IS LORD OF ALL

Acts 10:28 <And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.>

You are talking about presentation, you are talking about trained preachers and presentation of the gospel, He picked him up and he started talking to them at once. He said, "You know Cornelius, you are familiar; all you Romans know that we consider you as dogs; and what an unlawful thing it is for a Jew to come into a Roman's house. The only reason that I came into this dog house, the only reason I came into this kennel, is because God told me that what he has cleansed don't call it unclean at all. That's the reason why I am here." The man set the stage for his sermon. My Lord! Yes. Peter continued his sermon and said,

Acts 10:29 <Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?>

This man was not trusting this vision even up to this point. Let the vision play out. He said, "Cornelius, I came down here; I received the invitation of these three men. I am asking you, for what intent have you sent for me?" Cornelius being a wise man told him:

Acts 10:30 <And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour...>

Man, how are you going to eat when an angel appeared to you? How are you going to eat when you know the servant of God is coming down to give you counsel from the Almighty Himself? We learnt that the angel was in the form of a man.

Acts 10:30 <...and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.>

My God! Oh beloved, I wish I had a couple hours.

You are talking about men that were trained. Peter asked him a question, and that centurion: all trained up according to the Roman army; he gave him the experience and said, "God sent to call you, because you have something to say. I don't have anything to say. I sent for you because God said that you have something to say!" Yes. In other words, I have already spoken, start speaking.

Acts 10:34-36 <Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.>

He was getting that revelation now; he is no respecter of persons.

<But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

*The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is **Lord of all**):>*

My God, you can imagine the gracious words, and how people was on the edge of their seats because an angel sent for a man by the seaside, to speak the words of God, to tell them what God hath commanded him.

My beloved, they were not "two-cents" preachers. They told what they had to tell. People either **believe it or not**. "He is Lord of all Jesus Christ is lord of all."

Peter presented forgiveness, and the plan of salvation. The centurion prayers were stored up in vials, an angel could not tell him how to be saved but said, "Go and get a preacher. And the preacher is going to preach to you."

My beloved, faith built up in that house with those raw Gentiles and heathens, that it gave them a born again experience, as he presented the Messiah, the coming of the Lord, that was the born again experience.

I John 5:1 <Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...>

And while the preaching was going on, those people, so believed the Word, by the testimony of the centurion, they were just gobbling up everything as they sat on the edges of their seats. You could see them hanging from the rafters, some saying "Amen" inside of the bedrooms. My God! And as Peter continued, hear what the Bible said,

Acts 10:44 <While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.>

My God, one message and they were born again, they received the virtues, and they got what they had on the Day of Pentecost! I am saying that he could **do** the same thing again. Yes!

FOUNDATION BEING LAID FOR OUTPOURING

And the foundation is now being laid throughout the world. And there are devout men in the message, devout men in organization, devout men scattered across the world. And while we yet **speak** the words, the Holy Ghost will fall upon them! Beloved, the faith and the grace, that was upon this man, was so great, that it bypassed water baptism. The **order** to get the Holy Ghost. Peter declared it on the Day of Pentecost himself! He said,

Acts 2:38 <...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.>

The faith of Cornelius, the sincerity, the honesty, the approach to God, bypassed water baptism and the formula on the Day of Pentecost that Peter himself gave to the people. And while he yet spake the words, they heard a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and cloven tongues of fire, sat upon each one of them, like it

happened in the upper room. First, the pillar of fire appeared, and it broke up into pieces and went to the different ones. And the bible said, "All of them received the Holy Ghost that heard the Word."

My God! My brothers and sisters, I believe that we are going to get that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Look at how much grace we have. We are following the abc. We have followed John the Baptist. We believe the opening of the seals. We believe the Word of God. We are bound for the promise land. We must get it! If the house of Cornelius got it, we are bound to **get it!** We had been waiting for it. Don't doubt anything, but believe in your heart. Oh my God! They were astonished my beloved, yes.

Acts 10:45 <And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. >

If I was in that house, I would have asked him to tarry certain days. And in his tarrying there, he preached other messages, and instructed the Gentiles for the first time. How to live; how to conduct themselves, and taught them many things concerning the gospel. They asked him to hold on there, "We beg you to stay with us." Yes, an angel came down from heaven and **sent for a man** to speak, who had words from God to give unto those people. That is where your salvation is.

Tell me, that you don't have to learn from a man and you are not going to follow a man and you are going to follow an angel that is speaking to you; you are lost already. If an **angel** ever appears to you, friend, he is going to **direct** you to a man with the Word of God, and the Keys to the Kingdom of God. Peter had the keys to the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of God is the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit knew that; he sent for Peter to come and turn that key for the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the gentiles. I believe we ought to have some more Cornelius' upon the face of the earth today. **Devout** men that will receive this great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. My beloved I have great hope; we have great consolation. I believe they are scattered about everywhere in the message, devout men, and God will lead them to His servants with the Word of the Lord. Give us a song. Thank you for your patience. Praise Him. Thank you, Lord.

WHY THE SORCERER DID NOT GET THE HOLY GHOST

CHAPTER SIX

<And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. > (Acts 8:18-25).

We went through many messages beginning recently at G.C.C., Grace Covenant Church of America. The Lord supernaturally spoke to us on the subject of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and they are seven messages in all.

The Lord continued to bless us and we spoke on the subject of Cornelius, receiving the Outpouring. And then another little message followed and that was the Keys to the Kingdom. Kingdom means, Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the apostles said that the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but power in the Holy Ghost. All dealt with how to receive the Holy Spirit. How to enter into this Outpouring of the Spirit: they emphasized what kind of a preparation that we ought to make. How we must set our hearts in order. The preparation of the heart - Upper room: heart's condition.

We proved throughout those messages, what kind of a people that we ought to be; our hearts condition. It must be purified. And above all, the necessity of receiving this most important article that we **referred** to as the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God, and in Bride language: the Token.

I want to remind all my listeners, that we must of **necessity**, receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in order to qualify for the Rapture. There are things that can **hinder** you from receiving this Outpouring. And there are things, that you can do that will bring you that Outpouring in your life, when God pours out His Spirit.

The effort of all those messages is to convince people, that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power to the church of God before the Rapture. (Church Ages page 377 to 380). And, in addition is not only to know that there is going to be an Outpouring, but to understand how to be a **candidate** to receive that Outpouring.

And we went through all those messages and proved how they received the Outpouring on the Day of Pentecost. We showed you how they received it in Samaria, and how Cornelius and his house received the Holy Ghost, the article of Pentecost. Acts 19 showed how they received it by the laying on of hands through Brother Paul. Then we came to this subject that there is a Key to all of this.

WAKE-UP TO PROMISED OUTPOURING - PREPARATION

Many people realized that there is an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to come, but friends that is not all, no, you have to know how it is coming; about the time that it is coming. You have to know what are the requirements to receive it, otherwise you are not going to **get** it. That is why we spent much time upon this subject.

There are many people who are waking up around the world, both friends and **enemies** concerning this great promise of God, called the Token and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Overseas letters coming in are all speaking with the same voice, that they are looking for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These tapes are going out to them to help them to understand, how to **prepare** for this great Outpouring. It is not just saying that an Outpouring is coming. I am labouring day and night with joy, gladness, and great encouragement from overseas letters. When I hear the people of God with one voice say that, there has got to be another Outpouring, "We are determined to stand, we will not turn back for anything, our eyes are now opened. We are delivered and we are set free."

I was told by a witness, who was present that there were about four hundred ministers that gathered themselves in Europe, lo and behold, their subject was "The coming Outpouring of the Holy Spirit." Ministers cannot do anything with E.O.D.H. books, that have highlighted an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a Bride's revival. Although some disagree with certain expositions of their heresies, they cannot get away from this Outpouring: and the only way to save their congregation is to **come together** and say, "Yes, there will be an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit." Beloved, don't you forget in that vision, of two sowers that the prophet of God said, there came a drought and the wheat lifted up their heads and said, "We want a rain." And the tares lift up their heads and said, "We want a rain." Not everybody that calls for this rain to save their churches, and save their faces, and save their names are going to get it!

I turned my attention in a little negative manner, yet for the **edification** and encouragement of the church. I am not telling you, that you are not going to get this Outpouring. I am trying to show you the other side, and turn your attention to a certain man who did not receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God, which we call the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost: it's the same thing. And then if we can see why this man did not receive the Outpouring of the Spirit, then friends, we can beware, and we can learn from that mistake and avoid such pitfalls that caused this man not to receive the Holy Ghost.

I tell you friends, when we have come to the end of the road and that Spirit is outpoured, you will be without **excuse**. For the teachings that you have sat under for better than three decades, and almost have completed the fourth decade for certain people. You will be without excuse. Your blood will be off my hands. I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole **counsel** of God. Every person should be able to receive that Outpouring when it comes, if you don't it will be your fault and not mine. I am fully satisfied, and I am satisfied in such a measure that I have to preach to you only by faith. You must now apply the word in your lives, to be qualified for God's promise.

My heart is set to the hungry ones and the hungry hearts overseas who are crying night and day in prayer for me to come. Yet, I am His prisoner. I will go anywhere He bids me go. We turn our attentions to find out why this man, the sorcerer, did not get the Holy Ghost, thus we can **save** ourselves that pitfall. And if after you hear this you still want to jump into the pit, who are you going to blame? There is no one to blame. No, because the Word of the Lord is so plain to us. All the ministers made it so plain over the years, yes, that a fool shall not err therein.

I'm going to paint the **picture**. There were a people called, "the Jews", they were waiting on the promise of the Father since the days of Abraham, but they did not even understand what is the promise of the Father. They waited for two thousand years for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which is a type of the Promise Land. Do not think that you are waiting a long time? The Lord does things in His own time.

There came a man called, John the Baptist, and he preached,

Mark 1:15 <...the kingdom of God is at hand...>

There came another Man after him called, the Lord Jesus, the anointed Messiah, and then He preached,

Matthew 12:28 <... the kingdom of God is come unto you.>

He died, rose again; and the disciples asked Him,

Acts 1:6 <Lord, wilt thou at this time restore unto us the kingdom to Israel.>

He said,

Acts 1:7-8 <It is not for you to know the times or the seasons...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...>

And in another scripture He said,

Luke 24:49 <...behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you...>

The promise of the Father came on the Day of Pentecost, after waiting for two thousand years. It eventually turned out that the great promise of the Father was the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the greatest of all promises.

When they asked Jesus, to teach them to pray, He said,

Luke 11:2 <When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.>

Thy Outpouring come, and when the Outpouring comes,

<Thy will be done...>

For the perfect will of the Lord to be fulfilled upon the face of the earth, and all that He promised, we must have another **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit. "Thy Token come, Thy Outpouring come, and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Perfect order will be restored by the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, likened unto heaven.

People were waiting on an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit like we are **waiting**. This was preached throughout the years in types and shadows. It was preached by John the Baptist. It was preached by Jesus. They went up to the upper room and they waited for the promise.

They were common people like you and I. They had faults, they had mistakes: Peter cursed just about nine days before that and also swore, but he repented. We have mistakes; they were people like us. When you read the Bible do not put them in some kind of super-holy category, like you learned about in the Catholic Church about saints. They were common people with mistakes, and faults. Once Paul and Peter contended and Paul refused to let Mark accompany him. Later he said,

II Timothy 4:11 <Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.>

They had their human weaknesses and failures. Do not think that they were some super humans, and that you have to become a super human to get this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All the apostles fled, yes, and left Jesus alone, and some even fled naked.

They were looking for this great promise of God, and I want you to understand that it finally came. There will be a **final day** when the Outpouring will be here, beyond a shadow of a doubt. As much as you have heard over, and over, and over, there will be a final day.

The longer the Lord keeps this promise away from us, is the more **mercy** He is showing to the people in the message and the rest of the world. After this Outpouring takes place, friends, it goes on for three to six months in a great Bride's ministry, and at the end, the Rapture takes place, and the door of the mercy will be shut to all mankind among the Gentiles.

Now, don't you see that everyday that the Lord keeps back this Token it's the mercy of God for your children to come to the age of accountability? For that backslidden brother, that backslidden sister, that sleepy head Christian, it's the mercy of the Lord! One more day, one more week, one more month, one more year; but friends, that **time is going to run out**, when that runs out the Lord will pour out His Spirit, and when He pours out His Spirit there is only about three to six months. There will be such dynamic power in that ministry that it will evangelize many nations, and as the Lord said,

Matthew 24: 14 <And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached as a witness unto all nations.>

SIMON THE SORCERER - SAMARIA

I want to call your attentions to something: there were a people in Samaria that were **expecting** a great blessing, and Outpouring of the Spirit that they would not have the need to go down to the well of Jacob for water. You say, "How did you come to that preacher?" Friends, the Lord Jesus, went down to Samaria. He met a prostitute woman, and told her that out of your belly shall flow rivers of living Waters. The Bible said,

John 7:39 <...this spake he of the Holy Ghost ...>

Now, but hold it, that is not all, she went and called the people of the city, and they believed. That was the same gospel that the Lord preached unto them, about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and they all believed with one accord. I am sure that they heard what happened on the Day of Pentecost and somebody was praying. The little lady knew that the time had come for her to receive that promise, that the Lord made to her.

John 4:10 <...If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.>

The Samaritans are people that were hybrid with the Jews. Half Jew, half gentiles, so they were in another category and the gentiles were the other nations. And these people, no doubt, heard that the **Token fell**; let us talk Bride's language. Beloved, we will hear one day that the Outpouring came. It doesn't come to the entire world at the same time, into all assemblies and all nations, it cannot come that way. It got to follow the pattern of Pentecost. And we will hear one day, that there is an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We will muse in our hearts, "Is it true? Is it false?" There would be people at that same time who have never heard that there was an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, though they belong to the message of John the Baptist: Acts 19, a type of Malachi 4:5-6.

Acts 19:2 <And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.>

But the fact is that the Outpouring did come.

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit had come in Jerusalem amongst a people that were looking for it and prepared for it; their hearts were right within them. There was a great volume of people in Samaria that was waiting for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Lord moved the deacon called, "Phillip." How wonderful! Phillip was one of the seven who was ordained by the apostles to keep tables, to share out food, attend to the needs of Grecian women because they were murmuring for their daily needs.

Phillip went down to Samaria by the leadership of the Holy Ghost. He declared unto them the gospel, and he reminded them of Christ that came to the woman at the well of Samaria. I wonder if he met her. He refreshed their minds about the promise that was made, since they were a people already believing in Christ in Samaria. Although Jesus never performed miracles in Samaria, the Holy Spirit fell upon Phillip and he cast out devils left and right. Mighty signs and wonders were done, and the Bible said,

Acts 8:6,8 <And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake... And there was great joy in that city>.

My God! I want to see that! A whole village came out and when they heard one preacher they said, "We believe that." I believe it could happen again.

And at that time, something happened that was a **notable** miracle. There was a man who had bewitched the whole of Samaria. What we have today is a bunch of preachers over the radio, and over the television, and on the field, and many organizations that have **bewitched** the people. Bewitched the people by false doctrines, bewitched the people by money schemes. Bewitched the people, through immoralities and through formalities. They have turned the gospel into a matter of societies instead of a Holy Ghost presentation, that the people may be saved. The people could receive Eternal Life only by obedience to the Word of God. They bewitched them with false water baptism: in titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. They bewitched the people by women preachers. They bewitched the people by Bible schools. They bewitched them by preacher's licenses and by many man-made institutions.

These preachers who today are bewitching the people are **worse** than Simon the sorcerer. Oral Roberts is worse than Simon the sorcerer. Billy Graham is worse than Simon the sorcerer. The Pope and the Catholic Church

are worse than Simon the sorcerer, and they have bewitched the people to help them to trust in their organizations instead of the Word. They have bewitched the women today to wear shorts, telling them that it is alright to wear pants, and mini skirts, hug men right in the church and kiss them, who are not their husbands, yes, breast to breast. Adultery, fornication, and stealing are going on in churches and preachers have become millionaires and even billionaires from the people's money and such "conscienceless" sorcerers are leading them to the **tribulation** and hell.

An example of that is right down here with a man called, "Cuffie". Reports are that millions of dollars were collected to build a church. The building is like a warehouse. About two or three miles away from the church the man built a **palace** like Nebuchadnezzar's. Popular opinions are saying that is where the people's money went. You're talking about some building going on for two or three years. Now that's a disgrace to Christianity. It puts every preacher in a category as if they are money swindlers, and money beggars. He is one of the poorest examples of Christ and His servants.

Our Lord was a poor man, and said,

Luke 9:58 <The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.>

He was buried in a borrowed tomb, and He borrowed a donkey to ride, and He was crucified naked, my God, but up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph over His foes, He arose a victor from the dark domain and forever with the saints to reign. Our home is not here, our wealth is not here, yes, friends, our wealth is beyond.

Matthew 6:20 <But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.>

Our Lord taught us that way.

Such preachers cannot represent Jesus Christ under those conditions. No, they are not true examples, and the preachers in this message are following the very same **pattern**. One of them in this country, boasted six million dollars in the bank, and his "heifer" is giving away his secrets everywhere. That was many years ago; I guess they have about thirty or fifty million now. It's the same spirit of the Catholic Church. It's the same spirit of organizations.

Let me tell you with all this **bewitchment**, I have hope. Simon the sorcerer bewitched almost everybody and convinced them that he was the great power of God, in Samaria. But I tell you, that one deacon went down there with the power of the Holy Ghost upon him. My God! And the Lord anointed that man to do signs and wonders, and the demons that the sorcerer put on those people, he cast out both left and right and caused the sorcerer to be baptized. I am looking forward for great deliverance. As much as the preachers of this world, organizations and religions have bewitched the peoples of the world, I believe that there is coming a great time of **deliverance**. I believe that the yoke will be broken.

In just a few days time of preaching the gospel, Phillip broke the yoke of the sorcerer. My God, I want to see that! I want to see the yoke broken from all those that are bewitched by Oral Roberts, and Billy Graham, and by the Catholic Church, and by the organizations of Pentecostalism and, all the organizations in the world. The hour is coming and we are going to see such deliverance.

Yes, when that revival comes, the prophet of God said, "It's going to shake Japan." My God, he told one campaign manager that. "They will come out of the organizations screaming by the **millions**." What is going to do it? The power of the Holy Ghost.

My God, imagine that kind of a ministry. He said, "*What the apostles done in the early church will be minor to what the church of God will do in the end time.*" I believe it with all my heart. Yes. I am optimistic. I'm an optimist; pessimists are preaching against the power of God, from such turn away.

II Timothy 3:5 <Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.>

They say that we're looking for something that is already past. No, it has not yet even **begun**. To deliver the children of God. To deliver the elect out of Babylon. To deliver them, out of all those organizations, and the **gates** of hell that have prevailed over the people in the message, it takes Dynamic power. I believe that power will be accompanied by **creative** miracles. Eyeballs will be replaced, missing arms will be replaced, all kinds of different organs that were cut out from people, will be replaced in their bodies. I believe God for great things. So much signs and wonders and creative miracles will be done today by the Bride of Christ that it will even attract the attention of **science**.

Remember when that man screamed upon the white horse with a voice that shook the earth? The vision says, the scientists looked up.

How on earth science would not be attracted when a man can speak, and create an arm, create a leg, raise the dead, heal the sick, put back eyeballs in faces, when they know that they are trying for all the years to do that and

have not succeeded, and here is a little man, with a, speak-the-Word ministry and it is happening? How on earth they would not be **attracted**, when we say, “The church is hungry: let there be a bull! Kill the oxen and feed the church”?

Brother Branham created squirrels, but the Bride will create oxens.

John 14:12 <...and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.>

Yes sir! I believe men will walk again on the waters. I believe that they will break the bread again, and feed the multitudes, and they will pick up, a million baskets of crumbs. I’m just believing it. I’m a believer in God and nothing is impossible to Him. Oh my Lord! Great things, are going to happen.

Simon the sorcerer has bewitched the people again around the **world**, and even in the message.

And there was a man who arose many years ago; he did some creative miracles, just like this man from India called Lawrie; his name is, “Neil Frisby”. I am now studying his articles and ministry. This man has bewitched some of the people in the message by his miracles even because they are so hungry to see the power of God. He spoke eyeballs into existence, bones into place, and many fantastic miracles of creative power.

Yes, and he wrote three hundred and twelve mini scrolls, saying that he is opening the seventh seal. He believes that Brother Branham is a prophet, but he is the **next prophet** who followed as an eighth messenger. Many of the people in Nigeria fell for those kinds of miracles, and they are bewitched by that Simon the sorcerer. This man said that he must be alive, for the rapture. Brother Branham is not alive for the Rapture, because he was not Revelation 10:7 he was supposed to be alive for the rapture. He said, “But the real Revelation 10:7 must be alive for the Rapture.” Lo and behold, he **died** in May 2005. Now who is Revelation 10:7? Who is the real one? I say William Branham, God’s servant and prophet.

The Token had fallen; the Outpouring had come at Pentecost. The Promise that they were looking for had come. The Samaritans heard that. The seed was already sown. They were expecting rivers of living waters to flow out of their bellies, springing up so much joy in their hearts, that they would not be sad, lonely, despondent and It will deliver from condemnation. They were promised a well of water, springing up unto Eternal Life. Joy unspeakable and full of glory. They got a little desperate and went into prayer, and Phillip came down there.

He was a **mysterious** fellow. The Spirit of the Lord used to pick him up and carry him to his assignments. I tell you, that was some kind of a deacon. The Holy Ghost fell upon that man, he went down and cast out devils left and right, healed the sick. The Bible said,

Acts 8:7 <For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.>

One preacher man, my God! He got the attention of all Samaria, and delivered many from that bewitchment of Simon the sorcerer. Simon the sorcerer lost his members.

Now brethren, let us deal with this fellow a little bit, Simon the sorcerer, the Bible said that he himself believed, and was baptized, and wondered as he beheld the signs, the wonders and the miracles that were done by Phillip. The man joined himself to the church, and there was great rejoicing in Samaria, because the sorcerer even repented. I believe because of his testimony, many who were reluctant to get baptize and serve the Lord, came and gave their hearts to the Lord. Do you see why the Lord baptizes the sorcerers sometimes, make them testify, and then find their rightful places? This man believed, he was baptized, he was a follower of the message, and was very impressed. I guess he testified many days and through his testimony others were saved.

When they heard of a revival down in Samaria, the apostles sent down Peter, the man with the Keys to the Kingdom, to minister to them. The Bible plainly said,

Acts 8:16 <For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.>

True water baptism is only in the Name of Jesus Christ. *Act 2:38. Acts: 8. Acts: 10. Acts: 19.* Every baptism that took place was in the Name of Jesus Christ.

To see Peter come down to Samaria was a marvelous thing. I envision Peter like an angel of Light, after all the signs and wonders by Phillip nobody got the Holy Ghost. Nobody could have received the Token, the Outpouring. **God has a plan.** He had his channel. He had order in receiving this Outpouring.

They needed a certain man, and they needed the Keys to the Kingdom of God. That’s the man who turned the Keys on the Day of Pentecost; and he went down to Samaria when they received the Word, and turned the Keys. That was so marvelous that he turned the Keys.

THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS – OUTPOURING

Beloved, **picture** ourselves. There was a great line up of thousands of people. The Token the fullness had come at Pentecost, and the Samaritans were yet without it, but God sent a man. Who could have instructed them, how to receive the article of Pentecost? Do you see yourself lined up?

A long line of saints, it crossed the city block. We heard the message. We believe in Jesus and we know without that Token we cannot go in the **Rapture**. We want this Fullness. We want this Outpouring. We want this Token. We want the full measure of the Holy Ghost to transform our bodies. We will be more **desperate** than they, because this here is life and death, Rapture or tribulation.

But in that group, there were believers, **make-believers**, and unbelievers: but everybody wanted the Token. How long they prayed for those people to impart the Spirit, the Bible did not specify, but they were laying hands upon them to receive the Token, the Outpouring, the fullness etc.

As much as you have followed this message there, overseas, as much as you believe the prophet of God, and as long as you were baptized, you need this Outpouring for the Rapture, Bethel, and all the churches that are looking for this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We need that Outpouring or we will **perish**. The prophet already declared that you'll have the Token or you will perish. Friends, I could see the people lined up, coming for the token some trembling in the line thinking: "I wonder if I will get it. I remember that I cursed off a brother and did not make it right. I remember that I spoke evil of my pastor. I remember that I had a bad spirit towards him."

I see another going up with rejoicing because their heart was made right saying, "Thank God, I know that I am going to get that fullness. I am walking up there in good faith. Oh my, it's taking so long to reach up to Peter, oh my, oh my, I want to reach him." People are slain by the Holy Ghost on one end; somebody got the Holy Ghost and started prophesying. They ran out there speaking in tongues. The Lord is positionally placing His saints. Some lay down on the floor, some running out shouting and praising God. They filled the streets. The Token had come and people were getting It. I could see on this line that one came to Peter, and Brother Peter said, "Do you believe with all your heart that you can receive the Holy Ghost?" "With all my heart, Brother Peter." And Brother Peter discerned: "Come let me tell you something, you did such and such wrong; go and make that right." Don't you think that it was so easy like the Bible said.

Acts 8:17 <...and they received the Holy Ghost.>

"Move out of the line sister, you committed fornication, you lived in adultery and you did not confess that, leave and go." Weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth could be heard.

Yes! I can see Peter laying his hands upon them, "receive ye the Holy Ghost," and that fellow standing dry as ever. Peter says, "Move on son." He could not receive it. These details were not written down but that is how it is going to be. There are things that people have committed ten years ago and never made it right, twenty years and never made it right, thirty years and never made it right. When that Token comes and the preacher lay hands upon those people, they would not receive It! Those that play games with their pastors, work with backsliders to cut him and destroy him, those that hate his children, scandalize his children's names, and sit with bitter hatred in the congregation. Such people were making their way up in the line and it was not going to work. Some of them had **bitterness**, hatred, pride, and malice, and refused to repent; they were too big to repent. Now, you just think of a whole village of the Samaritans and almost all of them in one accord, they recognized the preaching of Philip and those people were coming up for the Token.

Beloved this is going to be reality one of these days. It may not be in this building but wherever we are gathered. It will be reality. To you who are overseas, my beloved, **ministers**, it is going to happen one day that the Outpouring is going to come at God's Chosen Spot. You will need a man to instruct you, how to receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Be patient, wait, pray, desire it, make your life right, cleanse your heart, your heart got to be right - Upper Room hearts condition to receive it. The Lord is going to send a little Philip, to preach to you, to work signs and wonders but you will need another man to outpour the Holy Spirit upon you. Everybody is not gifted for that. There were certain men gifted for that job like Peter, Paul and different ones. But the important thing at the present time is to **prepare** the heart.

In this line and among those who were turned away came Simon the Sorcerer. He was also in line, very sanctimonious. Everybody was positive that he was going to get the Token, because he made such a great **sacrifice**, the man repented, he testified, he got baptized. He was with Philip, he joined Philip like a right hand man and he was walking around Philip and belonged to the group, a follower of the Message, a man who is a great man, a wealthy man, a man of power, they considered him to be the great power of God. The man no doubt proved that he was elected in the eyes of people, because he repented at the preaching of Philip and he was in that line coming for the Token. Now remember the title of my message, 'Why The Sorcerer did not get the Holy Ghost'. If we could see

why he did not, we could **correct** ourselves. Oh friends, I can see, the Sorcerer in that line, he was way down amongst five thousand people. I believe that prayer line went on day and night; no stopping. You are talking about joy of receiving the Outpouring of the Spirit. There will be joy in our hearts, we could see the fear and the trembling, that we will face. I can see, as we muse within our minds, "I wonder if my seven year old child will get It? If he misses it he cannot go in the Rapture. I wonder if my wife, my daughter, my husband will get It? My neighbour, my friend; I wonder?"

Then you see your wife come up there and Peter look upon her, he says, 'receive ye the Holy Spirit' and she scream out under the power of God, saintly little woman, her voice was never heard before but at the top of her voice, begin to magnify and praise God. And then joy fills your heart, 'Yes, thank God, my wife is a candidate for the Rapture.'

You have your children behind you, you say, "Son, let us go up and get the Token."

My God! Brethren, the Lord has to do something about **our children!** No matter what we do, there will be little ones when that Outpouring comes. You see your teenage daughter and she comes up there and the preacher lay hands upon her and she stands there like a dry biscuit and is told to go out of the line, and to pray and fast. She could not get out that hateful spirit against that minister, used her mouth against the minister's children, conspired with backsliders to provoke the church, live in fornication and hid it, buddy-up with backsliders and think that she could fool God, came up in the line because her mother told her to come, but in her heart she had **no faith** to receive it. Brother Peter turned right around and said, "Walk out on this side sister, and, stand aside. **Next** in line."

I could see Peter get some water, though he has the energy of the Holy Ghost. "Next in line brethren," under the great power of God and said, "Yes, and what is your name, Sir?" "**I am Simon**, no longer a sorcerer; I repented at the preaching of the great man of God called Philip. Sir, I am greatly impressed with the signs and the wonders and the miracles, I'm so impressed, I am thanking God for my deliverance." "And what can I do for you Mr. Simon?" Hear the request of this man:

Acts 8:18-21 <And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.>

Simon the Sorcerer did **not receive** the Holy Ghost Outpouring because his **heart was not right** in him.

Luke 8:15 <But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.>

For this Outpouring, your heart has got to be right. You cannot **speak evil** of one another and get this Outpouring. You cannot have unconfessed sins. You cannot live with a man outside of your husband, and think that God is going to **overlook** that and you will get the Token. Your heart is not right within you. Right there the preacher is going to tell people that you cannot receive the Holy Ghost, because your heart is not right within thee, or because your heart is based upon the natural. Simon the Sorcerer was not refused the Holy Ghost because he was a sorcerer.

Acts 17:30 <And the times of this ignorance God winked at...>

Although you were an adulterer, fornicator, liar, thief, or heretic and have preached heresies and deceived many people and put up yourself, as the man of God and the great power of God, God could forgive you for all things. That would not prevent you from getting the Holy Ghost. So he did not, fail to get the Holy Ghost because he was a sorcerer, get that out of your minds.

Matthew 12:31 <All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.>

This man was not going to be refused the Holy Ghost because he was a sorcerer or because he was a rich man or because he deceived the people, no, watch the context of this. Why he **did not** get it?

SORCERER - WHY HE DID NOT RECEIVE OUTPOURING

Watch the scripture properly children, learn to read your Bibles, and see the fault in this man. 'His **heart** was not right in him,' as a result he thought that the Gift of God could be purchased with money. You cannot **pay** for this Holy Ghost with money, you have to pay for the Holy Ghost with a **sacrifice** of dying out to your pride, to your lust, to your self, this is the price. Instead of this man choosing to pay the price that God required, which was

the price of **self denial**, the man offered money and took the easy way. Do you know what he done? Hear the words of Peter,

Acts 8:20 <... because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. >

He devalued the greatest gift of God that was ever offered to man, (which was 'Zoe, God's own life') to dollars and cents.

Let me tell you something and all under the sound of my voice and wherever this tape may go, and eventually wherever the book may: all that **deny** the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and treat it as a common thing; you are going through the Tribulation. This Gift of God that I am preaching must have the highest **estimation**, because it is God coming down to tabernacle in human flesh in His fullness, in the Bride, collectively by the fullness of the Godhead bodily. With all that he saw, he did not have the correct **evaluation** of the Gift of God and devalued it to dollars and cents.

Anytime you devalue this Promise that I am preaching, excuse yourself to commit fornication, adultery, dress as you want, be a hypocrite and go out there and break your virginity as a young woman, you devalue the Gift of God, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When you could lie about your pastor, you are going to end up like Simon the Sorcerer.

When you devalue the Promise of God into such a place, that you could bind yourself together with unsaved people to **provoke** the church, you are in trouble. Don't you know that's a Judas spirit that went out and join with the organizations to come against Jesus? Don't you know the same spirit that was upon Simon the Sorcerer was upon Judas? I don't want to shun to declare the whole counsel of God to you. I want to show you **why** this man did not get the Holy Ghost and I want to help you not to fall into that same pit.

Now if we do not do what Simon the Sorcerer done and what Judas done we are going to **get it**, friends. There were others by the **thousands** that got it in Samaria but this man's failure was recorded in the Bible for our edification, to show us today what we should not do if we want to get the Holy Spirit.

You cannot sit down in the House of God, take sides with backsliders, speak evil against your pastor, and speak evil against his family, saying that they want to rob you of this and that. Watch out! Be careful! You cannot curse the pastor's son when he tries to greet you because of hatred in your heart. You cannot run down the pastor's wife. You cannot run down your brethren. You cannot run down the deacons because they corrected you. It is going to come up at the judgement when that Token outpouring comes; God is going to **remind** you of that. He will remind you and you will be pulled out of the line. My God! May God have mercy upon His children and let not one of you fall into that **category**, misbehave yourself in public as a prostitute over the Internet, talking to unsaved men and flirting with them. It is going to come up on that Day of Judgement. Hell will be your portion! Unless you repent, I'm telling you, believe this little preacher if you ever believed him, this is going to be the happenings just like I tell you. The Holy Spirit is going to come and call out your sins, and that man who is going to lay his hands upon you, instead of telling you something in your ears, the Holy Spirit will discern you and say, keep out of this line before you drop dead because this is a judgement ministry. You are not going to get the Holy Spirit. Thou art in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity." Yes sir! These things are going to happen.

Now, there were certain thoughts going through Simon's heart and that was the important thing, that Peter discerned and told him that he could not have any part nor lot with this. He said, "the thoughts of thy heart... peradventure that God will forgive you for it." God never forgave him for that. What was the great **crime**? Someone may say, "This man came and asked for the Holy Ghost like anybody and he walked with some money, I figure he should get it." Yes. That's the carnal, human thinking. That was not the crime, the crime was not the money. The crime was the **devaluation of the gift of God**. He considered that gift of God as nothing, that it could be purchased with money. You are not going to buy this gift of God with money. You are not going to buy this Outpouring of the Holy Ghost with dollars and cents. You are not going to come into this Outpouring by your works of righteousness. You are not going to come into this, by covering your sins and hiding your sins. You are going to get it by **total repentance**! Your heart got to be right! 'Upper Room: Hearts' Condition!' It got to be right! You cannot have evil inside of you!

And in the heart of Simon the Sorcerer was evil. You say, "Evil?" I am saying, 'evil'. When there is evil inside of you, your mouth will speak it out.

Matthew 12:34 <...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.>

You will judge your brothers for wanting to steal your property. You will judge your pastor for wanting to steal your money, because your heart is evil. You will gossip with your children, gossip with your brothers and sisters against the actions and decisions of the pastor and it is going to come up, when the man gets ready to turn the keys to the Kingdom in your life. It will be a day of reckoning. And it is going to be very serious, with weeping and wailing and gnashing of **teeth**! The foolish virgins will be rejected. And they will be sent through the tribulation to purge out their slanderous tongues, their grumbling ways, their murmurings and their complaining. Their brawlings

that could be heard in the neighbourhood, right in the presence of their pastors. Some lie to both man and God, speak wickedly and when they are challenged about it, they lie to cover up their nasty tongues. The hour is coming and there will be a lot of repentance and some repentance will be in vain.

Watch Simon. He never came there and **asked** for complete deliverance. When you are a witch and you lived so vile and you meet a man of God, the first thing you want to know is that your sins are forgiven and you are completely delivered from such wicked spirits. He never asked for deliverance from such demons; he never asked to be born again; he never asked for the Holy Ghost. "Brother Bruce, I think you contradicted the Scriptures." No sir, the man never asked for the Holy Ghost. Then you say, "What did the man ask for?" He asked for the **Keys** to the Kingdom. Think of what I'm saying. Peter had the power that whosoever he laid his hands upon, they might receive the Holy Ghost, and that was such a gift, they had to send him from Jerusalem. Hear the gift this sorcerer is asking for. He said, "Give me the same power that whosoever I lay my hands upon they will also receive the Holy Ghost. Here is some money. Pass it under the table, brother. Take a million dollars, give me the thing." His heart was not right in him. Everybody was asking for deliverance, everybody was asking for birth, everybody was asking for a little piece of the Holy Ghost. "Give me the Holy Ghost, Brother Peter." This man wanted the Keys. I'm saying the man wanted the Keys.

Why did he want the Keys? And why would he pay money? He was making an investment that would bring him profit in the later days and he was going to charge everybody that he gave the Holy Ghost, he was going to charge them double! And the man had in mind to regain his popularity as 'the great power of God.'

He did not want to give up. He did not want to **lose** that position. And you heretics down there in Africa, Japan and India, Europe, Philippines, North America, and the Western world, you don't want to lose your position! That is why you reject E.O.D.H.! Your hour is coming and you would have **no part** nor lot in the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

This man's heart was full of evil. He was a make-believer and he was just staying quiet and thought that somehow, he could buy this power and the Keys to the kingdom. You cannot buy the Keys! God has to give the Keys to you by a revelation of the Son of Man. In the sorcerer was an evil heart of unbelief, he was making an investment. He did not care if he paid a million dollars for that power. He wanted to come into the Church of God as the great **power** of God. 'Except a man humble himself, he shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of God.' And this man did not humble his pride, he was not willing to give up his **popularity**. He was willing to recapture all those people when he received great power. And now he had plans to take over from Peter, and share out the Holy Ghost at a **price**.

Friends, this Holy Ghost is free. Anybody who is collecting money from the people by the millions like Mr. Cuffy, Oral Roberts, Billy Graham and all these billionaires through the Gospel, they cannot give anyone the token, they don't have the Holy Ghost. You have got to be empty to receive this Holy Ghost outpouring. You cannot have a lying tongue in your mouth. You cannot have a slanderous tongue. You cannot speak evil of your brothers and sisters. You cannot behave as a brawler and carry on like an ungodly woman, ungodly man. You cannot go after women; you cannot lust. You cannot compromise with your house and hide the sins of your children and get away with it! You cannot! You have got to be honest and sincere in your heart. You cannot push your children to be money-makers and have a money-making spirit and enter the Kingdom of God. No, friends. It is going to show up at that time of the Token. You see, whatever is in your heart will be reflected. If you have a vision of life, your words and your life will reflect that.

There are people who are willing to sell their souls for the world. They are willing to conspire against their pastor, like Judas. They are willing to take sides with backsliders and are willing to work against the church of God. They are full of hate, jealousy, evil speaking and they will hate you because you corrected them. If you let such evil sit in your heart like Simon the sorcerer and **devalue** this Outpouring that I am preaching about, it is going to backfire one of these days. He never asked for life, if you don't have life first place and it is not your vision, you are not going to get the Outpouring.

If you are not after deliverance of your soul, with all those things, that you know are in you, you are not going to get it. If you don't plead, ask, knock and **seek**, you are not going to get this Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You have got to be desperate after the Token and that's the only way you are going to get it. That was the condition of the Sorcerer's heart. He was not after life. He was not seeking the Holy Ghost. He was not crying for his deliverance. No. The man wanted power like Peter. He wanted to be a Peter, something that Philip never even desired, but this Sorcerer, came from doing his witchcraft, working some obeah and that's his desire. You are full of pride, self and lust! That is why you could think that way. When people want a big chunk of this world and anybody who seems like they are going to touch it becomes their enemy, and they will run down their name, as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. We better get our hearts right. Now Peter knew what he was talking about: "Thy heart is not right within thee, and you just took a thought there that you may never be forgiven for." He did not want to

make it hard on the man. There are people who don't want to **die**-out, they rather pay their tithes and rely on that, they rather give a big offering and rely on that but they don't want to die-out. God did not want money. No. He wanted the price of **sacrifice**. God don't want your money, your tithes and your offerings, He does not want those things. He wants you to die out. Die out from that evil tongue! Die out from the wickedness of your heart! Die out from the evil thoughts of your heart! Your judgemental attitude to your brothers and sisters, that is what God wants. People don't want to die out. They don't want to die out from their jealousy, hatred and disobedience. They rather obey a backslider than their pastors. You are not going to get the Token! You better pray that you **die** before that Outpouring comes. You will be better off dead. I am telling you the truth. Because if you miss this Token you are going through the Tribulation!

Acts 8:18-25 <And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.>

What are you **offering** for this Outpouring? What are you relying upon? Your tithes? Your attendance in church? When you run down somebody, you miss church for two or three days, two, three weeks, and when you do wrong you partially repent in a roundabout way? "Mealy-mouthed", talk in a roundabout way, and you call that repentance? You liar you! You have not repented. Every evil word that is spoken against a man of God, the Church of God, the brethren, must be repented for! God is hearing you! Peter said,

Acts 8:20 <...Thy money perish with thee...>

And I say that 'your house perish with thee. Your tithes perish with thee. Your land perish with you, until you repent.' God is not interested in your land, your house and your money and all those things. He wants you to **die out** from all your wicked ways. He wants your heart to be cleansed.

Matthew 12:34 <...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.>

You think that the paying of **tithes** is going to purchase you this Outpouring? Your attendance in Bethel is going to get you the Holy Ghost? By wearing a Christian dress is going to get you the Holy Ghost? No! There are tons of wickedness in people, that are secretly in their hearts. People will be told that they cannot get the Holy Ghost Outpouring, that in this Outpouring they have no part nor lot. That's a horrible judgment. What it boils down to is **evil** in the heart. That is why people could talk with such wicked mouths.

The attitude of the sorcerer amounts to blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. The only sin that shall not be forgiven men is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 12:31 <Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.>

He devalued the Holy Ghost. He wanted to buy the Holy Ghost with money. He spat in the face of God.

I imagine that Simon's wife, children and some of his former disciples stood there. Peter could not tell this man that He blasphemed the Holy Ghost, and is gone forever. He had to speak in suggestive terms, but he knew what happened.

Acts 8:23 <For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and [in] the bond of iniquity.>

You are swimming in gall.

What was in the man? The bond of iniquity. In other words, you know not to do that. You know not to speak evil. You know not to run down the righteous. You know that brother, that sister is living a righteous life, and do that, then, you are in the bond of iniquity. Iniquity means that you know it, you are not ignorant. You understand the Word of God, but, you do it against your conscience.

Simon the sorcerer was that man in history named, 'Simon Magnus'. He left that area of Samaria and went to Rome. He became a Nicolaitan that was instrumental in the formation of the Catholic Church. The iniquity that was inside of Simon the sorcerer is expressed in the Catholic Church. That is how much evil and iniquity there was in that man. What great evil. That is how people do **not get** the Holy Ghost, is when their hearts are not right and they refuse to make it right. Brethren, we don't have to wait for that time. If there is something that is not right, make it right today, and we will be candidates for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you Father, for the boldness of speech. Thank you for deliverance for Your people. Thank You so much Lord. Bless your children today. Lord, and let this Word go deep down into their hearts, we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WHY ESAU RECEIVED NOT THE BLESSINGS

CHAPTER SEVEN

<And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.> (Genesis-27:30-40).

I thank God for His wonderful **visitation** tonight. O, my brothers and sisters, we cannot buy this with money. And we cannot command this kind of **anointing** of the Lord through our righteousness. No, it comes by His sovereign grace. I don't know where we could find such a prayer meeting, such anointing, such songs of Zion.

We thank God for His grace, and all His blessings. Beloved, I believe that this is a night of deliverance. Yes, I believe that song became a prayer, and we are expressing our desire to live for Him, regardless of the weaknesses that we have, we have a desire to live for Him.

You will hear a little story tonight, of a man called, "Jacob" who had a desire to live for Him, and to receive the **birthright** and the blessing at all cost.

It is a **type** of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. So you will see the pro and the con, tonight. You will see the negative and the positive. These messages are not preached to beat you down in spirit. It is showing you just two things: the **attitude** that you must take to receive this promise and if you don't take that attitude then you would not receive that promise. But, I believe that we have the right attitude to the promise of God, and our desire is to live for Him. There is not a better song that could have been sung for such a long time, before I ascend the pulpit. I am feeling, so blessed of the Lord. When I come here, I look at you as the saints of the living God. Your faults, your failures does not matter. The Lord looks through the Blood, and He sees a perfect church. I try to look through the grace of God and see you as my brothers and sisters regardless of who you are. I thank God for His grace.

BIRTHRIGHT TYPES OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

We want to understand that the **birthright** and the blessing is a type of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A type of what took place on the Day of Pentecost. Esau is a type of Judas that never made it up to Pentecost,

though he had that privilege to do so. That Old Testament type was playing out the coming of the Messiah, and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And the same **reason** why Esau never received the blessings of the Lord, is the same reason why Judas never received it. Both men had equal opportunity to receive that great blessing.

The birthright is a very important subject. I am speaking and trying to bring your understanding up to the place to understand why Esau did not receive the blessing.

Now, this story of Esau's rejection is very pathetic. What we read tonight is going to be the **scene** at the time of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At that time, there will be a time of disappointment for many, and there will be a time of rejoicing and great gladness for others.

Just like in Samaria, it was a time of rejoicing for many of the Samaritans, but it was a day of sadness and gloominess for the sorcerer and others like him that were in that prayer line.

Now, this scene of tears of repentance, weeping and lamenting is exactly what is going to happen when the great Token, Fullness, Outpouring of the Holy Spirit comes in the last day.

Now, I will use one scripture to prove that, and that is the parable of the foolish and the wise virgins.

Matthew 25:10-12 <And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.>

And the wise virgins went into the marriage because they had the oil.

And the foolish virgins did not go into the marriage, the door was shut, and the Lord said "*I know you not.*" And it is written there,

Matthew 25:30 <...there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.>

Do you see the comparison? There is a **group** of people that misses the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and there is a group that receives the great Outpouring. "And there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." Now that weeping and wailing and gnashing are going to be greater than what was manifested by Esau.

This story, if you look at it from the face value, it could make you feel very sad for Esau. And even now I feel sad for Esau, to hear that man lamenting in the scriptures, even though I have the knowledge of the inside story, and how evil that man was, which caused him this great disappointment. Reading this story touches our hearts to know, how a man could weep, wail, beg and cry at the time of disappointment.

The time came for the blessings to be given out. The boys had grown up; the church had waited long enough. The waiting was over, from that time of the little boys growing up, playing together, wrestling together, coming to church together, eating of the same meal, born from the same mother and father. The time had come when the father was about to pour out his blessings.

One was desperate throughout life for the blessing, and his name was Jacob. And the other despised the blessing and the birthright, and his name was Esau.

Now, he even **forgot** what he had done in time past that would cause him this great disappointment, and he was blaming Jacob. He said that Jacob **robbed** him of his birthright; which is not true. He was looking for somebody to blame. That was not true, he willfully sold it.

At that time that fellow Esau, came in and his father told him, "*It's about time that I pour out my blessing upon you.*" Understand spiritual things, type out, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the blessings that are to follow. "Go my son, you're a hunter. I love you!" His daddy was a prophet. That's a great privilege to be living in a **preacher's house**; but many times people miss that blessing, and they do not recognize the presence of the Lord. The prophet of God preached a message called, '*The Unrecognized Presence of the Lord.*' Because people become so acquainted with fatherhood, brotherhood, etc. and they fail to recognize the presence of the Lord. And Esau was one of those fellows: Never let the **presence** of the Lord become common to you. Never let our assembling become common. Never let our fellowship become common. Never take it for granted that the ministers would ascend the pulpit, and preach another mighty message. Human beings are like that.

Esau was grown up and had known his prophet-daddy, and things became common to him. The prophet loved him, as the prophet, Brother Branham, loved so many thousands of people around him, and hunted with them, took them on trips. Esau was one of those fellows whom the prophet loved.

Jacob was a shyster, called, "Jacob a supplanter, and a deceiver," but he had a desire to live for Him, and his mother loved him. The two boys grew up in the same house and they fellowshipped. Something happened, along their journey, that no doubt Esau forgot; Jacob never forgot that, but Esau forgot. Then it came time that the blessing was about to be poured out from the father. Now this is going to cause a great scene. It is going to cause a great **showdown**, and disappointment. Yes. And the daddy called him aside and said, "Son, I like that deer that you cook, and you fed me throughout my life. Your daddy is blind, but go, catch that deer, make venison for me, bring it, and when my soul is happy then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon me, and then the blessing will flow out by prophecy. And I will bless you as my firstborn son, because that is what God commanded us, that the first son must

have the birthright and the blessing. I am just fulfilling the scripture.”

Isaac, the prophet had no knowledge of what went on before. He had no knowledge of the secret sinful life of Esau. He just took things for granted; he was blind for a reason. He could not see certain things, but he desired to bless his firstborn son, but his firstborn son had an **evil** heart, and his heart was not right within him. Apostle Peter, I believe was willing to impart the Holy Ghost unto the sorcerer, until he discovered that his heart was not right within him. Oh my!

Jacob heard that through his mother, and you know the story, she made goat meat, put on the skin upon Jacob, made him hairy like his brother Esau, made him smell like his brother. He was desperate for the blessings, and he went unto his blind daddy, and the old prophet said,

Genesis 27:21-22 <Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee... > <...The voice is Jacob's voice...>

So he felt him and said, “Yes, this is my son Esau, you’re a hairy man. Let me eat of thy venison.” So he ate of the venison and his soul became glad and all the blessings of the firstborn son were bestowed upon Jacob the second son. And just as he finished blessing him, and walked out the door, Esau came with prepared venison. And Isaac said,

Genesis 27:32 <Who art thou?>

And the old man trembled and Esau said,

Genesis 27:32-33 <...I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.>

O, it was a real scene! Here was a man coming to receive the blessings of the Lord; I type that out as the **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God. He stood before the prophet, and when he heard the news he said, “Hast thou but one blessing, my father? And he lifted up his voice and cried with a great and a lamentable voice that filled the camps of the Israelites. “There shall be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth.” The only blessing that he got was to be a warrior; hoping that he could rule over his brother one day. That war is still going on in Israel today, trying to prevail over the Israelites and take back the old city. Esau and Jacob are still fighting.

UNPREPAREDNESS - FOLLOWERS OF MESSAGE

This means a lot to us today in the end time. That was the shadow and type of the Old Testament; but there is coming another time of weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. Great disappointments, great distress, will be in the end time amongst Christian people, because God has promised another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and It is about to come upon the people of God. It is going to catch many people that now follow the message **unprepared**.

The foolish and the wise virgins are now **gathered** under this message. In this building there are three kinds of believers, and everywhere the children of God are gathered there are three kinds of believers.

Jesus seen that two thousand years ago, that at the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit some without oil would not enter in. He described it in a way greater than the lamentations of Esau. The only words that our Lord had to describe that disappointment of people who miss the Rapture and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit are: “And there shall be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Beloved, let us do our weeping now. Don’t you think that is wise? [*Congregation says, “Amen!”*] Like our little brother here, tonight doing his weeping now. Let us do our begging now. Let us do our sighing now that we might be prepared. We do not have to let that day **overtake** us. It was two thousand years ago that our Lord spoke that prophesy. Men and women should have been preparing for a long time that such disappointment does not overtake them.

Now, I feel so sorry for this man, how that man lamented! How he cried! And how he begged his father.

Genesis 27:38 <And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.>

Beloved, people will be **begging** for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, because without that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit they will **realize** that they cannot go in the Rapture, and will be candidates for the Tribulation period, and possibly Hell and the Lake of Fire. It’s a serious affair. I’m not trying to scare anyone. I am trying to show people they should be more alert and be prepared before that day.

The followers of the message fought the man called, “Lambert” with all their might, until he was even murdered when he tried to show them this vision of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that they must enter into this Outpouring before the Rapture.

Beloved, there are people who follow this message today with such unbelief in the promise of God, and in another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that they are lining up today to **repeat** what Esau done in his day: weep and wail. Instead of one man weeping and wailing, as in the case of Esau, we are going to have tens of thousands and

yea, even millions of people weeping and wailing. They finally will be convinced when that great Revival breaks, and the Bride goes out on the field with that revival. They will be convinced that they must have the Oil to go in the Rapture. “Scripture for that preacher?”

There came a time that the foolish virgins said that their lamps went out, and they went out to the wise virgins and sought Oil, and when she did the wise virgins said,

Matthew 25:9 <Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves>

On the basis of the written word; I am **prophesying** that there will come a time amongst the followers of Malachi 4:5-6 and the whole Christian world that many would realize, that they need more of the power of God to go in the Rapture. That will happen when they see the Bride demonstrate the spoken Word ministry, by creative power. When they see the great power of God manifested from the wise virgin, they would realize that it takes **more** than what they have to go in the Rapture. That includes the mixed multitude that follows the Message today; it would draw them by the **millions**.

They will come around this ministry, and when the Promise is preached to them, they will realize that the Message called, “*The Token*” was the highlight message of Brother Branham, which says that you will receive the Token or perish. I speak of the Token in the light of the great **fullness** of God, the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Our **efforts** today with the publication of E.O.D.H. books, and the tapes; and now they are requesting the songs. Some said that they have never heard anointed singing, worshiping and praying, like that. Others are sending messages to our song leaders to hold on, don’t sway to the left nor right. E.O.D.H books have gone out over several years to tell the people from organization, and around the Message that they must of **necessity** receive the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the **final** quickening for the Rapture. There is a plan, there is a program for it, and if you miss it you are going through the Tribulation. This is the **signal** and message that we are sending.

You cannot get that Outpouring by sitting under heresies, by sitting under a heretic, by denying the Promise of God, by denying that there will be another Revival, by despising the promise that we are preaching, by despising E.O.D.H. books that propagate the Promise of God.

If you **despise** the Promise of God that the message is projecting you will end up like Esau: There are lots of sorcerers today, around the world, and the message, who have the people bewitched, telling them that they have everything, that they are **ready** for the Rapture, and the only thing on the agenda for the Bride right now is the Rapture.

NO OUTPOURING, NO RAPTURE

That’s a lie! “No Outpouring, no Rapture!” You must have an Outpouring before you have the Rapture! So the sorcerer is **lying**. Esau is lying. Judas is lying.

This is the signal that we are sending; and this scene, as I quoted about Esau from the Bible is going to repeat itself in a tremendous way, before the rapture takes place, and there is going to be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, because people read the Bible, they studied the Message, and they did not put into practice the **Holiness** Message. They want to live what they want to, want to look at television, want to be on the sports field, women want to wear the wrong kind of dresses, look like mermaids with tight dresses. They want to wear paints. They want to wear high heeled shoes. On account of that, their preachers taught them to **deny** the Promise of the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. They taught them to despise the Outpouring. The same thing that they despise today, they have despised for decades of time, and even **killed** the man called, “Lambert,” a man with a true vision of the Promise. They will be crying for the same promise in the days to come. They will lament, they will beg, they will bite the dust, they would beg the preacher saying, “Isn’t there one blessing? Isn’t there one hope for me to get this Outpouring? Isn’t there one chance for me to get this Outpouring?”

What a scene; let us lay the right foundation now. Let us turn from our unbelief. Let us turn from our heresies. Let us turn, from that negative attitude, saying that all is over and the only thing that is left is the Rapture to take place. It’s a lie of the devil; the devil is trying to bring you to that **place** of Esau: make you commit sin, and believe that you could get the Promise. The devil is trying to bring people into that place and make them use their mouths, speak blasphemous things against their brothers and sisters; Speak blasphemous things, that are directed to the ministry, and make them think that they are all right. My beloved, these things are going to **show up** at the time of the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

Esau done what he done and never thought that it will have such repercussions. He never knew the end result, but the end result faced him that day. Suddenly, his father called him and said: “*My son the day has come*”.

O, my God, there will come a day, for the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, our waiting will be over. Yes, there will suddenly come that Promise of God. That day must come, the longest rope has an end. And it is going to come to pass when the Father, our God decides;

“I am ready to pour out My Spirit. Who is ready is ready; and who is not ready is just not ready. I can no longer hold My patience, I got to judge the world, but I got to bring these people into the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that the Bride can receive the Fullness of God. The Fullness of the Godhead bodily that dwelt in Jesus Christ I must now pour this into the Bride to bring the rest of the **dead from the grave**, and quicken the living Bride to go in the Rapture.”

Romans 8:11 <But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.>

That's the **use** of the great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and I tell you, my brothers and sisters, here tonight and right around the world, that you do not have this **measure** of the Spirit for the final quickening. Brother Branham looked for that, Brother Lambert kept that vision alive, and we have kept this vision alive for decades of time. It is going to be here, to be here it will be here, but we have got to be prepared to receive it, and must not turn out like Esau.

Woe unto the sorcerers. Woe unto the Esaus in religious circles. Woe unto these men that are born unto condemnation and vessels of dishonor, when that Outpouring comes upon the earth. This is not a made up story friends, read it right in Matthew 25. There were two classes of people: one with the Holy Ghost, and one without the Holy Ghost. When that group, the foolish virgins missed the Rapture, Jesus said: “*There shall be **weeping**, and wailing and gnashing of teeth.*” This is prophecy for the end time.

Beloved saints, there in **Africa and India**, Europe and the Philippines. I am not making up this thing, this is in your Bible, and I am saying that you must of necessity receive the Fullness of God for the final quickening of the Rapture! Yes, sir. We **have** the Holy Ghost but not enough of It. Dozens of quotes prove that.

Quote W.M.B.: 189 “*I'm persuaded that many of us, friends, have received the Holy Ghost, but we just receive enough Holy Ghost in us to make us to a place where we don't want to lie, we don't want to steal, we don't want to do anything. But God wants to fill every fiber of His church; He wants to fill your thinking; He wants to fill your mind. He wants to fill every bit of you, just make you completely, totally dead to yourself or to your thinking, just so surrendered in God till His Word's just living right through you. You don't know nothing else but God's Word.*” (Oneness 62-0211).

ESAU'S EVIL - GOD HATED HIM

The followers of Malachi 4 are heading for the same scene of Esau's great **disappointment**. They are heading for that same spot. But, the elected bride is like Jacob, we are after that Promise at all cost. Why this man received not the blessing? From the face value, all of us could say that, Jacob took away the blessing through defrauding his brother, with the help of his mother. There is something deeper in this story. Esau **committed** a great evil in time past, and what he experienced that day was the end result. And there are lives that people are living today, wagging their tongues, spewing poison out of their mouths, accusing their fellowmen. Men are leading their homes to destruction, showing them the way of money, not caring if they come to church or not. They are left home to live in fornication or adultery.

Some song leaders while leading songs, their wives and daughters, come into the church long after starting time. There is an **end result** of such things.

You would not be able to help your children on that day. You got to keep your children under the Word. You got to keep that vision of the Promise alive. You got to teach your children, to appreciate the Promise of God. You got to drill into them from a tender age, that Eternal Life is the most important thing; otherwise you have **failed** your duty as a mother, you have failed your duty as a father. The most important thing in this life is Eternal Life for your children. If you have not imparted that vision and continue to impart that vision to your children, you are a

waste of time on the earth. You are a waste of time on the earth! If you live a hundred years, you have wasted your hundred years, and at the end you're going to hell! Oh my! I hope people understand what I'm saying.

I preached a message, my brother: "*Preparation for the Family Future.*" Saying that you could prepare all the gold, all the silver, all the houses, all the motor cars, bank monies in the bank expecting to die tomorrow and hoping that your children are going to have something to lean back upon. If you do not show them that the Word of God is the most important thing, Life is more important, the Token is more important, you have failed your duties, and you have achieved nothing on this earth. You have achieved nothing.

If you do not teach them to **respect** the Word of God, respect that ministry, respect their brothers and sisters, and to remove the bitterness, the hatred, the malice, the land grabbing, the money grabbing, the deceit to their pastor, the lies that they tell to his face: their portion will be like Esau, and you would not be able to help them. A prophet could not help Esau; he was **unable** to help him. His daddy was a prophet, and he was unable to help his son, that he loved so much.

How are we ordering our homes? You want to send your daughter there to drive a taxi. You want her to drive a mini bus. You want her to have a bigger bank account and do it at the expense of her soul. You want to teach your children only to make money: you do it at the expense of their souls. You want to cover their sins when they do wrong: you are doing it at the expense of their souls, and don't you think that they have a good impression about you. Anytime a child is wrong and you try to cover up their sins, and hide them from the correction of the ministry, you are destroying them, and they know that you are a hypocrite. **Compromise** will destroy you; compromise would destroy your family!

I feel sorry for Esau, and as human beings when that hour comes, we must feel sorry for people, but we will be helpless. "Brother Bruce, Brother Sam can't you do something for me that I get this Promise?" And I could see Sam turn around with tears in his eyes, "No, go to them that sell and buy." Why should that be the portion of anybody in this church? Why? Why?

Why should that be the portion of Esau growing up in a prophet's house? Think of the chance that man had, and I will show you, the underlying factor. This man did a terrible thing in his life coming down the road. Oh my Lord.

Genesis 25:30-34 <And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.>

Brethren, God worked it out in such a manner that when the blessing was going to come to the firstborn, God allowed Isaac to be blind, that he could not see who he was giving the blessing to. He caused the prophet to be deceived in order to fulfill His will that He had already revealed to the mother, when she conceived the children that the elder shall serve the younger. God, from the foundation of the world before the children were born, in His great knowledge looked down and said that he loved Jacob and hated Esau. Do you know why God hated Esau? He foresaw from the foundation of the world, that he would despise his birthright. That is why God hated Esau. It was a terrible thing in the sight of God.

Beloved, think of the **seriousness of this affair**. From the foundation of the world, the children were not even born, Brother Paul said:

Romans 9:11-13 <For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.> For this deed, despising the Outpouring, despising the Token, despising the promise of God, from the foundation of the world, God looked down before the babies were born, God said: I hate Esau with bitter hatred; Jacob, I love you, because Jacob had respect to the birthright, which is the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in type.

Do you honor that promise of God tonight? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Do you long for that Outpouring of the Holy Ghost? [*Congregation says, "Yes!"*] Do you respect It? [*Congregation says, "Yes!"*] Do you respect the preachers that preach It? [*Congregation says, "Yes!"*] Do you respect the man called Lambert? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Do you respect William Branham that propagated that promise? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Then **God loved** you from the foundation of the world!

Somebody might rise up and say, "I don't know if God loves me." What is your attitude towards what I am preaching unto you? What is your attitude towards me, and the men of God, towards E.O.D.H. books, towards the Promise of God that I am waving, for decades of time, what is your **attitude?** If your attitude is right towards the promise that I am preaching, your name is upon the Lamb's Book of Life. If your desire is to live for Him your name is upon the Lamb's Book of Life. God saw you from the foundation of the world, and said: "I love you," and called you by name.

But all that despise E.O.D.H., all that despise the Promise that I am waving throughout the world, with the ministers, and for what we are contending, if you despise that, have unbelief, and you would say: "Away with that Outpouring, there is no Outpouring to come." God, from the

foundation of the world, seen your hypocrisy and unbelief and said: "I hate him!" And God

hates a man that would deny the Promise of God, and maintain a bad attitude to a Bride's

revival, another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a creative ministry that is coming upon the face of

the earth; God hates a man for devaluing that promise, and **despising** that promise.

Hold a minute, somebody may not understand how Esau sold his birthright, and got God so angry that he missed the blessings, when the blessings was poured out. Esau sold his birthright, God foreseen that from the foundation of the world and said 'I hate him!' And when the child was born crying in a crib, He said "I hate that rascal!" A cute little fellow.

"God loves everybody," says these lying preachers. God hates some people, and He loves some people. He hates you when you despise God's servant. He hates you when you despise the promise. He hates you when you **burn** E.O.D.H. books. He hates your wagging tongue, when you would side with backsliders against your pastor, the church and against your brethren. That is the gospel. God hates certain people, and loves certain people; that is played out in this story. I **challenge** the world upon that. Yes, but hear these sweetbread preachers, "God loves everybody." God don't love everybody; he hates some, and he's looking to kill them. Yes sir! When Esau was born, the Lord looked down in that crib, saw Esau playing with Jacob as twins together, and no doubt, Jacob looked like a sissified little fellow, a Crooked nose Jew, and said "I love Jacob." But, "that rascal there, I hate him." The little fellows grew up to about two years, saying, "Dada. Mama. Papa." Yes, nice smiles. "You rascal you, I hate you." Seven years passed and the Lord said, "I hate you." Is God so cruel? "I hate you Esau."

WHY GOD HATED ESAU

Brethren, this has to be a terrible crime for God to hate that man from the foundation of the world. Let me tell you how bad that **crime** was. God called Abraham, He gave him a land, and He gave him a promise of the coming Messiah to bring salvation to the whole world. He was going to bring those promises to pass through Abraham. It was not fulfilled in Abraham; it came down to Isaac. And then, it was supposed to come down to Esau, because he was the first born. Out of Esau was to come forth the nation of Israel. Instead of the nation of Israel being named "Israel", it supposed to have been named after Esau.

Out of the nation of Israel was to come forth the Messiah. And from that Messiah through the lineage of Esau was to bring salvation to all the gentiles. From that nation was to have the millennium, and the kingdom of David, all out of the lineage of Esau. Now this man knowing the purpose of Abraham and why God called him both for natural and spiritual blessings, and how it passed on to Isaac, he was taught faithfully in the house of Isaac all about God's mission.

You are **taught** faithfully for years what this is about! What you are hearing involves an Outpouring, it involves the Rapture, it involves the millennium reign. It involves an Eternal Kingdom! It involves Eternal Life. Esau knew that; he knew that there was to be a kingdom of the Messiah, and it was going to come down through Abraham, and through Isaac, and through the firstborn which was Esau. It was both a natural and a spiritual promise.

After knowing all of that, the man got hungry, and hear the words that he used: "What shall this birthright do to me? Man I am hungry to death, give me food!" What was the crime of Esau? What was so wrong? The man **swapped** the natural and spiritual blessings, the salvation of all the gentiles, the salvation of all the Jews. He swapped the millennium reign of King David; he swapped an Eternal Kingdom to satisfy his appetite! Tell me that it was not evil. Tell me, that God did not have reasons to look from the foundation of the world and say, "I hate him!"

By this man doing that, do you know what he had done? He despised the plan and **program** of God, that He had in His mind before the foundation of the world to produce an Eternal Kingdom of sons and daughters. When he **sold** that birthright, Satan, by him tried to interrupt the will of God, the plan of God, the program of God, that God had in His mind before the foundation of the world, and that is to bring forth a world of sons and daughters to live forever. That's the crime that Esau committed.

Now let me show you how true that is. When it was passed on to Jacob. Jacob became Israel; a nation came out of Jacob. Out of Israel came forth the messiah; out of the messiah the gentiles were blessed, millions of souls were saved, out of that came forth the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, out of that comes forth the millennium and then we enter into the New World.

That blessing was to come through Esau. When the man sold his birthright he sold everything, despised his birthright, and counted it like dung. You know what he traded it for? An **Appetite**, excuse me, - of sex. You say, "No, Brother Bruce, it's pottage." Every man that goes to **hell**, goes to hell because of some appetite that he never controlled.

This man sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. Now this thing is coming again when men are going to sell their birthright, and take the mark of the beast for food; I say for food, buying and selling. It's coming again; they will have a **choice** between the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a bowl of soup, like Esau. We are coming down to that mark of the beast. If you have a lot in this world, you are gladly going to take the mark of the beast to save it.

It's a dangerous thing, my brother, to go after this world. It's a great temptation when that time comes. That's the truth, soldier. That is what that man done. Was God righteous to look from the foundation of the world, and say, "I hate a man"? Yes, because that man was going to interrupt the plan that He had in His mind before the foundation of the world.

When Peter said, "Lord, you are not going to go to the cross." Why do you think that the Lord rebuked him, the man with the Keys to the Kingdom, and said,

Mark 8:33 <...Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.>

Do you see the seriousness, of what Peter was doing when the Devil got upon him? He was trying, to cause Jesus not to go to the cross; then all of us would remain in bondage. Oh my! Isn't the Word sweet? [*Congregation says "Amen!"*] Yes. You see the seriousness of what Peter done? That is why He said, "Get thee behind me Satan, you're trying to sour the plan of God here!"

Esau tried the same thing and he didn't care anything, he sold it for his appetite. Friends, that birthright is a type of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Hear the word, 'Birth-right'. Are you hearing what I am saying? [*Congregation says "Amen!"*] I said, "birth-right." If you are born in a certain way you have a certain right. Beloved that is why the **new birth** comes before the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You got to be born in a certain way before you have **rights** to the Token, or the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If you are not born again, you're not going to get the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, because you have no rights to it.

Why do you think that Jesus went down to the banks of Jordan and received the fullness of the Godhead bodily in him? Because He was born right, and he was a first-born son. And He went down to the Jordan, and, that was His rights. If you are born again **here** the Token is your rights! If you have a revelation of the Son of Man, the Rapture cannot leave you: that's your rights. We are going to enforce our rights against Satan. Yes sir. If you believe this revelation, that's your rights. You're a candidate for the rapture, you're a candidate for the Token, you're a **candidate** for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That's your rights. [*Congregation rejoices!*]

Anything that tries to interrupt the plan and program of God, God hates it. That is why He said,

Revelation 2:6 <...thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.>

In the early church there were certain men of unbelief, denying Jesus Christ; denying the Son of Man; denying the Token; denying the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and denying the gospel: The Lord looked down there, and He knew that they were a bunch of Esaus, he said, "I hate this Nicolaitan bunch. And, I know Church, Bride that you hate their deeds too."

Esau **did not** receive the blessing because he counted the birthright, (which is a type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit) as nothing. Counted it as nothing. He did not care to live for it. He loved his appetite more than that outpouring; and you know what is going to cause people to **miss** this outpouring of the Holy-Ghost? Their appetites! Some serve their appetites more that they love the promise of eternal life! That's where the problem is.

But that was not going to show-up in the first thirty years, forty years, or fifty years, of Esau's life. No, beloved, he adopted an attitude from the time he was in the prophet's house and served the Lord, and he was yet religious but he became a profane person. Look at the word profane. He became a profane person. Although he was brought up religiously, and he was told about how important this birthright is and what it means to the whole world, friends, he was more concerned about his appetite.

APPETITE OF WORLD - PROFANE

I am talking about appetite of pride, **appetite** of being looked upon as a popular heretic; appetite of showing how much you know, you show off, how better you could sing. How educated you are, how rich you are, what a great voice that you have, like Satan; and in so doing Esau was living that kind of life, his attitude towards what was being preached, was wrong. I am sure that man used to “cuss”, I am sure that man used to speak evil of Jacob. When you lose your vision of life, your tongue is going to wag in your mouth and you would not care who say what; you would not care if your pastor is leading you, or if a Jezebel woman is leading you or if your wife is leading you, because you **lose** your vision.

And the bible said that Esau was a **profane** person. Hear what the word *profane* means:- *Not concerned with religious purposes*. Esau was more concerned with the natural, he wanted the inheritance of his father; the land, the house, the money, but was *not concerned with the religious purpose, he was impure, and Defiled; and he defiled that which was holy*:

This man, lived that kind of gluttonous life; and when he got hungry that day, he sold his birthright. He already had a bad attitude to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; - A type of his inheritance. He did not care if it came, he was sorry if it was going to come because he would not get married next year; he was sorry if the rapture came because he would not experience sex; I’m speaking for certain Esaus.

“They are talking about token every night; I don’t care anything about the token; I am hearing about an outpouring every night; I am not concerned about the outpouring; I heard that for *donkey years!*” Your attitude is **nasty!** And you’ll be weeping like Esau for despising the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. “They say to prepare for this token but when people get me vex I must “cuss.” Only one thing that I do when I get vex, I say what I want to say.” God will show you that you cannot say what you want to say; Every idle word that a man speaks he shall some day give an account for it.

“I don’t respect anybody. Yes. I am not afraid of anybody at church. I am not afraid of a deacon, I am not afraid of that pastor. Who is he?” A man that holds up the promise of God and waves the birthright for decades. That is who I am. And if you respect the birthright you will respect me. If you appreciate that birthright you will respect William Branham; you will respect Lambert.

Luke 10:16 <...he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.>

I say tonight that if you are guilty of wagging your tongue, repent, otherwise Esau’s **disappointment** will be your portion. The emphasis that I am laying is that people do things and say things and maintain a bad attitude and think that nothing will happen to them. When Esau sold his birthright, nothing happened to him immediately. Life continued another decade or two decades but there came a **final** hour when he was going to reap what he sowed.

Look at the inside life of this man, see why God hated him. God hated him because God knew the poison acid that was down in that man. He became strong, eighteen years, twenty years, thirty years. “Esau I hate you, you are an abomination in my sight.” He was satisfying the appetites for food and sex and this world.

Hebrews 1: 16-17 <Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.>

Apostle Paul had some revelation, he discovered that this man was not only hungry for food and sold his birthright, but friends, he was a **fornicator**, a nasty stinking adulterer living in the prophet’s house, and sitting in church.

When you get up and commit fornication, you despise the birthright, when you are a hypocrite you are despising the birthright. It is going to catch up with you one day. This man was committing fornication with the very heathen women of the land. God said not to go with those unsaved women of the Hittites, that’s the women that Esau chose, and it troubled his father and mother all the days of their lives. You can see the wickedness that was in this man, he became **non-religious**, he became unconcerned with the vision of Abraham and Isaac, he became impure, profane, he became defiled and he was willing to defile that which was Holy. When he got a little hungry he said that he was going to die. Imagine that I missed one meal, “I am going to die.”

“I can’t fast, one meal, it is going to kill me, I can’t fast on Saturday, I can’t fast on Sunday, I am going to die.” Yes, but you are alive to fornication, alive to adultery, alive to your **nasty** life, alive to your lying tongue. After you slander, you say, “I did not say anything”, you liar! All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire. After you slander you lie, you gave the deacons trouble to prove the case, O my Lord! This man Esau had an appetite problem, he had the unsaved women as wives, he was living in fornication otherwise. All those evil things were inside of him, so when it came up to the birthright, the token meant nothing to him, the outpouring meant nothing to him. “What is that to me? What is E.O.D.H., what is the promise that they are talking about. Nothing like that is coming;” Yes, because you want some more time to commit fornication, preacher, you heretic you! You want more time to collect

God's money. It does not matter how much unbelief is heaped up to the sky there **will be** an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and there will be a showdown like Esau's upon this earth before the rapture takes place.

Repent or perish! That is why they cannot **accept** what I am preaching, that is why they cannot accept E.O.D.H., because they are lovers of money and they serve their appetites and their bellies more than God. When you have those kinds of appetites you have to devalue the promise of God and eternal life.

This man was a profane person. The Bible warns you, not to be a fellow like that, profane person; no don't be a profane person like that. There was another little man who was a brother to Esau, he was full of faults until his name was called Jacob, supplanter, a trickster. He knew about all his faults but he had one aim and desire and that is, "I want that birthright at all cost."

GOD LOVES YOU - PROMISE AT HEART

Do you **feel** that way tonight to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; do you feel that way to the rapture tonight? "Lord, above all, I want to go in the rapture, Lord I don't want to miss that rapture for anything, Lord I want eternal life, Lord I want it!" Then God **loved** you before the foundation of the world children, he seen the sacrifice. There was a little fellow sticking by his mother - the church. Isaac was a little dim sighted, but this little shyster stuck to his mother, held her dress-tail, "Mama I want that birthright, I want that Token, pastor I want that token at all cost, I want Eternal Life, I want to go in the rapture, I want to live in the millennium, please tell me what to do, tell me what to do. Mama said, "Wait, I am going to tell you how to get this thing. I know my husband more than you." She had a revelation that the elder was going to serve the younger.

She had a revelation, and she was going to work in the will of God. The church today, has a **revelation** of the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit and they are imparting it to children of God like unto Jacob. I am going to tell you the secret, do so and so, stir up the appetite of your daddy and then the Holy Ghost shall come upon him and he will bless you. He went in there to his father and knelt down, and the father put forth his two hands upon him - by the laying on of hands the Holy Ghost came upon them. He laid his hands upon him and he blessed him. He blessed him so bountifully, that there was only a little blessing for Esau. When that token comes, when that outpouring comes we are going to receive the fullness of the blessings of the Holy Ghost insomuch that it will change our bodies and bring the dead from the grave. I am expecting it. How many are expecting it, how many believe this, how many want it? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] We want this outpouring of the Holy Ghost and God loves us.

Give Him a praise offering. Praise be to God. Talk to the Lord brethren, repent for all your shortcomings, we are not going to despise this birthright for anything, we are not going to deny this promise for anything, we want it more than life. Give us a song. [Ed. Song-leader starts singing "Hold the Fort for I Am Coming."] Let us make a joyful noise unto Him, and let us sing. Amen.

WHY JUDAS FELL SHORT OF PENTECOST

CHAPTER EIGHT

<Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What [is that] to us? see thou [to that].

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.> (Matthew 27: 3-10).

DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE JUDGEMENT

May the Lord add a blessing to the reading of his Holy Words. This is quite a picture, one like the scene of Esau, another scene of disappointment! Disappointment is a terrible thing in this life. The world is full of much disappointments, every day people face disappointments, but the **disappointment**, at the Judgement is a horrible thing.

We can have disappointments in this life, but then we overcome them; there could be victory tomorrow, and things can brighten up for us, but friends, when you come to a place, like Judas came, lost beyond **hope**, you are talking about disappointment. The prophet of God preached a message called "*Disappointments at the Judgement.*" And there is no word to describe it. Just to think of such disappointment is bad enough. He said, "*The sinner would not be disappointed, but the man who thinks that he is saved.*"

Quote W.M.B.: *E-13 What a disappointment it's going to be at the judgment, when men who's thought that they were all right, because they had faith to heal the sick, they had faith to operate a gift, and had great meetings, great evangelistic services, and won souls. Jesus has forewarned us of those things: "Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord, have not I cast out devils in Your Name, and in Your Name done many mighty works.'" Then He said He would confess to them, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity; I never knew you." (Queen Of Sheba 59-0405e).*

Many through organization, through religion, and now under the message, who sat under good solid truth. But when that man comes to the judgement, with all hope that he is saved, and then he hears the voice of the Lord say,

Matthew 7:23 <I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.>

Matthew 25:41 <...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire...>

Now that's a terrible, **terrible** disappointment!

We have another scene here, like unto Esau, and this even increased in despising the birthright by Judas. And many around the world, think that Judas was saved, because 'he could not help himself and because the Lord placed him there to be the betrayer of Christ, to bring the world to salvation'; but I don't think that they read the Word carefully, to see that this man had equal opportunity and he could have done the right thing. Just like the Lord told Cain,

Genesis 4:7 <If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.>

God could not be God, cause a man to be like a robot, cause him do something according to his predestinated will and plan, and turn around and dump that man in hell. He would not be God. That would not be righteous; it would not be fair in the sight of men, much more to God. And in the case of Esau God was justified, when he said that He hated Esau and loved Jacob. That was justified in the scripture, and what **justified** God is his foreknowledge. He knew the life of Esau from the beginning to the end; he knew the heart of the man before he was born, his purpose, his doings, what the man will do and how he will reject the birthright. It is the same thing with Judas. But the Lord used these vessels of dishonour, for His purpose, and to perfect His plan. If there was not a Judas, then God would find another betrayer and put him there, that the Messiah could be betrayed, and He would go to the cross and shed His blood to save you and I. So even though these vessels are vessels of dishonor, predestinated unto condemnation before the foundation of the world; they are used by God.

Over in the book of Jude it says, that "certain men were ordained unto condemnation;" so it was not only Esau that God hated, but there are many, even from Genesis, that God hated, even because he had **known** their purpose, their motives, their objectives, and what they would do even before they were born. Likewise, He knew each one of us before we were born. He knew that we would be seated here today with love in our hearts for the truth. He looked upon you in love and pity.

The same thing that God said of Esau, before he was born, I guess it's the same thing he said of Cain, knowing what an evil man that was going to be. The **progenitor** of generations of the seeds of the serpent; rebellious enough to kill and destroy the children of God, from Genesis, right down to the end time, even by the billions! Though it is not stated in the scripture who God hates by name when a man meets the same condition like

Esau, then God hates him. But we are not a hated people tonight, but a people beloved of God, even because we contend for his promise.

JUDAS - TYPE OF ESAU

This here is a disappointing scene, and one like unto Esau's. Now we don't want to name our children 'Judas', but 'Judas' is not a bad name. There was another Judas amongst the twelve. And the word Judas and Judah, is the very same word; and there was a tribe of Judah, that was actually Judas.

The man did not even have a bad name, that he had to live out or plan his life accordingly but this man done a terrible thing. From the face value, we could say that Judas was lost because he betrayed Jesus, but that is not altogether so. There is a deeper side of the story. The betrayal of our Lord Jesus is the **end result** of a certain attitude, so this man did not go to hell because he betrayed the Lord. That is the general picture because we could read that in the scripture, and see how deceitful he was, and how he betrayed the Lord.

The general understanding is that Judas betrayed Jesus, and as a result of that he went to hell. That is **only the end result**. That was the **final** manifestation of what was in Judas.

We will speak on "Why Judas fell short of Pentecost." There is a reason why Judas fell short of Pentecost. He had the golden opportunity, like all the other apostles, the hundred and twenty and the three thousand after the Holy Ghost fell at Pentecost. He had the golden opportunity just like those in the house of Cornelius, even in Acts 8 amongst the Samaritans, and those in Acts 19. He had the same opportunity to make it up to Pentecost. He had all the mechanics. Why did he not go up for the dynamics?

The mechanics is the Word, the plan to get there, and the dynamics is actually the Holy Spirit, the Power that falls upon you. The prophet of God typed that out to an automobile. He said, "You have all the mechanics, everything right in place, you have steering, you have wheels, you have an engine, you have everything, but that is only the mechanics, that is only the Word that is in place. But you have got to get **fire power**, you have got to put the gasoline in it, and if you don't put the gasoline in it, you have no dynamics.

We could have all the Word of God and we could have every thing in place, but if you do not have the fire power, the vehicle cannot move. And that is what has happened to the followers of Malachi 4. They have all the mechanics of the message on tapes but they cannot produce what Brother Branham produced, even because they lack the fire power that he had. He said:

Quote W.M.B.: *213 There you are; that's oneness with God. When that power works in me, works in you, we are one. Amen. Brother Kidd, when the power of the Holy Ghost in me works in you, there's no disagreement, the Word's there. It works. Amen. It makes It what It is: God made flesh in you by His Word, the Word made power among you, every Word. (Oneness 62-0211).*

We want that same power that worked in Brother Branham. Although we have the Holy Spirit amongst us in a **measure**, that is not felt in many parts of the world, yet we want more of it. Judas had the Holy Spirit, and the apostles had the Holy Spirit, but they had to go to the upper room for a greater and a deeper anointing, but Judas never made it up to Pentecost.

Then brother, we look at this scene, and it is a pathetic sight and it makes you feel sorry for a human being that done wrong, and all that Judas done, yet, when we read the scripture, we have to think that there are many millions of people that will come to that place, make a mistake in life, reject what the Lord offers to them, and come right down to that same place.

Now it makes me wonder if Judas had a wife, if he had children. Of course he had a mother, a father, brethren, and he had brethren amongst the apostles who loved him. The personality of Judas was a very wonderful one. Jesus called him "Friend."

Psalm 41:9 <Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.>

At the time of the betrayal, he said "Friend, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?" (*Matthew 26:50, Luke 22:48*).

Judas was a man of a wonderful **personality**. I guess that the apostles loved him, and also the disciples. I believe he had relatives, and they had a certain feeling for Judas, and in this case he made one of the most horrible mistakes in his life. And when he heard that they condemned Jesus to die, he brought back the money; his

conscience was so troubled and condemned. He threw down the money and confessed that he betrayed the innocent blood.

Judas repented, and made his confession, and he went out and hung himself. He could not live with that guilty conscience. No! He hung himself. Now that's quite a scene. That's a terrible way to end, after that a man sat and heard the gospel and all that the Lord done for him. But, why should this man, who was a preacher, and knowing the scriptures, make such a mistake?

Did he not **read** over in the Bible concerning Esau, what happened to him and how he sold his birthright? I believe that he was familiar with that scripture; I believe that he was familiar with the story of Ishmael; I believe that he was familiar with the story of Korah, Abiram and Dathan? How then did this man make such a mistake, and reject the greatest blessing that was going to come upon the earth? Again, we come back to the answer: his **heart** was not right in him; like the sorcerer; like Esau! His Heart was not right in him! This man walked in the footsteps of Esau; he had a greater opportunity. Esau looked for the great kingdom of David way back in previous years, the Kingdom of the Messiah, way down there would have been very cloudy, because of a lack of understanding and revelation.

But in the case of Judas it was a **different** picture, and this man done exactly what Esau done. Came right up to the birthright and sold it for thirty pieces of silver. Esau was a type of Judas. Don't forget that this plan of God, was the same plan of God that He had in His mind before the foundation of the world, traveled up from Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob, it came through Israel and now the plan unfolded a little more. Israel produced the Messiah. After Israel produced the Messiah the kingdom was nearer than in the time of Esau. Judas was given a place right next to the Messiah; what a golden opportunity! What a golden Opportunity! People, as much as they have heard and as much as they have read in the Bible, they become **unmoved** and are set in their ways, set in their thinking, set in their ambition, set in their pride, set in their self exaltation. They always have an excuse to do what they want to. Now that's the worst **attitude** that anybody could maintain.

Brethren when we come to the word of God, we should be seeking to do God's will only, and put aside our wills. This is the case here of Judas. Judas was given an opportunity! Far greater, than Esau! Much greater, than Esau, and he neglected that opportunity. Now, as God's plan unfolds, it gets greater and greater and we come closer and closer to the perfection of his plan.

Now, how much closer Judas was than Esau? Let's say two thousand years. We look back at Judas and see how much closer he came to the perfection of God's plan, but we are right at the **door**. We have come right up to the place, to step out into the Millennium, and that is because God sent Malachi 4:5-6. It is written,

Malachi 4:3 <And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.>

THIS GENERATION'S PUNISHMENT

Now, how much closer is this generation to the fulfillment of God's plan and how much sorer **punishment** that man is going to receive today, for interfering with God's plan and program, because of his self and all that goes with it. We are right at the door. This generation must account to God as none other generation; six billion people are now upon the face of the earth. God sent the greatest prophet, with the greatest signs, wonders and miracles. He sent him to even open the Seals today by the Lamb. He opened up the entire plan of God, that He had hidden in His mind before the foundation of the world. Men and women sat and heard the truth declared to them. The Pentecostal world with all the great men, like Oral Roberts, Billy Graham and T. L. Osborne etc., they shared in that ministry, just like Judas.

Now friends, I am telling you that Judas will have a far greater place, and will be more **excusable** than all the preachers that sat under Brother Branham and heard the revealing of the mysteries. The ministers that carry this message today are inexcusable. They will account to God for rejecting the **Outpouring** of the Holy Spirit. They will have to answer to God, "Why did you reject the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit presented to you, by William Marion Branham?"

If Esau had to **answer** because he sold his birthright, and Judas went to hell because he despised the birthright, then this generation cannot get away with it. They are without excuse. The opportunity that people have who claim to follow the message and also preach the message, they will have to give account for it more than any other generation. You are aware of the scripture that says,

Luke 12:48 <For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required...>

And the requirement of this generation is very great. You will have to give an account for the things that you heard, and you will have to tell the Lord what you did with them. We are expecting a good report to the Lord: "I obeyed the Word of God, I was happy that I heard the Word of God, I cherished it, I cherished the promise of God, and Lord, here I am; I made it, and I am an eternal creature." "Enter into the joys of life, thou blessed of the Lord."

Now you see brethren, you have a free will to do what you want with what you have heard. Judas shook hands, Jesus washed his feet; he partook of Communion. He was an ordinary brother. He probably came from no where; he came from a sinful life or a religious life and followed Jesus. Now, look at the opportunity that God gave to this man: called him as a sinner, he heard the gospel, maybe he was just a young man, yet the Lord called him and he accepted the gospel. He no doubt wept for his sins, he was admitted amongst the apostles and disciples; they shook his hands; they were happy and hugged him, "Yes Brother Judas, we are so happy that the Lord called you." It was a golden opportunity, he was numbered with the apostles, everybody loved Judas and he became a familiar **friend** with our Lord; God hidden in human flesh.

Isn't that a wonderful opportunity? Yes, a friend of a prophet, and not only a prophet, a friend of God the Prophet. There is a great difference between a prophet and God the Prophet. That is when God became a Prophet, and was revealed as the Son of Man. Yes, not just a prophet of God, but God the Prophet, because the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. That was God, Emanuel hiding in a Prophet, and he referred to himself as the Son of Man. He said,

Matthew 16:13 < Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? >

Son of Man in the first coming of the Lord was God the Prophet.

John 1:14 < And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. >

Judas was so close to the Messiah, until the Messiah went over one day and said, "I trust you with the money bag, you would take up the offering and put it in the offering bag and you would hold that until we need something to give to the poor, or if the brethren want something. We want to live off this money." Judas had the money bag.

Don't you think he had him as some exceptional something. Many artists painted pictures of the last supper, and they placed Judas as a man just behind the apostles looking **suspiciously**. If it was so, the apostles would have picked him out.

But Judas was such a cunning man, such a personality and a friend to Jesus, that none of them suspected him. He had a wonderful personality. You know, the devil is a nice man, I'm telling you. You watch the Pope and you are going to know how cunning the devil is, that you cannot pick him out just by his personality. The devil is a nice man; the **Pope is a nice man; and Judas was a real nice fellow**. The Scripture called him "a familiar friend", and said, that familiar friend has lifted up his heel against Him. That relates to the Garden of Eden and the two seeds: the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent, and it said that it shall bruise His heel. (*Genesis 3:15-16*).

The opportunity that this man had to be numbered amongst God's children and the apostles, to become the treasurer of our Lord and be a familiar friend to Him, every one of us would have liked that opportunity. Many of us long to have had it. We would have loved to walk with the Messiah; be His friend and sit there and hear Him speak the Beatitudes, or sit down in His house and hear Him unfold the parables.

Judas had that great opportunity. Esau only heard of a Messiah, way down there, to come, but Judas came right up and sat in the **presence** of the Messiah. And he had knowledge of whose company he sat. He admitted that afterward when, he said, "I have betrayed the innocent blood."

Now, he knew that Jesus was born to be the Sacrifice to save mankind. And that is why he came back at the end, and said that he betrayed the innocent blood. He knew that man was the sinless Son of God. He had no revelation on the Son of Man, though he knew that he was the sinless Son of God.

JUDAS DISQUALIFIED FOR HIS OFFICE & BLESSING

What could cause a man, a friend, after having such a golden opportunity as a great apostle and was given a genuine ministry of apostleship, to be a deceiver? People do not understand that very well about Judas' ministry. But although Judas was the betrayer, he was given a genuine ministry from heaven, of apostleship.

Acts 1:16-17 < Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. >

He obtained part of that ministry. There is only one ministry and that is the **ministry** of Christ. That is what the ministers are identified with, we have a part of that ministry. It's the ministry of the Bridegroom and we are sharing this ministry in part and Judas was given that ministry in part, not some counterfeit ministry. It was a genuine ministry. He knew what he was doing was wrong. That was the scene when he hung himself.

Acts 1:18-20 <Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.>

It was a genuine gift, insomuch that it was given to another. Judas' bishoprick was his office. The birthright that Esau rejected was not a counterfeit. He was heir to the promise of God, real genuine inheritance, both naturally and spiritually.

The inheritance that the Lord gave to Abraham was both natural and spiritual. It was a natural inheritance of a land, He promised him Canaan land. He promised him a City. But then, He promised him also a seed that will bless the world. Now that blessing when it travelled down from Abraham and came down to Isaac, it was a two fold blessing of a natural and a spiritual birthright. It was supposed to be transferred over to Esau but he became profane, he was not **interested** in the spiritual part of it. My! My! My! What an evil deed!

He was interested in the natural part of it, because he became profane. But Jacob was interested in both parts, and being interested in both parts of the blessing it traveled down to him. Jacob became Israel and the nation of Israel was born. The nation of Israel looked for the Messiah, that was the spiritual part of it. The natural part was to come in the Millennium, which is the Kingdom of David and the great City that Abraham looked for, a little later. Judas was called into the fold to share a part of this spiritual blessing of Abraham. He stood right there and he was in lineup for that birthright, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This man had such a ministry, that his ministry was going to be one of the greatest amongst the apostles. But the man was **dissatisfied**.

With all that God gave to that man Judas, he was dissatisfied, because he was a greedy man and his appetite was not satisfied, with all that God planned for him. You say, "Brother Bruce, how are you going to prove that Judas was going to get one of the greatest ministries?" I recently answered this question for a brother from Africa, he was so puzzled. He said 'I don't understand who got Judas' ministry.'

If you want to find out about the ministry that Judas was given, look at the ministry of Apostle **Paul**.

Acts 1:20 <For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.>

Now according to scripture and Brother Branham, the ministry was so genuine, that the apostleship of Judas was to go to another man, but they did not know who that man was. In their own understanding they took two men, they cast lots and it fell upon Matthias, but we never heard anything about Matthias. No, you see, this apostleship was not given by lots. Lots is for gambling. They used lots to gamble for Jesus' coat. They brought some gambling articles into the upper room and the thing fell upon Matthias and they said "In the name of Jesus we give you that ministry." It never stuck.

The prophet clarified that the ministry did not go over to Matthias. God met a man on the road to Damascus, and that was God's choice. The same way that Jesus chose the apostles that is the same way He chose Paul, and He bestowed that **apostleship of Judas upon Paul**.

I am saying, friends, that Judas was to write the New Testament Epistles. Judas was to be the light to the gentiles; Judas was to sit at one of the gates of Jerusalem. That is the great blessing this man forfeited. Heretics will fall short of the Outpouring because of lust, greed, pride and ambition.

Judas fell short of Pentecost. What caused this man to fall short of Pentecost, is what I am saying here. The Lord had all the blessing planned for him but never told him. Brethren, you don't know what God has planned for you. You may think that you are a little brother or sister in church and say, "I don't know if God even thinks of me. I don't know if my pastor even thinks of me or if he even prays for me, or what are his thoughts concerning me." Don't **bother** about that, the Lord has a predestinated plan for you. He has a predestinated gift.

God called Judas to apostleship; He anointed Judas with signs and wonders and miracles; He sent him out to preach the gospel but there was an **evil** thing in Judas. His **heart** was not right in him.

Now this thing that Judas had down inside of him, if he was not going to clean that up, it was going to destroy him at the end of the road. Judas was not possessed of the devil all the time. He was under the ministry of Jesus: he was an apostle; he had a genuine apostolic ministry. The man had the genuine Holy Ghost; the man was a brother in the church. The only time that the devil entered Judas was at the supper table. The Bible said,

<Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot... Simon's Son.> (Luke 22:3, John 13:2, 27).

Now we could go along, my brothers and sisters, and refuse to purge out, give up, or **surrender** certain things in our lives but that will later cause us to be demon possessed.

This is the lesson I want to bring out, that we could overlook such and just think that they are casual and by-and-by it will go away. But such things could cause us to sell our birthright, just like Esau. There are certain things that caused him to sell his birthright. He never put his appetite under control, and one day it came face-to-face between his appetite and his **birthright**, and he chose the bowl of soup. He said, "Man look, give me the soup instead of the birthright; what is the use of this Outpouring? What is the use of this church that I am going to? What is the use of this message that they are talking about? What is the use of Branham they are talking about?" That's the allegory, that's the comparison. "I am tired of hearing about a promise of God. I am tired of hearing about an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Man! I want some pleasure in this world. What is this message going to do for me? What is this Token going to do for me?" People rise up and talk just like that.

What was the matter with Judas that he had to betray the Lord, and brought himself such punishment, and to fall short of Pentecost? What was the matter with this fellow's soul? Again, it boils right down to the fact that he had an uncontrolled **appetite**. He had an appetite of ambition. He had an appetite of pride. He had an appetite of self which brought him an appetite of jealousy. And after that came upon him, it brought him an appetite of strife and contention, that led him to an appetite of hate. After hate, it brought a spirit of murder! Do you see, friends? If you study your Bible you will see that ambition is linked to pride. Pride is linked to jealousy. Jealousy is linked to contentions.

Think of Moses, and Abiram and Korah. What I am telling you now, you can check it out from Genesis to Revelation. Also from heaven right down to the lake of fire. All those evil qualities are going to be burnt in the lake of fire with all evil doers. They would not co-exist with the saints of God; because that is what started it. What started Satan's problem? Was it not, ambition? [*Congregation says, "Yes!"*] And then followed pride; and the Lord told him that, "He was okay until pride entered into his heart."

AMBITION, PRIDE - JEALOUSY

Now you see ambition and **pride** work together, because you imagined yourself in such a high and exalted position. You lust for that certain position. If you see a man coming into that position, then automatically jealousy and envy will come into your heart. Even because you're lusting for that position, or you are over protective of that position. You do not want anyone to take it. If a man seems to be coming into that position, then what happens? That jealousy arises, and when that jealousy arises, then you are going to start having strifes and contentions. Then a man finds himself fighting against God. If the Lord is using someone, like in the case of David and King Saul. Oh, don't you see it in heaven? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Ambition and pride in heaven, strife and contention started, and it broke out a **war** in heaven.

Now that's the same thing in every church. Listen to this, brethren, that is in **every church**, every kingdom; it happened in heaven. This is the opening of the Seals that I am preaching to you. This is the revelation of the opening of the Seals, from the white horse rider to the red horse rider, unto the black and pale horse rider.

That quality was inside of Lucifer. He had ambition, and that ambition led him to pride; they worked together. After that it led him to jealousy and envy, then it led to strife. He caused strife amongst the angels. And after that strife started, war broke out. It's the exact thing that was in the heart of Judas.

That went on in Judas' life and that man was self-exalted. Although God gave him that position, he was not satisfied with it, no, he had the ambitions of Cain, he had the **ambitions** of Lucifer, the Devil. And, he went on with that and tried to bring that against Jesus. Now, look at how far jealousy could carry you: jealousy could cause you to be **jealous** of God Himself. Do not underestimate that statement: Satan was jealous over God, jealous over Michael; and that same attitude came down to Judas. Judas was jealous of Jesus.

When you are jealous, friend, you are going to start to make contentions, that is the manifestation of jealousy. Jealousy is a hidden quality inside of people. They could come to church with it, they could sit with it, and cherish it. If you even accuse them of jealousy they could deny it. Because it is a sin of the heart: lust is a sin of the heart. Envy: a sin of the heart. Pride is a sin of the heart. Jealousy is a sin of the heart. Now these sins of the **heart**, a man could hide, for a long time in so many ways. But it is going to manifest in certain ways too, and only when it is manifested, then you can pin the man down. He may admit it, if he is a child of God.

A person could sit there with all of that and preach the gospel, sit down there very pious and formal, even get in the Spirit like Judas: work signs and wonders like Judas, and still be jealous. Now it takes an honest heart to **admit** that I have some jealousy in me, because you have no proof that this man is being jealous. He was just

settling a dispute with a brother or sister. But what is the motivating factor of that **dispute**? Many times the motivating factor of that dispute is jealousy and hatred.

Judas had this down inside of him and when he thought he had an opportunity to bring down the person, Jesus, that he was jealous of, he manifested that jealousy. You know what I am talking about. He looked for that opportunity because daily, he was following the Lord Jesus, and because of this jealousy, ambition, pride, **self-centeredness**, he was laughing but grinding. When he seen the signs and wonders, he was not rejoicing: he was grinding because he thought that he was the one that should really be doing that. And when the people said, "Praise the Lord for the Lord Jesus", he thought that he should be in that position to receive that glory. These things went on in the man's life. The man seen the signs, the wonders, the miracles. Instead of seeing how great Jesus was and that he should humble himself, every time that those things went on, the man's inside got more **bitter**, because he was jealous. He was envious. He wanted that position.

So now, when the opportunity arose after three and a half years, there came up a little incident and he thought that he could have really pinned down Jesus and discredit him with it.

Now, jealousy will always try to discredit a man, and that is the problem with the preachers, they are full of jealousy around the world, insomuch that they **discredited** Brother Branham. This is the quality that was in Judas. It was a hidden quality. Everybody understands the betrayal, but it was not really the betrayal only: that's the end result. But it was jealousy in the man.

In St. John 12, there came a prostitute and anointed the feet of Jesus with an expensive box of ointment. Judas, became self righteous immediately, lifted up his chest and embraced the chance to show that Jesus was not righteous, as he was righteous. He started to **murmur**. Jealousy will cause you to murmur. It will cause you to grumble. It will cause you to strive. And he said,

Matthew 26:8-9 <...To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.>

In other words, "Look at the waste! Look at the waste!" The Bible said,

St. John 12: 6 <...not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief...>

Now that was a vent for his jealousy! He got a chance to show his jealousy! His envy! His bitterness, and that was going to grow. Every time the Word comes down upon your ambition and you don't give it up, but you still want to hold unto that great university ambition; you want to be a big something in the world; you want to be a big educated genius; you want to learn a **man's work** as a woman; you want to go and pack your head with an extravagant amount of knowledge, you are going to get into the wrong **environment**! You are going to meet whoremongers out there, sodomites, and because of your great ambition, it's going to lead you astray! Such things work together with pride. Ambition and pride works together.

Proverbs 16:18 <Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.>

People who are after a big part of this world are filled with ambition and pride, and they have jealousy in them: jealous of the neighbour! Jealous of the schoolmate! Jealous of this, jealous of that; because they want to achieve.

I Timothy 6:7-8 <For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.>

Everything in Sodom will remain here. Everything natural in this world will remain here. Yes, having food and raiment let us be contented therewith. And godliness with contentment is great gain.

Judas was not contented, and because he was not **contented**, he sat in church with that ambition. He was jealous over all the apostles. He was jealous when the Keys were given to Peter for the Kingdom of God. And he thought, no doubt, that he should have gotten those keys. Maybe that stirred up his anger against Jesus, because his betrayal followed soon after. He, no doubt, thought that he should have had the position of Peter, the man with the keys to the Kingdom. He spoke evil of Jesus to the people and ran down his name:

STRIFES - CONTENTIONS, HATRED, MURDER

That jealousy down in Judas led to strife and contention! It led him to hate! And after hate, it led him to a **murderous** spirit!

Friends, if there are ambitions in us, that are contrary to God's Word, give them up, otherwise they will disqualify you from receiving the Outpouring. I am saying that ambition caused Judas to fall short of Pentecost. Pride caused Judas to fall short of Pentecost. Jealousy caused him to fall short of Pentecost. Strife caused him to fall short of Pentecost; such led him to hate. If you hate your brother, you do not have Eternal Life dwelling in you; and

he had not Eternal Life dwelling in him. It led right to that murderous spirit. He went out there and **plotted** to kill Jesus. He knew exactly what the Pharisees were planning. They offered him thirty pieces of silver to betray the Lord, that they might be able to kill him, and he accepted it.

This plan was in his mind when he sat at the supper table, he had already finalized it in his mind; nobody forced him into it. He had already finalized in his mind, that he was not going to come back to church. "I don't want to hear anything about any Kingdom, again. I am finished with this. These fellows do not know that, but I am finished with this church affair. I am going out and I am going to get this money. I have a certain plan: I'm going to buy certain things that I always desired. I am going to live it up. I am going to give my daughter so much, and my wife so much, and my son so much." It purchased a whole field. It was a good sum of money. The Bible said that is how much they valued him.

Matthew 27: 6 <And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value. >

Why Judas fell short of Pentecost? Because he did not put the proper **evaluation** to the birthright, just like Esau, he did not put the proper evaluation to his birthright. Judas considered the whole plan of God, the Messiah, the Outpouring and all that Jesus was trying to achieve, as nothing! To him it only valued thirty pieces of silver. When you break down the plan of God into dollars and cents, you are in trouble.

I hope I could get that anchored in your minds. When you interfere with the gospel, you are interfering with the **heartthrob** of Almighty God and His plan and program that He had in His mind before the foundation of the world. God is desperately trying, to achieve a certain goal, to produce a world of sons and daughters of God. When you interfere with that plan, immediately you become an enemy of God! Because you are working in Satan's plan.

Before Esau interfered with God's plan, God hated him before the foundation of the world. And I am sure that God hated Judas before the foundation of the world, because God's plan unfolded right up to the Messiah, and he became a betrayer, trying to interrupt the plan of God.

If Jesus could have looked around to Peter and said,

Mark 8:33 <Get thee behind me, Satan...> , to the man with the Keys to the Kingdom of God, He had to respond to Judas in a greater way. No wonder why Judas was **lost**. The man interfered with the plan and program of God, because of his jealousy.

God forbid, but we could sit with certain things in our hearts, that we fail to purge out. Enmity! Disunity! **Offences!** Grudge! Jealousy! Hatred or Murder! If we don't hate those things and give them up in our hearts, we will surely fall short of Pentecost.

Now that is what happened to many preachers around the message and around the world today. They don't want to give up, although they see that they are **wrong!** They don't want to climb down from their lofty positions: they don't want to lose the tithes from the people, no, they don't want to loose their popularity, even though those E.O.D.H. books have gone out, **challenged** their doctrines, challenged their heresies, and they know that they are wrong, they don't want to come down!

They want to gather in conferences of fifty ministers, a hundred ministers; take the books and put them on the table and say, "How are we going to treat that?" And one minister came up with a suggestion, "We just cannot reject all of it, we got to take some of it. To hold the people together, we must take some of these things and preach them." Hell is too good for you heretics. Hell is too good for a man who would treat the Word of God like Esau and Judas.

Judas Iscariot's **problem** was a deeper problem than the betrayal! He was to be given Paul's ministry. When he came to that place of hate burning in him, and jealousy, thinking of himself higher than he ought to think, he lost all those things. If God wants to exalt you, He will exalt you. If He wants to give you a position, He will give you a position.

Jealousy could be such a terrible thing, that you are jealous over a minister, jealous over a deacon's position, jealous over a brother who is exalted into a position. You start thinking that you should have that position! When you start getting jealous like that, you will start condemning the man. You will start calling him all kinds of different **names!** Instead of respecting his office, you will start making fun of it. Beloved, that's a bad spirit. That's a terrible thing. If that man is preaching, you don't like to hear it. If that man pulls you into the office to correct you, because of that jealous spirit on you, you cannot hear him! Your ears are being bored every day! You cannot come into unity with that man, because you are jealous. You want that position and think that he is trying to take your **position!** That is a terrible spirit of Judas.

That was the condition of Judas's heart! Jealousy! Do you understand why he could not make it up to Pentecost? Do you see why we try to purge out these things, for all these years?

God could bring you to such a place of grace that you are jealous of no man, that you envy no man and that you hate no man. And if you have that kind of a heart, you are going up to Pentecost. You are a **candidate** for that Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Peter was not jealous. James was not jealous. None of the other apostles was jealous; hear the humility in the other apostles when the Lord said, that the betrayer is one among them." They said, "*Is it I, Lord? Is it I? Is it I, Lord? Is it I? Is it I?*" Judas for conscience sake said, "*Is it I?*" Jesus took a sup, and said,

John 13:26 <...He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him.>

ROOT CAUSE OF OFFENCES

We should be a rejoicing people today after sitting under the Word of God for many decades, trying to get rid of offences, envy, jealousy, and hatred. The bulk of sin is right in the heart! And when you see two people start having offences, and contentions and those offences cannot be settled, there is one of those elements down in the heart!

Preacher, when you are dealing with certain strifes and contentions in church, ask the Lord for discernment. You might be dealing with offences, and brethren say, "He said this, and the next one said that. The next one pinched me. The next one mashed my toe." But the deeper problem, many times, is that down inside is some jealousy that is not going to come up under discussion. They will have you on another case again! It's a manifestation of jealousy! Manifestation of hate! After they settle a matter, a next matter will come up, but the **root** of the thing is jealousy! That's where the root is laying.

If you are not wise enough to get down to the root of that matter, find out that there are some offences that happened between those two people, two years ago, and some jealousy, and hatred exists, you as a pastor will kill yourself settling disputes every week, and that is not going to solve the problem!

Because this Judas spirit is always picking on Jesus, to see that he gets something on Him. When he finds the alabaster box of ointment, he is going to bring that as evidence! But the root of the matter is in the heart, and the soul! Now this is going to help preachers, ministers and deacons to handle matters wisely.

It takes a certain amount of discernment to handle matters. Handling matters is not like they do in the courthouses. But with discernment, while people speak, you read between the lines, and try to discern their hearts and spirits. You discern what is pushing out those words, what is pushing out that offence. And once you catch that, then you could solve the problem, and help both parties to go up to Pentecost. That is what we are doing, we are trying to **purge** out these things. There should not be one speck of jealousy in you, one speck of hatred, one speck of offence. There should not be any kind of lust down in you for something big in this world, some great ambition. If we know that those things are in us they are going to stop us from receiving the Outpouring. That is why it is taking **so long**. God is holding it back. The Lord is trying to purge out our hearts, by the Word of God. He does it sometimes by trials, sufferings and chastisements.

Jealousy is a terrible thing, envy is a horrible thing, I'm telling you. God has granted me that grace, that even when I was an unsaved man, I never was overcome by jealousy. I thank God for His grace. There was once or twice, that jealousy ever entered my mind, before I was saved, and immediately I recognized that jealousy, and I put it down right away. When I became a Christian, I did not care who owned what in this world, that's their business. This has continued until now.

I was never **jealous** of another preacher or a deacon or anybody in my lifetime, that God was using. I believe our ministers can testify the same for themselves. Unless you humble yourself the Lord would not exalt you, and any man that is jealous is exalting himself. I never became jealous over my assistant pastor or the ministers here or anywhere. I do not get scared in some way, that they might be preaching better than me, get more anointed than me, and take my position one day, so I better set them down, and psychologically try to put them down a little bit.

Have you ever seen that here? [*Congregation says, "No!"*]. No, even because I know what I know. **I am** what I am, by the grace of God. The ministers are what they are, by the grace of God. Song leaders are what they are by the grace of God. Deacons are what they are, by the grace of God.

What benefit is it going to be to me, to be jealous over Sam Jones? I am not fit to live! You mean to say eat and drink with Brother Sam, and we go fishing together and be jealous over Brother Sam? Can I be thinking, that I

cannot put him on the pulpit because the people really go wild supporting the Word, when they hear him preach, and I may not have the support in another few years because I am getting old?

The song says, "I'm so tired and so weary but I must go on." I rejoice when the Lord anoints the men of God. It rejoices my heart to see the Lord use the brothers. Yes, I wish the Lord could use every man in here, yes, and make him a preacher of righteousness. That's the way that I think, and I want to tell you that the Lord blessed me for that attitude. The Lord just blessed me in several ways.

When I come up here, I do not want to show that I am the greatest preacher or that I could preach a better message than somebody. No sir! I come up here, preach a message as unto the Lord. Yes, I give Him the glory, I feel so helpless, and I say, "Lord, if you do not help me I cannot bring another message today." Then He comes by and He brings the Word of God.

Brethren, let us be contented. Let us be contented in this life if you have food, shelter and raiment. If you are doing something for the Lord, do it as unto the Lord, and the Lord will exalt you. He is going to bless you eventually. If you do not have a position He will give you a position. If you would pray for the other brothers who are being used of the Lord and just **forget** about yourself and keep on praying, God will use you.

Now, this man Judas went to hell because he was ambitious, proud, jealous, hateful and contentious. That led him to a murderous spirit, and that murderous spirit was so great that he betrayed Christ. His jealousy and hatred was so great that he was even jealous of God in human flesh.

Do you see where it can **carry** a man? Lucifer in heaven was jealous over Michael. Jealous over the Lord: Judas finally decided to deny his birthright. He sold his birthright for thirty pieces of silver; just like Esau for a bowl of soup. Judas got thirty pieces of silver: a bowl of silver. Esau got a bowl of soup; Judas got a bowl of silver, and they did the very same thing. "What shall this gospel and the Messiah do for me? I will betray Him: just give me thirty pieces of silver."

SOME RETURN AT OUTPOURING WITH REGRETS

But look at his end. He was a human being like anyone else, and the poor fellow **regretted** what he done. He came under condemnation, he realized that he blasphemed his way, came, brought back the money and tried to reconcile, but it was too **late**. There are people who are coming back for this Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, because they know what this Gift is and will return, and just like Esau came back for the blessings, after selling it. The time came that the man returned for the blessing; and there are backsliders by the hundreds and the thousands outside who know about this revelation, and the Promise that we are expecting. When it comes they are going to return.

The prophet of God said that they will return when the evening shadows fall. They went out to eat biscuits. They will beg for that gift of God, but they will be like Judas, already crossed the line, no more **hope**, no more repentance, and some of them will go and **hang** themselves. Some of them will shoot their brains out.

Listen to Brother Bruce, what I'm telling you: there are men who will return for this Outpouring that I am preaching about and will blow their brains out, when they find out how rejected and lost they are. Good brothers and sisters that left the Word and turned away from the promise of God will blow their heads out with shotguns.

I'm telling you that others will be chasing after you to kill you. "Brother Bruce, how do you know that?" When Esau **did** not get the blessing it was time for Jacob to run. Don't you think that when that Outpouring comes, that we would not have wars. We are going to have Esau chasing after us but I have news for you. This time, we are not going to run down to Laban into Syria, but we are going in the Rapture and we will have enough power, that men will fall dead before us. They are bouncing into a hot wire this time. This time this Bride would not be shut up. She will be taken up.

Quote W.M.B.: 88-1 *That's why the devil is howling, these great organizations set up something to close her up. They'll never do it. She'll be taken up, **not** closed up.* (Christ Is The Mystery 63-0728).

THE GREAT RAPTURE: FIVE RAPTURES, RESURRECTION AND TRANSLATION

CHAPTER NINE

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The title of the message tonight will be: **‘The Great Rapture’**, and for a sub-title: *“Five Raptures, Resurrection and Translation.”* These things I want to put together for you that you might have a clear-cut understanding about the times in which we live.

And right here I want to make this statement which you will follow throughout the message, and that is: the Rapture is a **different** work of grace from the Resurrection; and both the Rapture and the Resurrection are a different work of grace from the Translation.

People mix up the Rapture and the Translation and make them one, but they are clearly divided in the scriptures and you are going to see that tonight when we have come to the end. You will understand the scripture that is speaking of Translation, and you will know which one is speaking of the Rapture.

Now there is one major scripture that speaks of the Rapture, of the end time church, the bride of Christ which I call: *“The Great Rapture”* and that is the one we just read. We are going to come back to that after a while in 1st Thessalonians 4; and then I am going to show you several **happenings** before the Rapture. There are several things that must happen before the Rapture.

So now, this **heresy** that says that the Rapture is now in progress, and It started since 1963 is going to come up for a lot of blows. They are mixing-up the Translation with the Rapture and that’s why they went off into such a heresy. But the Translation is entirely different from the Rapture: and we will prove that.

But first of all I want you to understand that the word: “Rapture,” cannot be found in the Bible, yet it is not an unscriptural word, to say that we should not use the word Rapture. The prophet of God used the word Rapture right through his message, and he preached a message called: *“The Rapture”*, before he went away in 1965. And my message is somewhat based upon his message; I do not have any message of my own. I am not called to interpret the scriptures; I am called to believe the scriptures. And God sent us a prophet; then whatever I teach, I must be able to put back in the message and the Bible: and I am positive that we can do that here tonight. So I did not approach in fear, that I may not be able to prove this.

It is true; that the word: *“Rapture,”* cannot be found in the scripture but the meaning of it can be found. So now the word in the Bible for Rapture is actually: **“Caught-up.”** The Bible said, *“...we which are alive and remain shall be caught up... ..to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”* I like that. We are going to be with Him from that time on: no separating.

Now you could understand very well how mysterious this catching away or the Rapture is. Friends, that will listen to this tape: maybe around the world if I release it; sometimes under the anointing too many heavy things comes out that people cannot comprehend and you do not want to choke them, so I’ll stay on friendly grounds.

Now, but when we speak of a Rapture and a catching away we are talking about people now upon earth that will literally **lift off** the face of the earth. We are not mad at all. Children, little ones we are talking about flying powers. Yes.

Now, my two granddaughters there: Charity 5 yrs and Lily, 7 yrs they are interested in this Rapture, they said that they are going to listen tonight. Yes. So I asked them, ‘What is the Rapture?’ They said, ‘Papa, when we go up in the air, and we are going up.’ Yes, and Charity said, ‘Papa, we have to put on wings here and wings here.’ I

said, 'No, you don't have to put on wings.' So for children's understanding I said, "Your hands are your wings," but even that, is incorrect; you would not move one limb and you would not move one hand.

Yes, there is going to be a **power** greater than a rocket, greater than atomic power, greater than an engine, greater than a plane, to break that force of gravity and keep pushing you upward. Yes, and your hands would not be even moving and your feet would not be even moving: you would just be gracefully elevated from off the earth. Yes, and you would just be climbing higher and higher, and higher, and higher, and higher, until a cloud of **angels** comes and encamp around you, and take you into Glory.

Children: that is what we're talking about. Yes. Little ones, that is what we're talking about; we're not talking about trying to fly, and then moving our hands and fall down and then try again, or then we get an airplane or a rocket. We are talking about something greater than a rocket, greater than an airplane; we are talking about Holy Ghost **power**; now that is why I come back to my subject, friends, "*The Final Outpouring of the Holy Ghost for Rapture Power.*"

TOKEN FOR RAPTURE POWER TO CHANGE US

Quote W.M.B.: *93 And Father...I pray that You'll give them such a crave for it, Lord, that they'll come and see we're at the end time, the **astronaut age**. I pray, Father, that they'll realize it isn't trying to condemn what they had; it's only trying to give them more **rapturing grace**. For the hour will come when we'll have to have **rapture power**, not only to heal the body but to **change** it in a moment in a twinkling of an eye. Christ will be so real into their bodies, till He can change it by His great death and what He purchased. May they take this today, that **Token** that I spoke of last night, hold It before them and walk into this Astronaut (Grant it, Father.), where visions, powers, and worlds beyond, known, and, O God, where all the great mysteries of God is unfolded in those Seven Seals and made known to men. Grant it, Father. (Countdown 64-0209).*

Yes, there has got to be a Power inside of you greater than what is in the rocket. You're not going to make a noise of a feather: no engine is going to start, you are just going to get a certain power inside of you and then you will have **flying** powers. And by this flying power: without any effort of yours, no human energy, no effort of yours at all; something down inside of you which is the same power that dwelt in Jesus Christ. By the same power; did He go in the Rapture?" [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Well, He's lending you that power to meet Him in the air. And then that power comes inside of you, and you are just going to lift from the face of the earth, yes, and you are just going to start climbing, and climbing, and climbing, yes, and if you want to look down, and get a view of the earth, and how it is made up, and all the big houses down below and everything you can, friends; and then you'll be going up and you'll hit the clouds up there, and what ever happens up there, a cloud of glory which are the angels of God will come and receive you, and escort you the rest of the way. That's what I am talking about, "the Rapture".

That is going to **happen** on this earth. Yes sir, that is going to happen with people that are sitting here today. That is going to happen to people that believe the truth, and make a sacrifice to live for Christ. I believe it. How many believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Yes. We are mad enough to believe it.

Oh yes, people hearing this message outside there: they would say, "We never heard such **madness!**" This isn't madness, friends, it's a **mystery**:

1 Corinthians 15: 51-52 <Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.>

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 <For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.>

How many believe John 3: 16? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] Well if John 3:16 is true, 1st Thessalonians 4 is true also.

I believe it with all my heart; and you better be **preparing** to go in that Rapture, little ones. That is what we are talking about. That is what your daddy is talking about. That is what your mother is talking about. That is what the minister is talking about. That is our purpose of gathering here.

So now, friends, that Rapture is a **literal** catching away: we are going up in the sky! Yes sir, you better believe this thing. You say, "How are we going to do that? I don't understand? I can't even lift two feet off the earth for just a quarter inch?" I already told you that there is a final quickening for Rapture power. And this Rapture is an actual catching away of the entire Bride of Christ. Now, before you could be caught away in a Rapture, your body must be changed, and translated. You must be given another body all entirely in order for you to do that. The **Translation** and the Rapture are two different things all entirely. Yes.

FIVE RAPTURES: THREE, HISTORY – TWO, PROPHECY

Now, what I am preaching to you here tonight is not a new doctrine, and it's not something that is new in the Bible. Friends, there are other Raptures that took place in the Bible. So now, these Raptures that took place in the Bible: they took place in order to give the end time Bride faith that she could look back in the Bible, and also the prophets and the preachers could look back in the Bible, and see that there were other people raptured before us.

There were **two** major Raptures that took place in the Old Testament time, and there was a major Rapture that happened in the Old Testament and the New Testament time, alright, and they are now history. They were fulfilled from the time of Genesis right up to the Lord Jesus Christ. Three Raptures are completed.

Now there are two more Raptures that are prophesied to come on the scene, and the next two Raptures did not take place yet, one however is very **imminent**, and is going to take place in our generation. Right in our generation it is going to take place. The one that I am talking about is called, '*The Great Rapture*', and then there is another Rapture to take place in the Bible.

These five Raptures, we are going to first get them out of the way in the scriptures. Three Raptures are typing out how the great Rapture is going to take place in the end time. They were put there for types and shadows, and to help us to understand about the Rapture of the Bride.

THE FIRST RAPTURE - ENOCH

So now this here is taken from Genesis; do you see a Rapture way down in Genesis? In the 5th chapter of the Book of Genesis: it speaks of a man called, "**Enoch**". I am going to call that number one Rapture. Alright, now here is a man going away in a Rapture alone. He was a special man. Glory to God!

Genesis 5:24-25 <And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.>

Now, many a man probably read that scripture throughout the ages, and could not understand because they did not have much Light on what happened to Enoch. Brethren, we learned something there that if you **walk** with God one of these days He is going to take you away. These things here are types and shadows. Yes.

Now, Enoch was the seventh from Adam; and types the end time Bride, that went through the seventh church age and is going to walk with God, and the Lord will take her up:

Genesis 5:23 <And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.>

Many a man must have read that scripture and said, "Well, the Lord took him, he died and they buried him", but that scripture needed revelation, it needed understanding. So here, in the New Testament when they learned and seen what the Lord had done Himself, they understood better.

Hebrews 11:5 <By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.>

Alright, the Lord took him. Those two scriptures put together, friends, speaks of the translation and the Rapture of Enoch.

Before you go in the Rapture you must be translated. Before Enoch went in the Rapture he had to be translated. So he walked with God, he reached into a certain place where he pleased Almighty God by faith, by divine revelation, and then what happened? One day he walked the face of the earth, and his feet just got light, and a change came over him, yes, my brothers, the gray hairs fell off, it became black and there came a change over the man, and then after that change came upon the man then he started going up into the heavens, and the Lord called him straight up into heaven; he alone.

Now, watch something here and watch the type, my friends: Enoch was translated and he is a type of the end time Bride that is raptured before the floods come; the floods of judgment. So now, **why** must there be a Rapture in the end time? Even because there is a destruction going to come upon the face of the earth and God has prepared a **Rapture** to take us off the earth before the judgment falls. So now that's the type and that's a shadow. Enoch is a type of this Rapture, and Noah is a type of the tribulation people. If you notice that they went through the flood and although God saved them they had to be inside of that boat with all the hardship through that water, for a hundred and fifty days.

NOAH WENT THROUGH THE TRIBULATION OF THE FLOOD

Quote W.M.B.: 43 *But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights in a storm and the little ark pitching up and down in the water, it was after the flood was over that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise. After he'd went through the **tribulation**, then he saw the promise. (I Know 60-0417S).*

ENOC WAS A TYPE OF THE RAPTURED CHURCH

Quote: E-20 *And **Enoch**, of course, was a **type** of the **raptured** group of the church. And Noah is a type of the carried over or the elect of the Jews that will be carried through the tribulation period. And we're now living in that day. (The Great Coming Revival 54-0718A.).*

Quote: E-28 *Noah was a type that was carried over like the **sleeping virgin**. But Enoch was **translated** just before the **tribulation** struck. And Enoch was took up, and was found not, because God took him: the type of the going forth of the going forth of the church. And Noah watched him. When he seen Enoch go, he knew it was time to enter the ark, for to be carried through the tribulation. (Lamb's Book Of Life 56-0603).*

Noah and the brethren that were saved there typed the tribulation saints, the foolish virgins. But Enoch out here types the Bride of Christ. This one man types the Bride of Christ that is going to be raptured in the end time. So now that is why the Lord took this man away, the seventh from Adam. He took him away, way back then in order to type out the translation of the Bride in the end time to escape the judgments of God. Why must there be a Rapture?

THE SECOND RAPTURE - ELIJAH

Now there is a second Rapture that took place; everybody knows it. I never said that you have to go up in five Raptures. I said there are five Raptures; you only have to go in one.

II Kings 2:9-11 <And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

*And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire..."
"...there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.>*

Is that a Rapture? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Alright, that's a Rapture.

II Kings 2:12-14 <And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.>

I love that. My brothers and sister, let me read it a little bit again."

<...He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.>

That is what we are asking, "**Where** is the God of William Branham?" We are going to see the God of William Branham by a double portion of the Spirit when it comes upon the end time Bride. There we are friends; that's Rapture number two. Is that correct? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

Alright, here is a man again who went away in a Rapture alone. Observe how that Rapture took place, there, it is going to come up a little later. There came down chariots of fire, UFOs. All that they saw was a big UFO coming down to the earth, and it got brighter and brighter, and the Lord wanted only Elijah not Elisha, and that UFO sped between the both of them, and pushed down Elisha and took up Elijah. Yes sir, and Elisha barely seen it, it was horsemen of fire. Glory to God! Chariots of Fire and horsemen of fire, and he cried out, and said, "My father, my father: **I see it**. I see it. I see it!" Oh glory to God! He said, "I'm going to get a **double** portion of the Spirit: I see it. I see it." Yes sir. UFO came down. My Lord!

And those UFOs just came down there and the Lord opened up the eyes of Elisha and He realized that they were men. It was a Chariot of Fire and Horsemen of Fire. The Horsemen of Israel, resembling the Israelites. They

came down for him. They looked like Israelites, picked him up and they went. That's Rapture number two and it was a mysterious something.

ENOCH & ELIJAH – TYPES OF THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: *E-40 Enoch, before the world, the antediluvian destruction, if He wanted to show a type, how could He do if He didn't want Enoch to die? He had to make a **translation** for him. So God just made a **rapture** for him. God had to do it in order to make a type out of Enoch. That's right.*

When Elijah come to die, He'd already showed His type in that, so He had to show a way. So when Elijah crossed over and was going to be taken up, God had to make a way of escape for him. So He just set him down a chariot of fire and horse of fire, took him on up into glory. (The Infallibility Of God's Spoken Word 56-0404).

THIRD RAPTURE - JESUS AND OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS

Now there is a Third Rapture in the Bible.

Acts 1: 9-11: <And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.>

I am talking about the Rapture, the Catching-Away, There are other things that are to happen before the Catching-Away. There came a time in Jesus Ministry when He was talking to the disciples. He was upon the earth for about forty days and forty nights breaking bread, eating fish and bread and all these other things.

They asked Him Lord, "Are you going to restore the Kingdom now", are we going to overcome the Romans, are we going to overthrow Caesar, now that you have great power because you came back from the dead? They asked, "When are you going to restore the Kingdom?"

Acts 1:7-8: <And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. >

*I Corinthians 15:6: <After that, he was seen of above **five hundred** brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.>*

Five hundred people were gathered upon a mountain and all of a sudden our Lord feet start lifting off the face off the earth. I guess it confused them; they never heard an engine started. Do you hear what I am telling you little girls? No. He never started to wave His hands like that. He had the Holy Ghost Power in Him.

The same power that raised Him from the dead was able to rapture Him. He was talking to them casually and then all of a sudden His **feet** started raising off the ground. I believe it confused the disciples. They expected Him to go and take over the Kingdom of the Romans and get swords and kill out all those Romans and here he was lifting off the ground. I imagine one fellow that was standing level to him said: "Boy Jesus got taller than me, he looked down said: "But wait, his feet is not on the ground!" yes sir, I guess one person held on to Him. "Lord, my Lord". And the power was so great, He just slip out of the fellow hands and kept going up. **No Grave shall hold my body down.** [Congregation rejoices].

I believe it confused the five hundred and they looked there at this great miracle, probably some of them backed off a little bit, because there was so much Power in our Lord. Then after he raised one foot from off the face of the earth, he looked like a tall man, he raised two feet. Now, he was not going up very fast like a rocket; no sir. Some things that God does is very slow, you know it takes time, with many of these things, and He continued going up, and when he crossed the height of the head, they had to lift up their heads. They said, "What in the world is this".

I am telling you the Rapture is a **mystery**. Isn't that a mystery? How on earth can a man break the force of gravity without jumping up, without moving his hands like that, without getting a motor? It's a mystery, and there was so much power in our Lord, His Power was inside of the **soul**, and that Power inside of our Lord, kept pushing Him upward. Nothing could hold Him down! Nothing could hold Him down!

Now He was rising, He was going up, His feet above them, and the disciples gazing up saying: "Jesus." They were confused. "Any how, maybe He is showing us a miracle. He will come back down", they imagined. It was not just a miracle. They gazed up into heaven at that human being. Can you see His celestial robe, the old robe

that they gambled for? He did not have on that again. The Lord gave Him a celestial robe and He kept going up. "Can you see Him?" He was going up, and the disciples lifted their heads. I do not know what was their mood, but they were **amazed**, they were scared, they were confused, and kept watching and they saw this man going up higher and higher and higher, yes.

I guess many of them were calling, many of them were crying, many of them were asking: "Lord **where** are you going?" And up and up and up they saw the Lord moving gradually. I do not believe according to the Scripture, it was something that went like a rocket. No, the chariots probably did that, but not this. He went **gradually**, even as the Holy City, New Jerusalem will be coming down as a bride adorned for her husband, yes sir. [*Congregation rejoices*].

It was not coming down with great speed friends, no sir, and He gradually moved up and He was looking smaller and smaller and smaller and then all of a sudden a white **cloud** came and He went inside of that cloud and they saw the last part of His feet going into the cloud, and the cloud received Him out of their sight. And they were so confused that the Lord had to send two angels dressed in white apparel standing at their side. They said: "Men of Galilee why gaze ye up into Heaven? Oh my, you are so confused; you do not understand what just happened. I am sorry for you men of Galilee, why gaze ye up into heaven? The same Jesus, who went up shall return in like **manner**."

Now speaking of the physical return of our Lord Jesus, my beloved, our Lord Jesus will come in a cloud when He returns to meet us in the air. Now you see what I am talking about. Now do not get confused with the Shout and the Voice, I am talking about, the **physical return** of the Lord, when the Lord return to catch His Bride away, He comes back in the same cloud that received Him out of their sight, yes, and he comes there waiting in the clouds.

1 Thessalonians 4:17: <Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.>

That cloud is going to engulf us, and so shall we ever be with Him. Oh my! Now that is your Third Rapture, that Rapture stood **between** the Old Testament and the New Testament. Why did it stand between the Old Testament and the New Testament? I am going to be scriptural. It was not Jesus alone that went in that Rapture. There was a Rapture of the Church during that time, but the disciples were only seeing Jesus, yes but there were a lot of people following Him, and also going up, but **invisible** to the disciples. Ephesians 4 and Psalm 24.

Matthew 27: 50-51: <Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;>

Now that was an earthquake and the **rocks** broke in two and what happened.

*Matthew 27: 52-53: <And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept **arose**, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.>*

Are you following the course of what is getting ready to take place here on earth? That was and Old Testament Resurrection, friends, and that happened just before the Rapture of Our Lord Jesus, and what happened there is that during that time of the Cross, our Lord, He cried with a loud voice, gave up the ghost and then the temple was rent in twain, and then what happened, after His resurrection there were others that arose with Him.

Psalm 24 depicted that in a great way, that was prophesied by David and it says:

Psalms 24: 7 <Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.>

And somebody answered when they reached up into glory and said: *Psalms 24: 8 <Who is this King of Glory>*, and then they said:

Psalms 24: 8-10 <The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.>

Now the scripture that ties with that says:

Ephesians 4:8 <...When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.>

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS ASCENDED WITH CHRIST

Quote W.M.B.: 100 *You say, "Brother Branham, is that mythical?" No, sir. I'll show you the Scriptures in a minute. When He begin to go up, they only seen Him, but the Old Testament saints went with Him, for the Bible said that He led captivity captive and give gifts unto men. And I can see Him as He goes up, and joins with His church. (Entombment 57-0420).*

Quote: E-21 *I can see Abraham and Sarah, as young people walking down the streets, looking the old city over, and the priest say, "I seen them people somewhere." And they disappeared just like Jesus coming through that wall, the same kind of a glorified body. Yes. But brother, on that last day, after the Pentecost, before Pentecost, when He ascended up on high, as He went up, the Bible said, "He went with them." He went up and they went with Him.*

I can see Him going on above the moon, the stars, Him and the Old Testament saints, going into the Presence of God. When they get way out there somewhere, millions of miles beyond where any scope could ever see, way in there, it come close to the city. I can hear the Old Testament saints when they see the city say, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up. Let the King of glory come in." (Expectations 53-0507).

So now all that Satan was holding in the place called Paradise and holding them in custody, they were captives to Satan, to a certain extent. That is why at the **time** of the Resurrection, they arose with our Lord because He went down to Paradise. He also went down to hell. He redeemed the Old Testament Saints. Oh my!

He redeemed the Old Testament Saints. So when He arose that is why they appeared to them in the city at His Resurrection. They went away in a rapture together with Him. Do you see where the Resurrection is first and then the Rapture? They appeared unto many in the City. Old Abraham appeared. Sarah appeared. Old John the Baptist arose. He said: "Man I got my head cut off, but I got it back". Oh glory to God! Think of how many appeared in the City of Jerusalem. That is why the Jews wanted their bones to go back to Jerusalem.

That is why Joseph down in Egypt, he made them swear to carry his bones back to Jerusalem, because he knew the Resurrection was going to take place in Jerusalem. The Power of the Almighty burst the rocks in two, they had a grave right there no doubt and big stone on top the grave, so the rocks rent in twain when the Resurrection came. The Power of the Lord raised them. And they started appearing unto the living through the City.

Jesus was walking forty days and nights upon the earth. They also was about forty days and nights upon the face of the earth walking and appearing to brothers and sisters. I am telling you this thing is a **reality**. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Brother this thing is not a made up story. [*Congregation says, "No!"*] The Rapture that we are looking for and the Resurrection that we are looking for **happened** before in scriptures. How can a man doubt the Rapture? We cannot doubt the Rapture. How he could doubt the Resurrection, we cannot doubt the Resurrection, it happened before in scriptures.

THE FOURTH RAPTURE – BRIDE OF CHRIST –

1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-16

Now there is a fourth Rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4: 15-18: <For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.>

That is The **Great Rapture**; that is our Rapture. That is the Bride's Rapture. That is the rapture that is coming to bring all the elected Bride from the time of that resurrection of Jesus, and the time He went up. There were people who died for the Gospel who served the Lord, coming right down through the Seven Church Ages, to the end of the Seventh Church Age. They are waiting and waiting for this great rapture to take place. It is going to be the ransomed body of the Lord. So now that is the fourth rapture, which I would **come back** to just now.

FIFTH RAPTURE – TWO WITNESSES – MOSES & ELIAS – REVELATION 11: 9 - 12

Alright, now there is a fifth rapture in the scriptures and let me clear that up. It is found in Revelation chapter eleven. It is speaking of Moses and Elias:

Revelation 11:8 <And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.>

That's Jerusalem. Oh my, that's the same voice that the Bride is going to hear.

Revelation 11:9-12 <And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.>

Now this is your fifth rapture that is yet to take place. The one that we are looking for is about to take place right here in our **generation**. I will prove to you why it is supposed to take place in our generation, so don't put this thing off for another generation. This thing is going to happen in our generation.

I notice that at the resurrection of our Lord Jesus there was a great earthquake and that earthquake was connected with the resurrection of the Jews of the Old Testament. And here in the resurrection of these two prophets. They had already killed the 144,000 that are supposed to be Temple Eunuchs for the Bride in the Millennium. The only place that I could put that resurrection of the 144,000 is to relate it to this **earthquake** that takes place. I believe that this earthquake that takes place at the resurrection of these two prophets also resurrected the 144,000, because we found them upon a mountain, with the Father's name on their forehead.

Revelation 14:1,4 <And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads... These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.>

And just as certain as an **earthquake** took place when Jesus rose again from the dead, and an earthquake takes place when the two prophets arises when they are caught-up, I believe the 144,000 also was **raptured**, and went into glory.

Now, case proven, there are five raptures. Is that right? I say, there are five raptures. And three are history and two are prophecy. Alright, your first rapture was Enoch, your second was Elijah and the third was Jesus and the Old Testament Saints. And the fourth will be the Bride of Christ and then the fifth will be Elijah and Moses. Five raptures in your Bible. After we see and recognize in scriptures that there were three raptures that took place, I don't think that we should have any **doubts** about the other two that are to be fulfilled because the thing happened in the Old Testament.

RAPTURES IN THE BIBLE

Quote W.M.B.: 166 *Three is a witness. Now, we've already had **three raptures** in the Old Testament...**Enoch** was one; **Elijah** was the other one; and **Jesus** was the other One...He was the Keystone between the Old and New Testament, 'cause He had to first die and then rapture. He died, come to life, and walked around here with us, and then was raptured up; because He was the Keystone that tied the two together... We all know Enoch was translated. We know Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind (That right?) in a chariot of fire. And Jesus died, buried, rose up, and lived here on earth, and then was raptured up, the Keystone. There's three to bear record. Is that right? (The Rapture 65-1204).*

Quote: 171 *The Old Testament saints has gone into His Presence, paradise done away. And the Old Testament saints ascended up at His loud voice when He screamed and give up the ghost. Because why? The sacrifice, their propitiation of their sins that they'd waited on... Believing that perfect Lamb was coming, they'd offered the sacrifice of the lamb. And when He died and yielded up the ghost, He screamed with a loud voice, and the Old Testament saints awoke. Watch the shout and the voice over here, the same thing at His coming. See? Yielded up the ghost, and when He did the sacrifice was perfect, and paradise emptied out; and the Old Testament saints came to the earth again, walked around on earth, and entered in with Him at His rapture... The next rapture takes place is II Thessalonians for the church, the Bride, to be resurrected to be raptured into glory. "We which are alive and remain (That's the body that's left on earth.) will not prevent or hinder them which are asleep; for the*

trumpet of God shall sound first, and the dead in Christ shall rise. (See?) And we which are alive and remain shall caught up together with them." (The Rapture 65-1204).

Quote: *168 Now, there has been one rapture already past...Matthew the 27th chapter...45th verse... One rapture is passed. Three's happened in the Old Testament of them prepared who the Word of the Lord came to. See? The Word of the Lord came to Enoch. The Word of the Lord came to Elijah. He was a prophet. See? The Word of the Lord was Jesus. See?... Watch in the Old Testament, them **Old Testament saints** now when this **rapture first** taken place. Notice verse 50: His loud **voice** awakened the Old Testament saints just exactly like the loud voice wakened Jesus wakened Lazarus... And the second is fulfilled in Thessalonians 4:12-18. That will be the second rapture. The second rapture will be the catching away of the Bride... for the church, the Bride, to be resurrected to be raptured into glory. "We which are alive and remain (That's the body that's left on earth.) will not prevent or hinder them which are asleep; for the trumpet of God shall sound first, and the dead in Christ shall rise. (See?) And we which are alive and remain shall caught up together with them."... the first one's past. The **second** one is at hand **right now**...*

Now, the third one is the two witness of Revelation 11:11 and 12, which these are the ones that turns back with the Spirit of Christ to witness to the Jews like Joseph did to his brethren. And you remember their dead bodies laid in the streets for three days and a half; then the Spirit of life came into them and they were raptured, taken up into heaven. There's your three raptures of the New Testament. (The Rapture 65-1204).

So now brethren, we are calling this rapture for the Bride the **great** rapture. Why is this called the great rapture? The prophet called it the great rapture, in the message called "The Rapture". Even because it has to do with the resurrection and the catching away of the greatest lady upon earth, the wife of Jesus Christ.

THREE PREVIOUS RAPTURES FORESHADOWED THE BRIDE'S RAPTURE

The greatest calling of all callings, upon the earth, is the calling of the end time Bride, the elected Bride of Christ. So it is a great rapture for the end time. Now, from these other raptures that took place, we could understand very much about how the rapture is going to be, in the end time. And I want to go into that and pick out certain things to show you how the rapture is going to be. It is going to be real, just like those other raptures.

So this rapture that we are speaking about is in 1 Thessalonians the fourth chapter, and it is prophesied for our age. The rapture of Enoch is a type of it. Since Enoch was raptured as the seventh from Adam, this rapture is to take place in the seventh Church Age, right today, in our day, our age. So now the seventh church age, **rapture age**.

SIGNS OF THE RAPTURE - MALACHI 4:5

Now friends, how do we know that this rapture is supposed to take place in our age? One of the greatest signs of the rapture in the end time is Malachi 4:5-6.

Malachi 4:5-6: <Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.>

Now what is happening is that, here in the end time, one of the greatest signs of judgment that ever hit the earth was when the man called William Branham, went around the world with his message, confirmed by signs and wonders and miracles. Now, since there is a great judgment that is to come upon the face of the earth, beloved, the **Lord has to protect us** as He protected Enoch. Elijah came and he pronounced judgment. With that judgment that is about to come upon the face of the earth, the Lord, has to take away the end time beloved Bride, and save Her from the wrath, by taking Her up in a rapture just like Enoch. Before one drop of rain fell, Enoch went up. He was caught up into the heavens and the Lord hid him away from the wrath. So before one speck of judgment, in the tribulation, falls upon the earth, the Bride must be raptured.

The prophet preached, "Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation?" He said, "No, the Church will not go through the tribulation." He said, "The Son of Man was revealed in two phases, He was revealed in mercy, to bring the message to the people, but then the message was rejected and they must face the judgments of God, by the

Son of Man.” But we would not be here for the judgments of God. We are going to be taken up before the great tribulation period. And although people believe that the Bride will go through the tribulation, she will have a place somewhere in the desert to hide. That is not so! Brother Branham never believed that, and he contended with a great brother, for that same doctrine. And that brother went on believing that. Maybe he has changed his doctrine. I don’t know.

Now another dumb thing is, that they say, “When Brother Branham preached the message called, ‘The Rapture’, that was the Seven Thunders and that was the opening of the Seals.” Now that’s a lie, because after Brother Branham preached that, in 1965, he was still looking for the Seven Thunders. I want to know what is in the Rapture message that blends in with the Thunders? You cannot blend in the Thunders with the Rapture message. The Thunders is far greater than that.

Now watch the time in which we’re living. Elijah has come, preached his message and gone on, and told us all about what is going to happen right down from here to the setting up of the Millennium and even the New World. So we are not a blind people. We are walking in the light.

Another thing that was to happen before the rapture was the Seven Seals were supposed to be loosed. And when that happened it brought down somebody.

DOWN COMES THE ANGEL, MESSENGER, CHRIST

Quote W.M.B.: 74-2 {40} *And when the Seals are broke and the mystery is revealed, down comes the Angel, the Messenger, Christ, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea with a rainbow over His head. (The Breach 63-0317E).*

By the opening of the Seals, Revelation 10:1, the mighty Angel, came down and, stood upon land and sea, and He knows about changing bodies. All this was setting in **order** the rapture and this one knows about changing bodies. One time there was an old man and an old lady and God promised them that they would have a child. But at ninety years of age and Abraham an hundred years of age, they could not produce a child because Abraham’s body was dead and Sarah’s womb was dead.

Abraham needed a complete change back to a young man, and the woman needed a complete change, where she could have that baby. In order to have this baby, God was made flesh. I’m telling you about the rapture and the change body being foreshadowed over there. And in order for this rapture to take place today we need that same One on the earth. **We need the same one on earth today.** This is clear like a whistle.

There came down Almighty God; it was the revealing of the Son of Man. And He came down at the tent door, and sat with Abraham. Before the change, He fellowshiped with Abraham and Abraham felt His presence, the presence of the Almighty. When you start feeling the presence of God, like you feel it in this building, the power of the rapture will come upon you very soon.

This is the sign of the rapture. When you could sing like that and when you could worship like that and when you could feel the presence of His being, we are getting ready to be raptured.

PRESENCE OF GOD - FORERUNNER TO TRANSLATION AND RAPTURE

So now, they needed a complete change. Abraham needed a complete change back to a young man, and Sarah needed a complete change to where she could have this baby. In order to have this change, God was made flesh. I am telling you about the rapture and the changed body **foreshadowed** over there. In order for the rapture to take place today, we need that same one on the earth. There came down almighty God. It was the revealing of the son of man, and He came down at the tent door and he sat with Abraham, before the change. He fellowshiped with Abraham, and Abraham felt His presence, the presence of the Almighty. When you start feeling the presence of God like you feel in this building, the power of the rapture will come upon you very soon. This is the sign of the rapture? When you could sing like that, when you could worship like that and **feel the presence of His being**, we are getting ready to be raptured. Yes, it makes me feel religious. My God!

Do you understand what I am saying children? [*Congregation says, “Amen!”*] My little grandchildren, these little ones say, “Papa, I feel something cold, cold, cold. What is that?” That shows that we are going up in the rapture very soon. That’s the power of the Holy Ghost upon you. My daughters say that when they play the organ or piano: “Daddy, I feel something cold upon me from the beginning to the end, and something just comes upon my fingers and make me play the piano and play the organ.” That’s the presence of Elohim, the one that visited

Abraham. Yes sir! And Sarah is a type of the Bride in the end time. Her womb was dried –up. She could not bring forth. The presence of the Lord had moved down to the face of the earth.

Before Sarah's body was changed, the son of man was revealed. Luke 17:30, the son of man was to be revealed in the end time. That's the same one; Elohim in the end time, in a ministry with William Branham, to discern the thoughts of the heart; and he said, "Why did Sarah laugh in the tent behind me?" And Sarah said, "I never laughed." God discerned it. He said, "You did laugh. Don't you lie in the face of God, you did laugh. Is there anything too hard for God?" My brother, do you think the rapture is an impossible thing? Is there anything too hard for God? I believe He could transform my body. I believe He could transform your body. I believe He could make an old man young. I believe He could make an old lady young. Yes sir! What are you telling me about? Our God is able and nothing is too hard for our God. Is there anything too hard for God?

Is there anything too hard, to restore your eyes? Is there anything too hard to take away that sugar diabetes? Is it too hard for God to put back teeth in your mouth? Our God is a God of miracles. He's a God of signs, he is a God of wonders. He could take away that cancer; He could take away any sickness in your body, if you would only **believe** right now.

Oh brethren, don't you see the type, don't you see the shadow? You say, "Brother Bruce, what do Sarah and Abraham have to do with us here? Go ahead and speak about the rapture." Here what the prophet is saying here.

SARAH AND ABRAHAM - TYPE OF THE RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: E-64 *He made Sarah a new woman. He made her a young, beautiful woman again, and he made Abraham a young man again. He just turned them back to show what He's going to do in the **rapture** to us. (The unconditional covenant 54-0306).*

That's why I am making the type, that's why I am making the shadow. And beloved, that great thing had to happen on earth before the rapture. And when we see the seals opened and Revelation 10:1 stand upon earth, it's about time that the rapture is going to take place. You could play the **nonsense** if you want. You doubt and prepare for another ten years, and you will remain right here. We are getting ready to go. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] There is going to be a **final outpouring of the Holy Ghost to quicken our bodies**, and we believe it. Glory to God! Three UFOs came down, and they hovered over the fields. And out of these UFOs, out of these chariots, out of these lights came forth three men and started to walk the face of the earth, but they were three angels. One of the great and mighty angels was Elohim, God almighty. Oh can't you see the rapture brethren? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] Yes sir! These angels, are connected with the rapture. And here they came, and put a little dust on their clothes, and started walking like natural men. They wanted to know if Abraham would recognize them, but he was acquainted with the presence of the Lord. You are not seeing them here today, but you feel the presence of the Lord. It's about time for the rapture to take place. It's time that outpouring come upon us.

And Abraham looked at them very carefully. There were three of them, and Abraham went there and bowed down to the man in the middle and said, "My Lord." And the Lord said, "I have come to fulfill my promise that I made unto thee. If you doubt that was God, who made the promise? It was God who made the promise. And He spoke in the personal pronoun and said, "I have come to fulfill **My** promise which I made unto thee. Sarah shall conceive and bare a child."

So this man sat at the tent door and continued to talk to Abraham and immediately transforming power came over Abraham and Sarah, and they became young people again, at about twenty five years of age. The only difference is that was flesh. They did not have immortality. It was a type. And the proof of that is that Sarah died after a time, after bringing forth the child, and after that, Abraham went and married another woman, and had a lot of children with her. How is "Gramps" going to have all those children, being a hundred years of age? Teeth fell out, the almond tree blossomed, the keepers of the house began to tremble, the strong men of the house started buckling. All these symptoms of old age and death spoken of in Ecclesiastes 12; 1-7. God turned the man into a young man and Sarah into a young woman, typing out what He is going to do, old men and old ladies today. Typing out what He is going to do with little children. Little children, you are going to get big **overnight**. My God! When I look there, little Bobby is a man of twenty or twenty two years of age, and old Brother Rogers resembles him too. He will be about twenty-two years of age also. Old Brother Narinesingh, twenty-two years of age, and they are matching with Bobby to. Great God! How great our God is! Translation power! Yes sir!

UFOS - ANGELIC BEINGS - CONNECTED WITH THE RAPTURE

What they call **UFOs**, these mystic lights, are connected with the rapture. Many of them are angels doing investigative judgment, now upon the face of the earth.

Those two fellows rose up from Abraham, slipped back into their UFO lights. They saw two bright lights coming down to Sodom now, hovering over Sodom and looking at the sins of the city. Almighty God remained with the elect, and that was the only place you could have found Him

And these two UFOs climbed out of the “rockets”, walked down there as ordinary men and investigated the Sodomites and blinded them. And they just lifted their hands in the air and put them down and fire burnt the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Yes, angels of judgment. These UFOs are connected with the rapture.

INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT MYSTIC LIGHTS WILL DROP DOWN – THAT’S HOW THE RAPTURE WILL BE

Quote W.M.B.: *68 You see these little pockets going through the air they call "saucers," so forth... "Hear how these people come up missing?" you say. Don't hear from them; they're standing there, and they're not there. That's the way the **rapture's** going to be. One of them would drop right down, and this terrestrial body will take on a celestial body. (Christ is revealed in His own Word 65- 0822m).*

Do you see how close that rapture is?

Quote W.M.B.: *And they'll be **hide, hair, or bones** left. It'll be transformed in a moment of time, dropping right out of space and taking home that... We see all this going on now, and the Pentagon wondering about these lights, and mystic lights, and everything they're seeing in the sky. You seen they had one here in the paper at Jeffersonville this week and so forth, a mystic light saw. Oh, they don't know what that is. But listen, little children, it's going to pick you up one of these days (See, see?); don't worry. You remember, Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom... What happened just before Sodom? God came down with some Angels, and they had an investigation judgment. Said, "I've heard the cry that is so sinful, so great, so I've come down to find out whether it's altogether the truth or not." Is that right? Watch, that main One that stayed with Abraham could discern the thoughts was in Sarah's heart behind Him. Now, you'd look around just a little bit and notice (See?); watch what It's doing, the same thing today. It's an **investigation judgment**. When after while the church, when It can stand that place and every seed has been brought to it's spot, they'll be gone. They won't know what happened to them. One will be going one way. See? One will be going over to the pastor's house, and one will be going here or down there; and the first thing you know, they're not there. For Enoch which was the type, God took him, and he was found not. Come down to investigate. (Christ Revealed In His Own Word 65-0822m)>*

Do you believe the prophet? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] I am telling you friend that these mystic lights are connected with the rapture, and one of these days they will drop down here, in the right time and pick you up. You are not leaving this place alone, you need a guide.

ORDER OF THE RAPTURE

Certain things have first got to happen, but I am showing you that the rapture is already being set in order. The rapture being set in order is **Elijah** has come, the **seals** book opened, the mighty **Angel** of Revelation 10:1 now stands upon earth. He has the power to change your bodies. And those two angels represents the angels that came down at the seals, because the third pull is a ministry of angels. Now, we've got to stop right there and don't say no more, but the **third pull** is a ministry of angels. There were little birds, there were doves, and the third pull was the mighty angels of God and these angels are now upon the face of the earth, getting set for the rapture.

The Rapture has order. The order of the Rapture is in *1 Thessalonians 4:16*, "*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.*" Brother Branham said the shout is his message.

SHOUT: A MESSENGER GETTING THE PEOPLE READY

Quote W.M.B.: 152 *The first thing is...a shout, and then a voice, and then a trumpet. Shout, a messenger getting the people ready.* (The Rapture 65-1204).

UFOS - ANGELS OF GOD - DEMONS IMPERSONATE

I *Corinthians 11:14* <And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.>

There are many stories of these things. But I want to tell you; we came in contact with the right saucer! Don't you realize that a UFO was with a man called, "William Branham" and inside of that saucer was an Angel, of God? And when the Light filled the cave, he saw a man's foot coming down out of the saucer and stood before him. He said: "I am sent from the Presence of God". Yes sir, and after that, the Pillar of Fire followed William Branham for all those years and he would say, "I'm waiting on the Angel of the Lord", "I see the Angel of the Lord over a sister there in the corner". The Angel was in the Pillar of Fire inside of the saucer, inside of the UFO. My God, the Rapture is about to take place! I don't know who would believe all these things, but I believe them.

And if that is not so then tell me what are these **saucers** about? These foolish scientists, when they see these saucers, they are positive that there are people living on the Stars and on the Moon, and on Mars and everything, so they made a rocket to go up there to find the people. And here was a man on Earth telling them what it is and he was in contact with UFO. Do you know what I heard on the radio several years ago? They brought the photograph of the Pillar of Fire that was with William Branham as a UFO mystery. And they said that was the first UFO that was ever photographed with a man called William Branham. It is in Washington D.C, as the only supernatural being ever photographed in the history of the world. So now, a UFO was with William Branham and it was an Angel of God. So why can't I believe that these flying saucers are Angels of God? And here is the Prophet verifying that in 1965, right here on the tape called, "*Christ is Revealed in his Own Word.*"

So after the opening of the Seals, God setting in order the **Rapture**, these angels were to be upon the face of the Earth. You say, "How is it that angels will be associated with the Rapture?" Who came down for Elijah in the form of men? In what form did they come down? Didn't they come down with chariots of fire? And wasn't there horsemen of fire? And who came down for Jesus? Do you think it was a rain cloud that carried him away? No, those were the angels of God that took our Lord Jesus and escorted him. And the Old Testament saints also went there. The angels of God came there to meet them. Let us understand how close we are living. Look at how many years ago since those **angels** are upon the face of the Earth.

What was to follow after the Seals is the ministry of *Revelation 10:1* which is directly connected with the Rapture. Outside of that you cannot be translated because He is the one who translated the body of Abraham and Sarah. Anybody that rejects *Revelation 10:1* and say: "All was in Brother Branham," you are going to be Tribulation bound. What about if Abraham had rejected that one that came to the tent door? He would not have any child, and his body would have remained old. *Revelation 10:1* is directly connected with the Rapture, and judgments of God. Yes, **judgment** is going to follow from that ministry. *Revelation 10:1* is a judgment ministry, and it is directly connected with the Thunders. So what they are talking about all these false Thunders around the world is nonsense. If the Seven Thunders were revealed here in a public ministry, judgments will be falling.

ORDER OF RAPTURE - NEXT THING IS OUTPOURING - REVIVAL

So now what is to follow the Seals? The next thing to follow the Seals is the Final **Outpouring** of the Holy Ghost for Rapture Power. That's the article that has got to come in order for Rapture Power because *Revelation 10:1* has to do with Rapture Power. And before we go in the Rapture, there must come Rapture Power in us. This great Rapture Power is going to come down to the end-time Bride fulfilling the prophecy of *Joel 2* and *Malachi 4:6*, "Turning the hearts of the children back to the fathers - Restoration". When that Outpouring comes upon the end-time Bride, that is Rapturing power. And it breaks a Sealing **Revival** and it will seal the last elect. The Prophet of God says that the only time that the Rapture is going to come is when the last elect is sealed.

LAST ELECT SEALED - THEN RAPTURE

Quote W.M.B.: 136-3 {131} *He's doing the part of the Kinsman Redeemer taking His subjects, until the last one name is put on that Book, has already received it and been sealed away. Now, do you got it? Then He comes from His throne, His Father's throne, walks forward, takes the Book out of God's hand from the throne and claims His rights. The first thing He does is call for His Bride.* (The First Seal 63-0318).

So when that Outpouring comes it breaks, a Power Revival, a Bride's Revival, a Sealing Revival, a final sealing to the Gentiles, and when she gets that Outpouring, that's the power to transform her and take her in the Rapture. And while that power is upon the Earth, there will be a Revival where Christ will glorify himself:

II Thessalonians 1-10: <When he shall come to be glorified in his saints...>

The Revival will last for several months, Brother Branham says between three and six months. There'll be dynamic power upon the Earth, Speak the Word power, Revival power, some judgments will start passing upon the rejecters of the Message.

SON OF MAN REVEALED IN MERCY & JUDGMENT

Quote W.M.B.: E-36 *That's what He said here, "In the days when the Son of man shall reveal Himself from heaven..." He's revealing Himself now to the church for mercy. The next time He reveals Himself is in destruction to those who's rejected the Message.* (Will Church Go Before Tribulation 58-0309e).

The next revelation of the Son of Man will be in judgment. The Seven Thunders ministry is a judgment ministry. And when that judgment ministry starts, upon all rejecters and perverters of the Message, judgment will start falling on them as we come nearer to the Rapture.

The **next thing on the agenda** is that the First Resurrection will take place. *1 Thessalonians 4:15-16* identifies that by saying, *"the dead in Christ shall rise first"*. So the living Bride would not interfere with them. We would not hinder them. So now your Outpouring takes place, your revival comes, and the Resurrection takes place. But that is not the Rapture. These saints, just like the Old Testament saints in *Matthew 27:52-53*, rise from the dead and they will start appearing to us.

THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST AND APPEAR TO MANY

Quote W.M.B.: 22 *And you know, we'll be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Think of it. Missing people, they can't see you no more, but you're getting together with the rest of the group. "They which are alive and remain to the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or 'hinder,' the word is) those which are asleep." Not dead, no, Christians don't die. They're just taking a little rest (See?); that's all. Oh, my. "And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, appear to many..." And all at once you happen to stand and look, and "Well, there's a brother..." And you know it ain't long. In a few minutes we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and together with them be missing on earth, caught up to meet the Lord in the air.* (Going Beyond The Camp 64-0719e).

Quote: 123 *All right. We find that now the time comes when the Trumpet sounds, and those sleeping saints back there that could not be made perfect without us... There's many of those, Hebrew 11, and when they come together, they unite with the living ones...The dead saints with the living saints uniting together to be one, and all going together to unite with Christ yonder for the wedding supper of the Lamb...O Lord God, to think of us standing, in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, when the world won't know what's going on, but all of a sudden, you'll see appear before you, your loved ones that's gone on has come to unite with you again. And we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together to meet our Lord in the air, and then unite with Him to be there forever, and never to have to be out of His Presence again.* (Uniting Time And Sign 63-0818).

Quote: 168 *Now, there has been one rapture already past... Matthew the 27th chapter...Jesus, when he had cried... with a loud voice, yielded up... (A loud voice, loud voice, watch, when Jesus dying screamed with a loud voice...)... yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the did rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many of the bodies of... saints that slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.* (The Rapture 65-1204).

Follow Jesus and see what He done, and you would understand what would happen to the end time Bride when they come from the grave. The exact thing has got to happen.

Wasn't there first a resurrection of Jesus? And when He came didn't He have a translated body? [Congregation says, "Amen!"] And it is only after a certain time did He go in the rapture? Well I am telling you that the **resurrection** is one thing, the **translation** a second thing, and the **rapture** is another thing all entirely different. Of course, those that are resurrected from the grave came up with translated bodies. So now, it is a resurrection, translation and then rapture. My point is proven.

RAPTURE HERESIES EXPOSED

Now where is the doctrine then of this heresy, that says that the Rapture is in a **process** of time, and it started since 1963? You are mad head. If the Rapture is in progress right now, I am asking, where is the translated body? The translation is supposed to take place, before the Rapture. If the Rapture is going on since 1963, we ought to have our translated bodies, because translation is before the Rapture takes place and Jesus proved that, beyond a shadow of a doubt. He came from the grave, He had a translated body, and He flew where He wanted. My God!

TRANSLATION IS DIFFERENT FROM THE RAPTURE

I am trying to prove to you that the translation is different from the rapture. At that time the resurrection has taken place and the saints are upon the earth. They are walking around, just like the Old Testament saints, *Matthew 27*. They are appearing unto many. Those Old Testament saints were forty days, upon the face of the earth and these New Testament saints out here would be upon the earth too. They are walking around; they are helping us in our troubles. The rapture has not gone as yet, but we have men with translated bodies. Jesus said, "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." He is the first one that preached this translation.

Now notice, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 is not speaking of a rapture. It is speaking of a resurrection and a changed body.

1 Corinthians 15:51: <Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.>

But it did not say anything about being caught away. So now 1 Corinthians 15 deals with the **changed body** and *St John 11:25* deals with the changed body, but 1 Thessalonians 4 speaks of the catching away.

At that time the resurrected saints are upon the earth, *1 Corinthians 15* is being fulfilled, but something has got to happen to our bodies before we go in the rapture. Before we could go in the rapture, we also must be translated. Since the seven church ages' people come up, it brings more power upon the earth. Since you have seven church saints rise on the earth, you have seven great waves of glory.

WAVES AFTER WAVES OF GLORY – SAINTS RISING EVERYWHERE

Quote W.M.B.: *97 His great, glorious Presence shall strike the earth. "He cometh in clouds." Oh, I love that. "Clouds," there will be wave after wave of His glory will come across the earth, and the resurrection of the saints shall come. When that blessed Holy Spirit that's lived in their hearts, and they died with their corpses laying there, and the tear stains over their cheeks, and things like that, they're placed out here in a graveyard. A great wave of that same Spirit, and a "whoossh," wave after wave.*

"He that was last will be first, and he that was first will be last." How can it be that way? That's the order of the resurrection. I won't know nobody in the generation before me or the generation after me. I'll know those in the generation of this. And every generation will come successfully, right as it went down. "They which were last will be first." Sure, it has to be. See? I'll know my people. The next fellow, my dad will know his people; his grandfather, his people, on down like that.

Wave after wave, after wave, after wave, and the saints arising from everywhere, won't that be wonderful. Amen. That makes the old people feel young again. Yes. Now, notice closely. All right. (The Seven Church Ages 54-0512).

THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST AND APPEAR TO MANY

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*alive and remain to the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or 'hinder,' the word is) those which are asleep." Not dead, no, Christians don't die. They're just taking a little rest (See?); that's all. Oh, my. "And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, **appear** to many..." And all at once you happen to stand and look, and "Well, there's a brother..." And you know it ain't long. In a few minutes we'll be changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye, and together with them be missing on earth, caught up to meet the Lord in the air. (Going Beyond The Camp 64-0719e).*

At that time there is more power and anointing upon the earth, moving amongst the saints, and then in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, we shall be **changed**. Not in a moment in the twinkling of an eye we are going to be **caught up**, but changed. Now that is your translation. How many days that happens before the rapture, I do not know.

And suddenly, something starts happening. The outer world not even seeing it. No! But we start lifting from the earth, just like our Lord Jesus. The foolish virgins might be able to see some of us, to let them know what took place on the earth. They did not get the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they were disqualified for the rapture. The ransomed body of the Lord. Millions, upon millions, now rise and break gravity and they start going up. There shall be a great meeting in the air, in that sweet, sweet, by and by.

Yes! And they are going up, and here the Lord is in the heaven, in the clouds with His arms outstretched to receive us in the air. A great cloud comes over; Angels with the sound of a trumpet with music, and we are being caught up in the air. And here our Lord sits upon that cloud, just like when he went away, and here he waves. "Come children. I had been waiting for you a long time. I will hide you from the wrath, that is to come, upon the face of the earth". And then we have a heavenly escort. And here we get into that cloud of glory. Angels by the millions. And we are caught up, all young people. Let us **live** for that children. All young people. Little fellows there, they are not small any more. Old fellows are not old any more. Old ladies are not old any more. Think of the reality of this thing. We are all youths. Not a pain, not an ache. Nothing to bother us. And there the cloud come, and receives us, out of the sight of the foolish virgins.

And then friends, the people start wondering, "Where did these trouble makers went." But the **foolish virgins** will know that the rapture took place, and they would be hunted down as dogs. And then, because they cannot find the Bride,-Revelation 12, then the beast will take out his vengeance, upon the remnant of the woman's seed. They are going to take vengeance, upon the foolish virgins. Brethren, I pray that none of you are left here, upon the face of the earth. We do not have to go that way. Brethren, you could give your lives to the Lord tonight, and say, "I never knew it was like that Brother Bruce. I want to make a turn around tonight."

Just purpose that in your heart, as we are about to go home friends. We will sing a song now. May the Lord grant you grace, that every one of us go in that rapture one of these days. I do not care what your condition is. I do not care what your **mistakes** are. You could make it right. You could turn around, my beloved, and have that blessing. It is a terrible thing to be left out from this rapture. How many enjoyed that tonight? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*]

MINISTERS' MEETING (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) ZAMBIA'S QUESTIONS

CHAPTER TEN

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To: The Ministers, Deacons & Saints of Zambia and all Africa.

Greetings and peace be multiplied unto you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Praises, honor and glory be unto God who have called us with a heavenly calling unto the message of Malachi 4:5-6 to inherit eternal life and save us from the wrath of God that is prophesied to destroy all sinners from the face of the earth.

May your endeavors on this blessed day draw you together, as true servants of God. May the sheep of his pasture greatly benefit from the purpose of your questions and the answers that will be given by his grace through his Word and the message of Malachi 4:5-6. Your questions which were directed to me and E.O.D.H. were safely received.

I take this liberty to express my gratitude and thanks to each of you ministers, for the trust and confidence that you have invested in us to correctly answer your questions from the Word of God and the message of the hour. By God's grace we trust never to betray your confidence in us, as servants of God, able ministers of the gospel who rightly divide the Word of God.

II Timothy 2:15 <Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.>

MINUTES OF MINISTERS MEETING HELD ON 18TH OF MARCH 2006 AT BETHEL {THE HOUSE OF GOD} FREEPORT, TRINIDAD W.I.

PRESENT:

Local Ministers of Bethel: Pastor Dalton Bruce, Assistant Pastor Sookdeo Ramnarine.

Senior Ministers: Roy Barrow, Daniel Seebrat, Aldwyn Chandler, and many other junior ministers, deacons, trustees etc.

Foreign ministers: A. Muzambalika, A. Powanga - **Zambia Africa**, P. Duncan - **St. Vincent**, Ken Mogahee Jr., Greg Heath - **USA**, Ronald Watson, Daniel Asserwathan - **{Karnataka and Chennai India}**.

Pastor Dalton Bruce opened the meeting by welcoming all ministers present, locally and from abroad. He announced that two ministers from India have now arrived at the airport and will join the ministers meeting a little later. He gave special welcome to A. Muzambalika, and A. Powanga and asked Brother Kenneth Bynoe to pray. He called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm T&T-W.I. time.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Pastor Bruce announced the adoption of the agenda, which was based upon questions requested from Zambian ministers, sent to him earlier. Included were other questions from Africa and from other sources. He further exhorted the ministers upon the subject of how ministers meetings were conducted in the scriptures and the early apostolic church by quoting from E.O.D.H Book 13.

Pastor Bruce further established rules that governed Bethel ministers meetings for decades, which were to be employed at the present meeting:

- Our meetings are a little strange from others.
- Meeting with chairman etc. is not forbidden. It keeps good order, but it is more of a denominational and political system.
- In Bible ministers meetings, we read nothing about a chairman, etc.
- They were in harmony and gave their judgment {Acts 15}.
- Our meetings are conducted in a similar scriptural fashion.

- The basis that we set for our meetings are that all questions must be addressed by the Word and message of Malachi 4:5&6.
- We avoid confusion amongst ministers by not entertaining opinions on a subject which was established by the prophet in a scriptural manner, as there is no end for such arguments. We are not interested in opinions after Malachi 4:5 & 6 has established the matter.

Answers to questions that cannot be found in the Word and message must be stated clearly that it is the person's opinion and he should not be rebuked, criticized or condemned by other ministers for it. However, other ministers are free to give their opinion, proving where an opinion is unscriptural.

Question # 713: "How to conduct a ministers meeting; how do you conduct your ministers' meetings?"

E.O.D.H. Answer: The general order of our meeting is as follows: A date, time and a venue is set. Most times the **purpose** of our meeting is established. Meetings starts promptly, at the appointed time, like all other services. A circular goes out to those who are invited amongst the ministers, elders etc. Lay-members, who are spiritual and may be used of the Lord in the future, are sometimes permitted. The meeting is opened with prayer. We all sit together; if the audience is too large, a microphone is used. The purpose of the meeting is expressed in the opening remarks. Those who will be **engaged** in the meeting, to give their opinion, answer a question or relate a matter of discipline, take the microphone, address the audience, and return to their seats. The one in **authority**, usually the pastor or another that is appointed by him, summons the next party to speak. In so doing, the meeting always ends without confusion and hard feelings. Meetings are sometimes conducted for three to five hours. Our points are established before the end of each meeting and a dismissal prayer is made before we depart.

We conduct our ministers meetings, taking the pattern from the New Testament Church, from the way that Brother Branham conducted his ministers' meetings, and partly from the way that the Lord Jesus met with his ministers. They had **no specific** time of the year to meet, but met as it was necessary, and as the needs arose. Conduct of their meetings varied in different ways.

In Acts 20, Brother Paul had a meeting with the elders, deacons and ministers. He presided over that meeting and gave a special message to all. It was not a meeting of questions and answers or debates in any form. He was the chief spokesman. Jesus called ministers together, Matthew 10th chap. and Luke 10th chapter. He instructed, anointed and commissioned them to preach the Gospel. There are other times He met with His ministers, separately from the multitudes, and they asked Him questions on parables, the time of His coming and the end of the world - Matthew 24. There was a ministers' meeting before the crucifixion of the Lord. An important factor was highlighted and that was the **exposition** of the betrayer, Judas, and the death of the Lord. After His resurrection, He met with the 11 Apostles and taught them the things concerning the Kingdom (Outpouring) of God. He was the chief spokesman, delivering to the ministers a new understanding; they had the right spirit and listened attentively.

In Acts 15, a ministers' meeting was held, which engaged the attention of the Apostles by questions arising from Antioch concerning the Gentiles. Certain apostles, who the others respected, gave their opinion, and they concluded after one of them gave the correct answer. They all agreed. There was **no** debate, gainsayings, anger, abuses, variance or divisions.

On the message, "Ministers' Conference", Brother Branham allowed the ministers to ask certain questions and he gave the answers. Some of them spoke in a manner to correct the Prophet. However, they were in harmony.

Quote W.M.B.: 762-82 *If you men would, when you build this church, make this like your headquarters and like Brother Neville here being like the **senior elder** among you. See? And sometimes you get a **question** that you can't discuss out with your church out there, then **bring it in here to Brother Neville** and you all discuss it together. If there--you can't come to any decision, **I'll be coming** by pretty soon, then we'll all come together with it.*

*And then in there, get training in your own groups other ministers, men that you see that has a calling in their life for the ministry. Train them young men; bring them in here to the elder. All of you set together in a **ministerial meeting** and there teach the deeper things of God. Don't go on the bad end. Keep someone who, can have confidence in to be kind of like **a leader** for you...And **training** up a group of men. And if I'm in evangelistic work somewhere, there's places I can **place them worldwide**.*

What if I was in India, go back to India... Maybe they'd have thousands of them... believe it's the Truth, they'd come out of heathenism. There I've got... And maybe in two or three weeks, when I was over there two nights, and maybe a hundred thousand converted to Christ, nowhere to go. The next day take a plane and start back to

*Rome, then to the United States, leave them just like sheep put out among wolves. What if I had a group of men, young men **trained** in the Message (See?) (Taking Sides With Jesus C.O.D. 62-0601).*

He instructed that the ministers should choose one who is a spiritual **leader**, to whom they should bring the harder questions, that the ministers be trained up in the Word of God, to be posted in India and Africa where he makes converts. He promised to call for them when he wins many souls, and set them over the people as pastors, so that the people do not drift back to their old religion. He said that he did not have a group of ministers **trained** up that he could call upon when he won thousands of souls. I never heard of such meetings that he desired the ministers to have, but after his death many tried to have ministers meetings, which resulted in more **divisions**, heresies, confusion, bitterness, hatred and separation. Today, ministers' meetings, amongst the followers of the Message, have become a big mockery and gross hypocrisy, with each minister having his own interpretation and **pretending** to be in unity with the others. Such are fruits of the 'Love Gospel.'

Bethel ministers meetings vary in conduct and order, depending upon the purpose of our gathering. For better than thirty years, we had no specific time set aside to meet, but we do meet whenever the need arises. The general body of ministers may meet, or a few ministers may meet to discuss a matter. The decision is presented to their pastor, for his approval or disapproval, based on the Word and the Message. Senior ministers, junior ministers, exhorters, elders, deacons, etc., are invited to a ministers meeting when it is convenient. If the meeting is of great importance, especially on doctrinal matters, only senior ministers meet with the pastor. The opinions of the ministers are expressed on a certain subject, doctrinal conduct or order, and the pastor gives his decision, which is always final. By God's grace, within such time, we have never had any **disagreement** on doctrinal teachings. We never separated with bitter feelings or disagreements on any subject.

We sometimes have meetings for our own edification. We discuss doctrinal matters. The pastor may take a particular subject on the ministry and speak for several hours while the ministers listen attentively. This is evident by our tapes. Some were sent out; others were too personal to be made public. At other times these meetings take the form of questions and answers. Questions are written ahead of time, on paper, and handed to the presiding minister or Pastor, so he can furnish the right answers on the date of the meeting. If the officer needs more information, after the pastor gives the answer, he may stand in the meeting and identify himself and verbally ask that the question be further explained. This is done in an orderly fashion.

Occasionally, we may **entertain** ministers from the Message to express their understanding on a certain doctrine. Many times it's heresy, but we do so for the edification of our ministers, that they may understand how a heretic believes and teaches his heresy, but most important is how to defeat such a heresy. In these meetings, junior ministers are commanded to be silent, since they are not capable enough to defend the Word. Senior ministers pick up the cause and expose that heresy before all the ministers, in an orderly fashion, giving the opposer time to speak, then answering his questions, always bringing him back to the Word and Message, and gently rebuking when he strays from the Word and begins to voice his own opinion. An example of this kind of meeting can be found on E.O.D.H. Book 9. Great efforts are made to turn ministers from their errors. We were successful on a few occasions.

Pastor Sookdeo Ramnarine read to the ministers all questions to be answered from Zambia, Africa and other sources. He further invited the ministers to indicate, by the lift of hands, who had an interest in answering the first question. None complied and Pastor Bruce ascended the pulpit and apologized to the ministers for not acquainting them with the questions earlier and stated that they can answer all questions by quoting the scriptures and the message from memory, which later will be quoted more accurately when it is documented, since the meeting was video taped and was also recorded on magnetic tapes. To allow the ministers more time to consider answers to the other questions he took the liberty to answer the first one.

ZAMBIA QUESTIONS

Question # 714: What if an unmarried minister backslides and stops coming to church and has a child with a lady from the world and later on he repents, can he come back to the fellowship?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Yes, any backslider who did wrong and forsook the way of truth can be forgiven by the Lord. Jesus said all manner of sins and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, except the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost. Also Hebrews 6:4-8, Hebrews 10:26, 1 John 5. There is a sin unto death. This is both for ministers and lay-members.

However, in this specific case, it involves a minister who had done a most horrible crime of backsliding and having preganated a woman of the world.

Forgiveness is one part of it. It involves another vital question. Can he come back to the fellowship?

There are several items which must be carefully considered by the church and the elders before any such backslidden minister is accepted back into any fellowship. And thirdly: can he re-enter the pulpit to preach, which is not directly the question here? In other questions and answers on E.O.D.H., we fully established, by the Word, that such a man should not re-enter the pulpit.

Reference: E.O.D.H. Book 2: Heretical Article No. 19, pages 37 to 42 & E.O.D.H. Book 6: Heretical Article No. 42, pages 32 to 39.

Proverbs 6:32 <But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.>

What is the purpose of this man, returning to the fellowship? We must discern his purpose:

Quote W.M.B.: *11 I believe that that is a very great lesson for the church today, is to try the spirit of anything, have discernment of the spirit. I do not think that we should ever, by any means, ever try to judge a person by the denomination they belong to, or by the group that they are assembled with, whether they be Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, or whatever they are...We should always judge him by the spirit he has (See?), the spirit...We are to discern spirits. Watch what the man has in mind, what he's trying to achieve. (Discernment Of Spirit 60-0308).*

Quote: *16 But if he has a gift of God and he's trying to edify the Body of Christ, then I don't care what he belongs to. You're not discerning the man, you're discerning the spirit, the life that's in the man. And that's what God told us to do. Not one time was we ever commissioned to discern the man's group. But we was constrained and commanded by God to discern the spirit in the man, what he's trying to do, what the spirit in his life is trying to lead him to. (Discernment Of Spirit 60-0308).*

We are called to discern the motives and objectives of a person. We just cannot go over and ask this man what is his purpose of coming back as he is smart enough to say it is for eternal life, but he must be **investigated** otherwise, to know if he had been crying, weeping and repenting and showing any other expression of godly sorrow for his wrongs, then you can have a little more confidence. You must put him on a Word test and just not open up the doors and say "come back".

I will tell you this, my friends, a backslidden preacher is one of the most **dangerous tools** in the hand of the enemy and I will voice my opinion on that.

This man can return to the fellowship under certain conditions and under consideration of the ruling elder and the church as a whole. If the majority votes for him to stay out, it should stand that way, as it will create disharmony amongst the brethren. How many is in agreement with that? *[All the ministers say, "Amen!"]*

I will now give reasons why it should be done in that manner in our second question.

He cannot use the pulpit as he has proven himself to be not born again and that he does not have the Holy Ghost.

He should not discuss the Word with the people privately.

He must not use any other office in the House of God until he has thoroughly proved himself.

Question # 715: "What steps should the church take?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Before the backslidden minister returns to the fellowship, the elder in charge must speak to the church privately and detail the sins of the minister and put it to a vote and see if the majority votes to forgive this man and accept him back into the fellowship.

He must not voice his opinion in church matters. Beware of him and his past influence upon the people, as he is capable of causing divisions. Only an elected minister can humble himself and sit in the congregation after returning to a fellowship. One can feel very humiliated and be lifted up by pride, be critical of the elder in charge and overthrow the faith of many. He could be a tool of the enemy, and go from house to house, privately tutoring the people, after the ruling elder gives the Word out, or establishes an opinion or a policy in the House of God. These measures that are taken are to bind that spirit and to remind him and the people that he is nothing, without revelation and not born again.

A very important thing is that the ruling elder, ministers and deacons should keep their eyes and ears out to understand what that man is doing before he tears up the congregation.

Before re-admission into the fellowship, the minister should make an **open confession** before the church. There should be no cover-up. He should be placed on probation for several months, by the discretion of the elder and the expression of his repentance. He should be forbidden from the Lord's supper and feet washing during that period.

We want by a raise of hands for all those who are in agreement with the answer. [*Everyone raises their hands and says, "Amen!"*]

Question # 716: "Who is the great multitude of Revelation 7: 9?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Sookdeo Ramnarine.

Revelation 7: 9-17 <After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and [about] the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, [be] unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation..."

Not "the great tribulation" but "great tribulation".

"...and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Without a doubt, this group of people is none other than the **Bride** of Jesus Christ.

Quote W.M.B.: 174-Q-32 32 *Last night you spoke of the great multitude that no man could number from every tribe, nation that are--are mentioned in the 7th chapter of Revelations. Did I understand you correctly to say that they are the Bride of Christ?*

Yes, you understood me; they are the Bride. Now, if you'll notice, just exactly in Revelations 7, he saw the hundred and forty-four thousand. Now, I'm not accusing you of this, my brother, but the hundred... Usually a Jehovah Witness is the one that believes that hundred and forty-four thousand will be the Bride. (Qa. Image Of The Beast 54-0515).

Quote: 221-74 *And after this... and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations,... kindreds,... people, and tongue,... (There's your Gentile Bride coming up. All right)... these stood... before the Lamb... (There's their Saviour, the Lamb: not the law, the Lamb, grace)... clothed with white robes,... (Watch, in a few minutes, see if the white robes ain't the righteousness of the saints.)... and palms in their hands; And they cried with a loud voice,... (If this ain't a Pentecostal revival, I never heard one.)... saying, Salvation to our God which set upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.(Qa. Hebrews Part1 57-0925).*

Quote: 316-2 *God is talking about the bride here. Do you want to see another picture of her? It is over in Revelation 7:4-17, "And I heard the number of them which were sealed: ...Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God Which sitteth upon the throne, and*

unto the Lamb...And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb Which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."... Who are they? These are in the bride taken from amongst the Gentiles. They are before His throne day and night. They serve Him in the temple. They are the special care of the Lord. They are His bride.

The bride goes wherever the Bridegroom is. She will never be left by Him. She will never leave His side. She will share the throne with Him. She will be crowned with His glory and honor. (Philadelphian Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt.8).

How many agree with that answer. [Everyone raises their hands and says, "Amen!"] We have one hundred percent agreement.

Question # 717: "Please explain Acts 15:28-29."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Kenneth Bynoe. To answer this question we have to read from verse 22. In reading you will see that there was a spirit that was coming in amongst the believers in Antioch. This is one of the ministers meetings that was held in scriptures.

Acts 15:22-24 <Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:>

There was a heresy coming up in which the people were going **back to the Law**. In Galatians we see where the apostle Paul had to deal with another spirit just like this:

Galatians 1:6 <I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.>

Showing that this error was so small that you couldn't even call it another gospel. And Paul dealt with it and said that he marvelled that they were going back to the Law, after the Lord Jesus Christ brought grace and Truth. The whole Book of Galatians dealt with that spirit.

Acts 15:24-28 <Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things...>

So, the Lord Jesus Christ had come and He had taken us from under the burden of the Law. The Law was a burden. And the Lord came and brought in grace which is the Spirit of God coming to help us do the things which we cannot do in our own selves.

This was that white horse rider that was coming in, in the first Church Age, and this was the apostles' conclusion:

Acts 15: 28-29 <For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.>

So this scripture means that all manner of meats is allowed for us, for the scripture said,
I Timothy 4:4-5 <For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.>

The Lord Jesus brought us under grace, and the only commandments that have been brought over under this covenant of grace are these that are laid out here, even because the Blood of Christ was shed.

Genesis 9:4 <But flesh with the life thereof, [which is] the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.>

We can eat whatever meats there are, once we pray over them and they are sanctified. But we should not eat any animal that has been strangled. Whenever we are preparing an animal for eating, we cut the neck and let the blood drain out, and then you can eat the animal. But other than that, we are not allowed to eat any animal that has been strangled or that has died.

We are under grace, and all that we need to have is a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have access into this grace through faith. We are not called upon to keep the commandments of the Law, but we are called to come under the covenant of grace by a divine revelation of the son of man. To receive the grace of God to come under that covenant and to receive a divine revelation, it takes a certain condition of the heart.

We have access into the grace of God by a divine revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and when we come under grace, the Spirit of God comes in our lives and gives us strength and power to keep all the commandments of the Law that is required of us.

Brother Bruce: Let me put in a little something there in support. The apostles in that ministers' meeting based their thoughts upon the Law in the scripture of the Old Testament. This is what Moses commanded:

Leviticus 17:12-13: <Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.>

That still holds for today.

Leviticus 17:14-16 <For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

And every soul that eateth that which died of itself, or that which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.>

In the Old Testament there were a bunch of Laws and regulations to live by, and when the gospel came to the gentiles, they were not going back to the Law because they had no Law. It was the **Jews who were going back to the Law**, and they wanted to influence the gentiles and bring them under burden and tell them unless they are circumcised they cannot be saved. Then they sent up a delegation to Jerusalem. Do you see how the Lord has His Church set up? There must be a place to come. I am asking all the ministers around the world: where is that place? There ought to have been such a place in some part of Africa, some part of India. I am not saying that Bethel is the place to come and the only place. What I am making reference to is there must be spiritual leaders who are equipped to answer the people's questions, and they sent these brethren up to Jerusalem.

This was a big question in that time, because here was the great Law setting there and the Jews were trying to bring these people back under the Law who had believed in Jesus Christ. So they came together to consider that, and after doing so, out of all the Laws of ceremony, eating flesh, drinking blood and all those other things, the apostles drew from the Old Testament and pulled out only these four items: "abstain from meats offered to idols, blood, fornication and things strangled", which means that an animal died of itself. That is what the question is asking to explain.

Strangled means choked. For example, if you tied a cow or a goat and it was choked by the rope, you are **not** supposed to eat it. Why? Because the blood was never **drained** out, and the commandment said to cut the neck and let the blood go out, and after that you would be able to eat the meat because there is a sacred thing about blood, because animals' blood was shed in the Old Testament and the Blood of Jesus was shed in the New Testament. That is a great mystery there: the Lord said that the life is in the blood.

The explanation is that any animal that dies of itself, we must not eat it, whether it be a chicken or any other animal, because the blood was not shed. Even though you take a big piece of wood and hit a deer, before that

blood gets clotted in that animal you have to cut the throat quickly and let the blood drain out and cover the blood with sand. That is in respect to the Blood of redemption. It is a sacred thing.

Beside these few things that the apostles concluded with, there are other things that Brother Paul, who was the apostle to the gentiles, laid down and explained later in his epistles, which must be added to the few articles that were specified in Acts 15, and then we get the picture, otherwise we could go off on one scripture.

Question # 718: “Could he ask those selling meat if an animal was strangled before buying, because he heard that it was not allowed to eat strangled animals?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Bruce.

I Corinthians 10:23-25 <All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake.>

Here the Bible is saying, **do not ask** the man if it is strangled, or if it died of its own, or whatever. Whatever is sold in the meat market, or the stables, go and buy. Do not ask the man: “Is this a strangled animal?” Your conscience will be bothered. Strangled or not strangled, should not be a question asked of the man. It is meat, I want one pound of meat. As long as it is not rotten, bless it, sanctify it and eat it.

Question # 719: A brother said that he keeps chicken and asked what he should do if one asked for a dead chicken?

E.O.D.H. Contribution: This is related to Acts 15 and things strangled. I am Phillip Ramkumar. As a minister, I will tell the brother, “No”, because in doing so, the life is in the blood, and the blood remained in the chicken. So it is wrong to give the brother the chicken with the blood in it.

Brother Bruce: May I add one little thing. I think the air of this question is pertaining to the **unsaved** public in general and not necessarily brethren, and that is an important thing to consider here, and we have to consider the **place** in question. Here is a man who has a farm and fifty chickens died in a week, and here is a poor man that comes by the farm and says, “Oh Christian brother, please give me a chicken. Instead of throwing it away, I could take it home and eat this chicken.” I think what is happening here is that he is speaking of a bowel of mercy and compassion in relation to things strangled.

Let me add here that you consider the country that this is happening in. They are **poor** people in India, Philippines, Africa and right in Trinidad here.

Now, this man is a Christian and he has a farm. He knows the scripture which said not to eat things strangled, and he is wondering if to give this man this chicken to go and eat, with the conscience and knowledge of Acts 15. I would answer this question in this way: To be a humanitarian, I will first consider what kind of **sickness** the chicken died from. I could give the man a disease such as **bird flu**, which he could die from. Absolutely, under those conditions, as an old poultry farmer myself, I would not give that chicken out if I felt it died from a disease that could harm that man. That’s out! Another thing that must be considered here is conscience, if you are going to give the chicken with a **guilty conscience**, believing that you are wrong, then you should not do so. Another thing that must be considered here is **liability**. You could be living in a country where a man turns around and sues you for giving him something to eat that is spoiled. Like in the USA where they have to throw out the meats and everything out of the supermarkets because it has passed the time for consumption.

The answer to this question, like the brother said, is “**No**”, according to the Christian conscience. But then under humanitarian grounds, and if the person would not be troubled in his conscience, and that person you are giving it to does not know about Acts 15, and you would not educate him about Acts 15, and the man desires to have that chicken because he is a hungry man and he will starve, and if the chicken is free from sickness, and if the man’s conscience is not going to be bothered after he gives the man that chicken, then under those **conditions**, I will let the man have that chicken. But I conclude that the answer is no, but under certain conditions, I will bend to suit, on humanitarian and Christian grounds of a man **that is hungry**.

But if you really want to go along with the scripture and you are going to be bothered, then the answer is “No.” The very reason you asked this question is that your conscience is bothered. So the answer for this brother

who asked this question is “No!” And we are not going to change it and tell you that you could give it out to strangers to eat. We cannot change the Law. But I will do that **privately** without telling anybody

Question # 720: “Please explain Mathew 24:45.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Philmore Duncan from St. Vincent. Good night all my brethren.

Matthew 24:45 <Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?>

I believe from what I read that the Lord was speaking here of a ministering servant, who will be ministering the Word to the sheep, and He trusted that servant, and looked at him as a wise servant, who knew how to feed the sheep.

I remember the Lord asked Brother Peter:

John 21:15-16 <Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.>

And there is another scripture when Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. The disciples asked the question:

John 4:32-34 <But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him [ought] to eat?

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.>

I truly believe that this faithful servant whom the Lord had made ruler over His house, to give them meat in due season, is a servant of the Lord, who can preach the Word in season and out of season and knows how to feed the lamb and the sheep that they would not be stumbled or choked.

Brother Anthony Trotman: I read from EODH book 13, page 318.

Heretical Article No. 535: “Dr. Frank claims to be the fulfillment of Matthew 24:45-47: God’s faithful servant with the word, distributing spiritual meat in due season.”

Quote Dr. Frank: “He was commissioned to store in the spiritual food. Not a single time did he say that he would be the one to also distribute that food... God gave me personally the commission... Brother Branham... confirmed this calling on December 3rd, 1962.” (Circular letter December 2003, by E. Frank)

“The wise are hungering and thirsting for God and they shall be filled. (Matth.5:6)... “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?” Matth.24:45.” (Page 39 Christ and His church in Prophecy, By: E. Frank).

When Bro. Branham went to be with the Lord... I knew from deep within by a God-given assurance that the time for the giving out of the stored up food had come, as he had **commissioned me** on April 2, 1962. (Page 21, 22 Christ and His church in prophecy, By: E. Frank).

At the evening of the same burial day... the Spirit of God spoke in my heart, “Now your time to give out the food has come!” (Circular letter December 2003, by E. Frank)

“Bro. Branham... told me that the food... is the revealed Word of God for this hour, which is kept on the tapes.” (Page 29 & 42 Circular Letter November/December 2004).

E.O.D.H. Answer: Neither God nor his prophet commissioned Dr. Frank to give out the stored food. His pride and **ambition injected that lust** into the prophet’s conversation with him. The infallible proof of my declaration is based upon the fact that Frank is not saying what the tapes say. The **food** is the doctrines of the prophet. Frank does not teach and believe many major doctrines of God, revealed to Malachi 4:5&6. Therefore he is giving out his own food, theology and heresies. It’s death! He is not eating the stored food; not even the a, b, c of the message. The Stored up doctrines are the food on the tapes. They are: “The seventh seal/seven thunders are for the bride. It produces a revival, brings again the headstone and translates the church. Malachi 4:5&6, Rev. 10:7 is exclusive to the prophet’s ministry. Rev. 10:1 is not exclusive to the Jews; it’s for the bride also. The contents of the seventh seal are not the seven trumpets and it is not for the Jews. The seventh trumpet is for the Jews and holds the third coming of the Lord.”

Dr. Frank totally denies the above doctrines on the prophet's tapes. He is giving the people his own theology in place of the stored food. This is anti-message, anti-Christ, deceptive, and satanic. Flee for your lives faithful pilgrims.

*Matthew 24:45-47 is not speaking of an individual, but represents all of God's servants who preach the truth in the end time. This is not a prophecy of a ministry given to a man. It's a parable. This proves that Frank has no scriptural identification, thus he force fitted himself into a parable. He is not God's faithful servant. He is an unfaithful servant. He was **unfaithful** to his wife, unfaithful to Malachi 4:5&6, the written word and the message. He has produced multiple heresies, and has deceived many of the underprivileged people who were not exposed to the tapes and books of Brother Branham. Shame on this doctor! He is shameless to stand behind the pulpit after his wicked life was revealed to the whole world. "Behold your sin shall find you out." This is sufficient for any true believer of the message to understand that there is nothing to Dr. Frank and his boastful claims.*

Dr. Frank, consider your tender old age. Speak the truth and let the people go! Repent! Save your soul with those of whom you have deceived. Oh how glorious that would be if you heed this call from a simple, lowly servant of Christ. Frank holds the people under fear.

Question # 721: "A brother asked if a brother can be baptized again, who was in a wrong doctrine, such as thunders are revealed heresy and have seen the truth?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Daniel Seebrat. This question deals with rebaptism, and I just have one simple answer to that. If the person's conscience bothers him, it is better to be rebaptized than to leave it just like that, because he was following false doctrine, or denominational doctrine and he did not know better. When he comes to the truth, it is better to be rebaptized, once his conscience bothers him. Amen.

Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine: How many agrees with that answer? [*Everyone says, "Amen!"*] As the servant of God says: He is not compelled to be rebaptized; it is a matter of his conscience, his faith, because being a follower of this message before, no doubt, he was baptized according to the scriptures.

Question # 722: A brother asked the pastor to explain Revelation 5:1-7. There is a lamb and one sitting on the throne. If Jesus is God, how about the one that sat on the throne?

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Aldwyn Chandler.

John 17:3 <And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.>

I John 5:20 <And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.>

And I just read those two scriptures to support this here because, this scene here in Revelation 5, it brings out the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he sent. So right there we could see that, the person does not have an understanding or revelation of the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent. From the message of the prophet in the 'Church Ages', 'Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed', and also 'The Mighty God Unveiled Before Us', things were said to bring out and to prove that Jesus Christ was God manifested in the flesh.

John 1:1-14 <In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...>

Before He was thought or conception and that was with Him. It was the thought before he became the Word expressed. This is speaking of God. God had a thought, a conception of Himself as a man, and all of this had to do with the plan of Redemption. Hence the reason when claims were going to be made for the Redemption Book, God was sitting here and the man that God thought himself of as being was going to come and take the book.

Jesus was God's thought of himself as a Kinsman Redeemer. This was God's conception of Himself as a man. So He was coming now to take the book out of the hand of Him who sat on the throne. It was not two Gods. It was the theophany, it was the Word, it was the Father who was seated on the throne, and He, Jesus was the visible, expressed image of the invisible God. Jesus was that, here upon the face of the earth. He was who God thought Himself as, as a man, and He was called the son of man. He was the only man that God ever thought Himself of, as

being the Kinsman Redeemer. Now the whole plan was God wanted to express Himself and reveal Himself, and take away this great mystery of Himself.

When Brother Branham preached the message called, *“Christ is the Mystery of God revealed”*, in other words: when God is revealed you will see Christ, because Christ is the mystery of God revealed. If God is still a mystery to you then you cannot see Christ. And in the end time here, it was written that in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Now notice it said,

Revelation 10:7 <...the mystery of God should be finished...>

So then, everything that was mysterious about God was supposed to be finished in the end time here when the seventh angel came and sounded his message, and when he preached that message on *Christ is the Mystery of God revealed*, if we have a revelation of God then we will be able to divide how Jesus Christ could be God in the flesh, and yet still be the Son of God. We could understand how Jesus Christ could take the Book because this was the Lamb who was going to take the Book.

When God created Jesus, He created Him as a man. This is the man that God had in His mind. He thought of Himself as being this man. That is why when He came, He was called Emmanuel which is interpreted *<God with us.>* (*Matthew 1:23*). So, Jesus Christ was actually God’s thought of Himself expressed in the flesh. He was not playing out the part of God. He was playing out the part of man, but it was God hidden in man, and everybody who had eyes, God opened their eyes to see that, and they could have said, *<My Lord and my God.>*

Jesus was praying and He said,

John 17:3 <And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.>

So, it is something about knowing the only true God and whom He sent, which is Jesus Christ. In the Book of Jeremiah it also speaks about, *<...neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:*

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: > (*Jeremiah 9:23-24*).

In that scripture there is the understanding of how you could come to understand how is it Jesus Christ could be God expressed in the flesh, and yet still He is standing here taking the Book from Him that sat on the throne, because Jesus was God expressed,

1 Timothy 3:16 <And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...>

Jesus is the only man that had that full expression of God. Outside of Jesus everybody else had a certain part of the expression of God, but Jesus alone had the full expression of God. That is why He could have said:

John 14:9 < he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?>

And *John 12:45 <...he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.>*

Jesus speaking again, also it is written in the scriptures:

Matthew 16:17 <... flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.>

Matthew 11:27 <...and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son.>

So this secret between Father and Son, Jesus knew that He alone had that secret of who the Father was. Jesus had the revelation and knowledge that He (Jesus) was the expression of God who is the Father. Jesus knew. It was a mystery, a secret between Him and the Father, and if the Holy Spirit reveals that to you, you will recognize that Jesus is God made flesh amongst us.

Jesus in His prayer mentioned:

John 17: 3 <And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.>

The problem in the world today is not that people don’t know that there is one God; they know: the Muslims, the Hindus and everybody say, “There is one God”, but the thing is to know this one God and Jesus Christ whom He have sent. And we thank God today that we could say that we know this one God and we also know Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and we thank God for the Lord Jesus Christ who was able to take the Book out of the hand of Him that sat upon the throne.

Brother Bruce: I want to make reference to Book 13, which dealt with the Godhead on chapter 26, from page 277 to 284. Included here is Revelation 5 where one person said, “I do not understand the difference between God and the Lamb.” So if we have the question right, the person wants us to explain Revelation 5 as speaking of the Lamb. I think the emphasis here is on the Godhead. The person wants to find out if God is one God and He is sitting

on the throne, how is it that Jesus, who we believe is God, could be coming to take the Book out of His hand? It looks like two. So now, that is the little catch there.

I want to state, in support of Brother Chandler, that although we see two in Revelation 5, we do not believe in **two gods**, neither three, four nor five gods. We believe in one God, therefore the simple understanding is locked up in the scripture, everywhere, from the Book of Acts to Revelation, that Jesus was a man and that man was born right, in a way that no other human being was born on the earth. That does not make Him the second person in the Godhead with equal power with God. It simply means that Jesus was a man. And throughout the scripture, starting on the day of Pentecost, Peter came out there and said;

Acts 2:22 <... a man approved of God among you... >

But He was a different kind of man. He was a God-man born in a different way from all other human beings; even different from Adam. And this human being, born from the Virgin Mary, he was a man in all respects, except for the virgin birth and being born without sin.

In the dispensation of time, the Lord came at the banks of Jordan and entered Him by His Spirit, in the fullness of the Spirit. The fullness of the Godhead rested bodily in Him, Colossians 1. But He was born the Christ, and He was born the Word, which is God.

There are heresies, outside there, which says that Jesus was not God at His birth and He only became God at the banks of Jordan. That is not true.

John 1:1, 14 <In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... >

So, the simplicity of this is that Jesus was a man in all respects, except for two major items: He was born from the virgin Mary, and He was born the sinless Son of God. And in time God indwelt Him as He indwelt no other human being on the earth and **that made Jesus, God, but the flesh was not God**. Now that's the catch there. At no time the flesh of Jesus was God, and that's the big tie up right there that they cannot divide humanity from divinity. Humanity is one and Divinity is the next. And the great mystery of the Godhead is divinity united with humanity. And that is why in John 14 Jesus said, *<When you see me you see the Father>*, even because He was speaking by revelation and not in the flesh. So, Jesus is God by revelation.

I Corinthians 12:3 *<...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. >*, by divine revelation.

So now, Jesus was a man in all respects and God is God throughout eternity. And, at the Cross they became separated because of sin, and when the man, Jesus, realized that God went from Him, He said:

Mark 15:34 <...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?>

So, here we had a man dying on the Cross, the supreme sacrifice, and here was God that stepped out because God cannot be associated with sin. At the time of the resurrection our Lord, God came back in Jesus and the resurrection took place, and the ascension took place, and then the man went into the Holiest place as a supreme sacrifice, and God descended on the Day of Pentecost in the fullness of the Holy Ghost just like He was residing in Jesus and filled a hundred and twenty people. Very simple!

It's about time that the Rapture takes place, so the man, Jesus, is the Lamb and He came out and God is sitting on the throne there. That doesn't make Them two Gods. It makes them the lamb, which is the man, coming to take the book from the hand of the Almighty. So, that does not contradict the scripture in the least. Jesus is still a man, and **the man came and took the Book** out of the hand of Almighty God, that is in order to claim His possession.

Question # 723: "A brother asked: 'If a brother is invited by a denomination pastor, can he go and preach to his denomination?'"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Samuel Jones of Bethel, Trinidad. I believe that if a brother is being invited by a denominational preacher he could go because we are dealing with souls. The Bible says,

Proverbs 11:30 <...he that winneth souls is wise. >

I think that he should go and it's an opportunity to preach the Word of God, and the Bible says,

John 8:32 <And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. >

Romans 10:15 < And how shall they preach, except they be sent? >

And I believe that any sent preacher could go in any denominational church because it happened to me. I was in denomination, and a sent preacher came to the denominational church and he saved over seventy people. So, I'm speaking by experience. Brother Peter went up to Cornelius' house and Cornelius was a Gentile.

Brother Bruce: Brother Paul targeted all synagogues until they threw him out, and Brother Branham targeted all organizations.

Brother Samuel Jones: I am saying that he should go because the world needs Christ, and he will be preaching Christ to them. Amen.

Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine: We are in agreement with that. Every open door to declare this message.

Question # 724: “What should a brother do who is burning up in the flesh, and looks for a bride from all message believers and finds none?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Roy Barrow.

I Corinthians 7:9 <But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.>

What must that brother do in this case? He is burning. That is the emphasis. The Bible said:

Proverbs 18:22 <Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.>

My first recommendation to him is to continue to **pray**. God answers prayers. Probably it is not yet the time for God to answer his prayer. Yet he is burning. And neither is there any excuse for him to continue lusting. That is what burning means: to lust. The Bible said that there is a way of escape in every temptation.

I Corinthians 10:13 <There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.>

So there is a way, and that brother ought to seek that way.

We are men here, and the reason we all got married is because there was a burning in our flesh. The Bible said:

I Corinthians 7:9 <But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.>

So if a young or old person is burning in the flesh, Brother Paul gave us a **solution, and that is to marry**.

Hebrews 13:4 <Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.>

He ought to continue in prayer and continue to wait on the Lord, because the scripture said:

Psalms 84:11 <...no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.>

Once he is walking uprightly, God is going to come around and answer his prayer.

Proverbs 18:22 <Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.>

Matthew 6:33 <But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.>

I think here is where the **answer** is: seeking first the Kingdom of God. Once you seek the Kingdom God promises that all, not some, these things shall be added unto you. He ought to wait, seek God for a wife, but above all things, seek the Kingdom of God first, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto him.

Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine: I just want to say that this brother has must have faith in God.

Brother Dalton Bruce: Up to now he has sought his own will.

Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine: Yes. He must have faith and seek God's will.

Brother Dalton Bruce: I love these kinds of meetings. Let this DVD go out as an example to see how peaceful a minister's meeting is conducted. And some of you brothers went to certain ministers' meetings and you talk about carrying on, upset, tempers flying and arguments and everything but there is such a **wonderful Spirit** here that although these men know the answers, they know the Word and they know the message yet still they prefer to hold their peace, and let another speak. And we are happy and more than grateful to the Lord to really answer these questions. It is a blessing to my soul and what makes it a blessing to me is that I know that it will be a blessing to others somewhere else.

We, as a body of ministers, locally and from foreign lands, representatives of the message of Malachi 4: 5-6, enjoyed hearing and answering your questions. We endeavoured to do our best in answering scripturally and by the message, and do trust that it would be accepted in the same spirit. We trust that it will be of edification to each of you precious ministers and your congregations in Zambia, and in the time to come such blessing will be extended to

other people in Africa and the rest of the world. All the ministers salute you by saying, "Peace be unto you." Amen!

MINISTERS' MEETING (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) INDIA'S QUESTIONS

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Question # 725: "There are some traditional wear both for men and women that appear to contradict Deuteronomy 22:5. The Churidar, which is a combination of a dress and pants or pajamas, is sewn between the legs and resembles slacks {pants like the women wear in USA} that is considered to be a traditional women's wear in parts of India and in Pakistan, which is also worn by believers of this message. Some claim that this Churidar covers a woman's body better than a skirt, especially when she has to bend and work in the fields etc. Others think it is okay, because in the vision of the Bride W.M.B. saw and recognized the people of different nations that make up the Bride by their various traditional wear.

E.O.D.H. Contribution: The devil hides himself in certain **terminologies** in order to have his way. When they brought the epileptic child to Jesus, He said it was a devil. Today, science hides that same devil and calls it "epilepsy".

For the devil to deceive people around the message and in religious circles, sometimes he takes the same item and calls it by the name it carries in a foreign language. From the description of this garment, it is a shirt and a skirt that are sown together, but the skirt is parted between the legs and sewn together, therefore it resembles a man's garment.

People in the message and even ministers allow their families to wear that, and the reason they give is that when the women bend down and have to work in the fields they are more protected, and beside that they call it a national garment and Brother Branham had seen the people in their national garments when the Bride was previewed in his vision. Now these points sound very reasonable, and if we would go only on **reason** concerning that, then a lot of us would agree that it looks like a good garment because when the woman bends down you cannot see her form and so on, and she is even more covered than in a dress, so this seems to be a very good way of clothing herself.

Now, reason could take us a long way and go back and say, "National garb". But then we as ministers, have no message of our own and we cannot interpret scriptures by ourselves. The first thing we have to do is find out what the prophet had to say about that. Now, he may not have used the word "Churidar", but can we find something in his message that he **described** that could fit the churidar? So I am not going to deal with churidar here this morning; I am going to deal with the prophet's message, and if what he said fits the churidar then the churidar is unscriptural.

From my understanding of this garment it is parted between the legs, but it is still slack on both legs to a certain extent. Brother Branham described this garment as **slacks**, regardless of what you call it. Let us hear what he said about slacks. If he said that slacks is okay, then churidar is okay, and if he said that slacks is bad then churidar is bad. Very simple!

Churidar, the Indian wear, is another name for slacks worn by Western women. The prophet said it's worse than a pants.

SLACKS (FOR FIELD & HORSE) WIFE & MOTHER

Quote W.M.B.: *E-22 I happened to meet a lady today, and she was very much upset on what I said the other night about women wearing little short clothes; it was not nice for Christians to do that, and it was absolutely unscriptural. She said, "Young man, you'll ruin your ministry." I said, "Oh, no, no. If I don't, it'll be ruined. See?"...*

*I said, "Are you guilty?" She said, "No, sir, I don't wear shorts." I said, "Well then, what's you fussing about?" She said, "I wear slacks." I said, "That's worse." She said, "Oh, no," she said, "--it's decent like if..." And said, what are you going to do with a woman out in the **field**?" I believe is the way she put it. Said, "Yeah, riding a horse." Said, "Out with my husband to help round up some cattle. You think I ought to wear a skirt?"*

Said, "..." I said, "You oughtn't to be out there in the first place. That's what's the matter; women's trying to take man's work now; we got so many men out of work." That's right, that's right. She said, "What about in the **garden** --when you're pulling up stuff, a garden with a dress on. Don't you think it'd be better with slacks?" I said, "No, ma'am. My wife has no trouble about it, neither did my mother. I don't think you will either, if you'll just **take care of yourself**." I said, "I don't...?..." She said, "And slacks is wrong?" I said, "The Bible said that a woman that'll put on any garment that pertains to a man, it's an abomination in the sight of God." That's right. (Abraham's Covenant Confirmed 61-0210).

Malachi 4 has spoken and let the churidar take its flight. We regard no **opinion**. We regard no suggestions under these conditions. Malachi 4, the prophet, has spoken and he has quoted the scripture. The scripture against churidar, slacks, pants or whatever, is *Deuteronomy 22:5 <The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.>*

LOOKS LIKE MAN - SLACKS

Quote W.M.B.: 87 *"There's no harm in it. I have taste; I have feelings. I have a feeling that this is all right." She come right on down through that and right into her soul, if her soul is of that type. Shows that she isn't drawing through God's Filter. But if she's got bobbed hair, wearing makeup, shorts, pants, looks like man, all of these slacks and ever what they call them, saying those kind of things, and doing those things, and living for the world, she'll stop; she can't get through there. No, sir. It'll stop her at the beginning. (Thinking Man's Filter 65-0822e).*

He is saying the same thing here that the slacks is worse. This is 1965. So he did not change his opinion at all. The same thing he said way back there in the earlies is the same thing he said at the last year of his time on earth.

SLACKS WORSE

Quote W.M.B.: 97 *Now, notice this. Live for Him, keeping ourselves from the world. Now, look. You look on television, some of you sisters, and you go down here and you want... You young women, you're young; I know that, but you're a Christian. See? You're different. You don't want to be like the world. You love the world's--not only you young ones, but some of you older ones. See? Well, what does that? See? You watch television; you go down to the store; and you see these little old clothes that women wear that's ungodly.*

*Do you know what's going to happen at the day of judgment? You might be just as virtuous to your husband as you can be, but in the day of judgment you're going to have to answer for committing adultery. Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." Who's to blame? You. See? You presented yourself: them shorts and **slacks**. Some women said to me not long ago, said, "I don't wear shorts, Brother Branham. I thank the Lord for that. **I wear slacks**." I said, "**That's worse; that's worse**." That's right. You can't even buy a dress hardly for a woman. (Things That Are To Be 65-1205).*

SLACKS – HOLY GHOST FOLLOWS GOD'S WORD

Quote: 111 *If the Bible says it's wrong for a woman to put on a garment that pertain to a man, and you wear these little old overalls **and slacks** out here on the road... You grown women... I guess a little baby would be all--think if they're play with little boys and things. But look, when you--when you grown women fifteen, sixteen, eighteen years old, and up to grandma, out here on the road... And the Bible says it's an abomination in the sight of God for a woman to wear those things, and you wear them anyhow, and say you got the Holy Ghost? I wonder sometimes. The **Holy Ghost** will follow God's Word to the letter. And a preacher behind the pulpit that ain't got grace enough to preach it, I doubt he's got It. Well, that's what the Holy Ghost is for. (What Holy Ghost Was Given For 59-1217).*

MAN LED AROUND BY EARS

Quote: E-81 *It's a--it's an abomination. A woman said to me, "I don't wear shorts." Said, "I wear these--what do you call them, when they pull like? **Slacks**." I said, "That's worse than ever. The Bible says it's an abomination for a woman to wear a garment that pertains to a man." It's a shame. Oh, our women, our men... And*

you men with a **wishbone** instead of a backbone, to let your women smoke cigarettes, and act like that. Shame on you. I don't call that a **ruler** of his own house. I call that led around by the **ears** somewhere. Shame on you. Oh, "Our whole body," Isaiah said, "has become putrefied sores." We need a house cleaning and a Holy Ghost revival, for the coming of Lord Jesus Christ a cleaning... That's right. You know that's right. (Greater Than Solomon Is Here 62-0628).

SISSIFIED DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRESS

Quote: E-42 I said that not long ago and a woman said to me; she said, "Listen...?... Brother Branham." She met me in the back of the building. She said, "Listen, Brother Branham, I don't wear shorts." Well, I said, "That's very good." She said, "**I do wear slacks.**" I said, "That's worse." That's right.

The Bible said it's an abomination for a woman to put on a garment that pertains to a man. God don't change. He made a man to look like a man and a woman to look like a woman. But today men are so **sisified, they don't know how to dress.** That's right. And women, God's daughters, smoking cigarettes, the greatest sabotage that the world ever had. (Hear Ye Him 60-0712).

Now the question comes up here about **national garbs**. This is the excuse they are making to wear the churidar. They say it's a national garb; "It fits the Muslims in Pakistan, fits the Hindus and it fits a lot of people, and it's a decent wear." I have proved to you that it is not a decent wear. From the words of the prophet, it's a man's garment. The excuse about the prophet seeing people in their national garbs or national wear, cannot justify a woman's slacks. It is contrary to Deuteronomy 22:5.

NATIONAL GARB

Quote W.M.B.: 32-4 Then I just thought I just might as well forget it; I was gone. Then all at once, I heard them coming again, and coming upon this side come the same Bride that went around this a-way. Here come them little ladies again, and each one of them was dressed in their national garb from where they come from, like Switzerland, Germany and so forth, each one wearing that kind of garb, all long haired, just exactly like the one at the first. And here they was coming, walking, "Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war..." (The Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429e).

The **original** national wear of USA, was long dresses to the floor and long sleeves which fully clothed the women. The national wear for women is now shorts, pants, slacks and even G-strings; the filthiest women are now upon the earth. Are you telling me that the prophet had seen the Bride of USA attired like that? Absolutely not! However, in that same vision: "Preview of the Bride", where this quotation is taken from, the prophet saw the false church, Satan's bride, dancing to rock 'n' roll music and almost naked. Thus, there is a great difference between original national garments and modern national garments. So we cannot take such a devil's excuse to permit the violation of God's Word concerning modest dressing.

Several national garments of many countries are not original but have been **modernized**, which fits Hollywood and Bollywood, which spells out Sodom and Gomorrah. I defy, reject and condemn such styles by the written Word of God and the message of Malachi 4:5& 6. So let it be established in all churches.

Scriptures to back up my statements are:

1 Timothy 2:9 <In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.>

1 Peter 3:3-4 <Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament

of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.>

Deuteronomy 22:5, and also you could get some things on dressing on E.O.D.H. Book 6.

PASTOR -THEY'RE LIBERATING WOMEN FROM COMMON DECENCY

CHILD OF HELL

Quote W.M.B.: E-40 A Christian woman preacher sent a girl down here the other day that looked like she was **poured** into her clothes. She said, "Oh, Brother Branham, you're from the old school. Our pastor liberates women." I said, "Liberate them from what?" They're liberating them from Christ and **common decency**. Oh, very famous, the woman is... certainly. But anything that does that's a **child of hell**. "By their fruit you shall know them. (*Handwriting On the Wall 58-0309M*).

Question # 726: "If women of India or other countries, wear a sari with belly and back exposure, is it scriptural or allowed because it is a national wear?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: The question is if a national wear, (sari or whatever) exposes the woman's back, belly or other parts that are supposed to be covered, and she wears that because it is a national wear, should we as ministers allow that? How many say, "No!" [*Ed. All ministers and elders says, "No!"*] I have the support of all the brethren here, and I think they have the Spirit of the Lord.

On the basis of 1 Timothy 2:9 which concerns modest apparel, such garments that reveal women's personal body parts: their backs, bellies or thighs, are unscriptural. It's filthy, nasty, low-down, indecent and hypocritical for any Christian woman to be identified with such styles, be it **national wear** or not. When we speak of national wear, we are speaking of the styles of the world. The Bible said, be not like the world.

Romans 12:2 <And be not conformed to this world.>

The styles around the world in modern times are exposure of the breasts, back, belly, legs and buttocks of the women. It is stink, **ridiculous and satanic**. God will curse such people unless they repent. It appeared on our local newspaper, a Bollywood film star with her belly exposed and her underclothes being pulled down in front. It is one of the stinkiest sights I have ever seen for an Indian film star. Such exposure of body parts belongs to prostitutes of Hollywood and Bollywood and not the Christian church. The Bombay women of India were identified in Trinidad by such styles of belly and back exposure and they went to other states of India and corrupted other women.

The original garments of Indian women are not foreign to us. Our foreparents who came from India, about 200 years ago, were fully clad with full dresses, long sleeves, skirts to the ground and veils over their heads and faces when they came in the presence of men.

Myself and several Indians lived in that kind of home. The women were taught the same customs of India, to have long sleeves, long dresses (right down to the ankle). Tight dresses were no where in sight. That tradition from India continued in this country until recent times, 30 or 40 years ago, and you could still find some of those people clad the very same way, in country areas. It is India they came from. So no Indian down there is going to fool us about this churidar, slacks and sari with the belly and the back showing, and tell me that is the original garbs of India. It's a lie of the devil, because we have seen and heard for ourselves.

The children of other generations, in Trinidad, dressed likewise. In this modern generation they have stripped off their clothing and are now the **filthiest and most immoral** Indian women that walk the face of the earth, almost naked in public. Can we call such indecency the national garment of the Caribbean or Trinidad? Impossible! I condemn such styles from the housetop and positively state that any compromise with such attire even in part is unscriptural and expresses the taste and desire of Sodom and Gomorrah, Hollywood and Bollywood, if you wish.

In support of what I am saying, I quote the prophet of God. I don't care about anybody's opinion. I am going to follow what Brother Branham said. That's the only way we will ever go straight, and let Brother Branham interpret the scripture for us. We cannot interpret scriptures.

That projection about wearing the churidar in the field and for gardening sounded very nice. But look, the same spirit that is in India now, and the same excuses, Brother Branham bounced into them with that woman.

IMMORAL DRESS WITH YOUR BODY SHOWING THROUGH IT

Quote W.M.B.: 314 "*Sister...would you wear these little old skirts and things that they wear today of **this immoral dress, with your body showing through it out there on the street?** Did you know every man that looks upon you commits adultery with you in his heart? **And you present yourself like that.** Do you know, women, you that wear makeup, there's only one woman in the Bible that ever wore makeup? And God fed her to the dogs.* (Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy 65-1206).

WOMEN DRESSED TO HIDE THEIR BODY – DIDN'T WANT MEN LUSTING

Quote: E-44 *They dress themselves more attractive. Where the women used to **wear great big dresses, and sleeves and long skirts, and hid their body because they didn't want man lusting for them (they lived for one man***

that chose them for wife); today the women pour themselves into little clothes, and immorality is on such a move and a rampage 'till it's beyond even thinking. (Conflict Between God And Satan 62-0531).

WATCH HOW THEY DRESS – REAL EVIDENCE OF THE NEW BIRTH

Quote: 343-3 *Take a good look around you. Examine the people as they walk by. In the multitudes you see, can you pick out those that have the appearance of Christians? **Watch how they dress**, watch how they act, hear what they say, see where they go. Surely there ought to be some real **evidence of the new birth** amongst all those we see go by. But few there be. Yet today the fundamental churches are telling us they have millions saved and even Spirit-filled. Spirit-filled? Can you call women Spirit-filled who go around with frizzy bobbed hair, shorts and slacks, halters and briefs, all painted up like Jezebel? If these are adorned in modest apparel as becometh Christian women, I would hate to think what it would be like if I had to witness a display of immodesty.*” (Laodicean Church Age Church Age Book Cpt.9).

YOU DON'T WANT THAT DRESS THAT HANGS LOOSE

Quote: E-46 *You done seen Martha Susianna out yonder wear some other kind. See? You want to dress like her. You don't want that dress that hangs loose. You want that one's **like you're poured into it**, because that you seen Susie on the television and the radio and in the magazine.* (Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005).

SEXY DRESSES ARE SPIRITS

Quote: 996-15 *And I tell these women, when they make themselves look sexy in these dresses, that God's going to make you answer for committing adultery...You listen real close, and remember that **those things are spirit**.* (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).

The churidar is a spirit. **Sari** with the back showing is a spirit. Shirt and pants with belly showing is a spirit. It is immodest, it is nasty, filthy and dirty. I am not dealing with names. I am dealing with modesty. I am not saying that the whole world has to dress like Bethel. I am emphasizing modesty. **Continue to wear your sari**, but wear it decently. Cover your back. Cover your belly. Cover your thighs and don't tighten the sari around your body. And the fabric you use for your sari must not be transparent to show your underclothes.

It's on the same basis as the dress. The difference is that the sari is an unstitched garment that is wrapped, and I have no problem with that. But then some of these nasty women want to show their belly. What do I want to see a pastor's wife's belly for? Why should I want to see her back? You have a **nasty spirit!**

WOMEN WEARING SACK DRESSES – THEY GOT PREACHERS LIKE THAT

Quote W.M.B.: E-29 *“No wonder women are wearing **sack dresses** and shorts and things like that; they got preachers and deacons like that. It's a meal ticket, in the stead of a commission from God then.”* (Sign Of The Time 58-0520).

THIN SHIRT-SHOWS UNDERNEATH GARMENT-SHOULD NOT BE DONE

Quote: 608-62 *I certainly do not agree with that, you know, the skirt part up here, the two pieces; one of them is down here and one kind of up here; it's a shirt like they wear.” And so it's real thin and shows that underneath garment that they have around there. I don't think that--that **should be done**. I don't like that; I really don't.”* (Q&A God Being Misunderstood 61-0723e).

LITTLE OLD SKIRTS WITH YOUR BODY SHOWING THROUGH

Quote: 314 *Would you wear these **little old skirts** and things that they wear today of this **immoral dress**, with **your body showing through** it out there on the street?* (Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy 65-1206).

Brother Branham never even believed in your body showing through the clothing, much more to leave a piece of your back and belly showing out. He did not even believe in transparent clothes, showing your underclothes on top. Much more for it showing the underneath garment.

To settle this whole affair about dressing: if you should do this, if you should show your back, belly or legs, I will quote this one thing. The prophet of God said he went and preached to the blanket natives of Africa, and all that they had was a blanket that was given to them when they were grown up, and they lived in that and were buried in that. He said when he preached and the Holy Ghost fell, women that had their breasts outside and were half

naked, they folded their arms and ran out from the presence of men. He said, “And so many of you women here in the United States claim to have the Holy Ghost, and I preached it, and preached it and preached it and you still come in here with immoral clothing.” He said, “That shows that you don’t have the Holy Ghost.”

Quote W.M.B.: *E-76 Those naked women, five minutes before that didn't know they were naked. And as soon as the Holy Spirit struck that bunch, them women folded their arms and walked off the ground. Now, you mean to tell me in your modern churches, you let your women strip themselves off out here half naked before men, and tell me that is Christianity? It's worse than heathens. Certainly is.*

A heathen can realize and accept Christ; they'll cover up their nakedness, and you're trying to expose yourself to be modern. (Stand Still 57-0518).

If a woman is dressing that way and she has one touch of the **Holy Ghost**, It will let her know that her back is showing and her belly is showing, and something is wrong somewhere. She will fold her arms and run out from the presence of men. Why should our women show their backs and their bellies? It should not be done.

*So we, the ministers that are gathered here from local and foreign lands, condemn the churidar and call it 'slacks'. The prophet condemned it and the Bible condemned it on the Basis of 1 Timothy 2:9 and Deuteronomy 22:5. We condemn any kind of garment, sari or whatever they want to call it in Africa, the Philippines or China, which exposes a woman's body: **back, belly, thighs, breast or buttocks**, it doesn't matter. It's a prostitute; a stinking spirit for a woman to expose any part of her body that should be covered.*

Now you might find a problem there in India and some places: "What about from the knees go down? Your Bethel women are showing from below their knees downwards?" The prophet of God said they should be covered from their neck to their knees.

DRESS ORDERLY FROM NECK TO KNEES

Quote W.M.B.: *E-20 Whole world's become a conglomeration of immorality. I heard the other day that some man down in Florida was going to pass a law, that women had to **dress orderly from the neck to the knees** to come on the street. I'll move to Florida if it is. Yes, sir. (Prince 56-0815).*

*I am following a prophet. Then there are styles that their clothing go right down to the floor, and I do not allow the women to follow the styles of the world. In another **country**, they might want to wear their clothing right down to the ground, because that is their custom and national wear. I am not condemning that in the least. If that is your custom there, I appreciate that, once it is not in the styles of the world.*

*I am a well-balanced preacher. **I am not trying to put the styles of Bethel** to the people on the outside. You were born, grown up and met certain things, and I am also in consideration of that kind of national garb. But what we are dealing with and stressing upon is **modesty**.*

If you are accustomed to that in Africa where the dress goes right down to the ground, then the only thing that I will specify is it must not be transparent and not be too tight, because some women will pull that to suit.

There is a film company called ‘Bollywood’, which is an imitation of Hollywood, and it’s a bigger film industry than Hollywood. And what the people of India are really trying to do, is to make excuses to live like the western people. [Ed. Brother Bruce displays a newspaper clipping of a Bollywood actress.] Now this is the woman here that I spoke about. You’re talking about a stinking Indian, exposing her belly right down and trying to take down her underwear in public and went worldwide like that. This thing is stink and ridiculous! That is where all India is headed, and the Christian church down there is trying to do the same thing by exposing their backs and their bellies, and then call it by different names: churidar and this and that and the next, but the fact is that **it’s a spirit**. When did we ever see a picture in the old Indian films that came to Trinidad where women were kissing or exposing their bodies like that? I was there and you were there, and you’re talking about the condition that they have gotten into. Now, that is where the sari is heading and this is the end result of that. It is a spirit at work.

Question # 727: “Also there is a skirt-like garment that is worn by men {believers also} in India and other parts of the world. It’s called the Lungi.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

WOMEN, DRESS LIKE WOMEN – MEN DRESS LIKE MEN

Quote W.M.B.: *And woman, you dress like a woman. And men, you dress like a man; don't try to be a sissy and wear women's clothes. And women, don't you try to be masculine and wear a man's clothes, because God*

don't want you to do it; the Bible condemns that. But now, about wearing a piece of hair or wearing a hair... What is one of those rats? Did I make a mistake awhile ago or is that a mouse? It--it's something to--it's something that a--a woman puts in her hair to make it look more... Ever what it is (See?), there's nothing wrong with that. Go ahead; it's all right. (Questions And Answers 64-0830e).

This is a very ticklish question and we have to be very considerate, in the sense that we are not trying to change the national garb of people around the world. I have pictures of brethren from Africa who still wear some of their traditional clothing and it is somewhat like a robe. I believe that style is fast going out from Africa.

Now, you take the Arab; he **wears a robe**. I want to divide this right. You take the African; he wears something like a robe. In India, I guess they have certain garments that are original, which they call the dhoti. They came to Trinidad with it. Other styles were adopted later. My grandfather used to wear a dhoti. That isn't anything strange to us here in Trinidad.

When this scripture was written which said:

Deuteronomy 22:5 <The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God>, there was a dress-like garment that belonged to a man. It was called a **robe**. When Jesus came, He found that robe and it was a man's garment. It was sewn differently from a dress, and both were different from each other so that you could differentiate them and say that this is the woman's garment and this is the man's garment. And back in the days when Moses wrote the Law, they had the same kind of attire, because that is actually the Palestinian gown, and Moses wore a robe and the women wore a certain type of dress which was entirely different, even though both of them resembled a dress, but they were **definitely different**.

It travelled up insomuch that even the Africans had those kinds of garments, also the Palestinians and the Arabs. If an Arab comes here, who has dressed like that all the days of his life, and he wants to accept the Lord, I cannot demand from this man to wear a western shirt and pants. It will not be fair. On the basis of that, can I say that the men's wear today is scriptural and to just go on and use it? No! We have to come back to the scripture.

This is what we have to do. What they are calling '**Lungi**', does it resemble the original robe that a man used to wear back in the days of Jesus, or what the Palestinians wear, or does it resemble a woman's dress? If that man over there in India has a Lungi, and it **resembles a man's garment**, as it used to be in ancient times, I cannot condemn it. But, if they took the original robe or dhoti and brought it closer to the woman's dress, that you could hardly distinguish the woman's skirt from the Lungi, then I am in place to say, "Brother, you are looking like a woman. Discontinue that kind of wear." We have to get away from the looks of the female.

Vice-versa: if the woman would take a garment, and it is looking more like a robe for a man, then I will say, "You have on the wrong garment. You are looking like a man in this man's robe", and I will be in place to say, "Woman, you better go back to your feminine wear of a dress." So it is not a matter of a lungi, but the resemblance of a man's wear and a woman's dress: be it shirt, pants, robe or whatever. Now that's the line between it.

LUNGI DISPLAYED

Let us get the opinion of those that are gathered here. [*Ed. A brother puts on and displays the lungi.*] Now how many says that's a skirt? [*Ed. Everyone says, "Amen!"*]

Is that the kind of fabric they use to make the lungi, and not pants material nor jacket material?

[*Ed. The brother answers: "This is the material of lungi. A kind of sari material."*]

So they are wearing women's material. Brethren, in all honesty, and being very balanced men here, does this resemble a woman's skirt? [*Ed. Everyone answers, "Amen!"*] It does resemble a woman's skirt, and in our opinion, Deuteronomy 22:5 cannot be fulfilled by wearing this garment. If it was of a different kind of a fabric like a robe, like what Jesus had, like what the Palestinians had and they will wear it from here right down and it will open up with the proper material as men would have, I will still agree with that. But in my opinion I **cannot agree** with this.

However, I would leave this to the **consciences** of men in India, and let us say that we are misunderstanding something, brethren, we would not make a big fuss about this garment. I will leave it to their consciences, and just as the Holy Spirit convicted the African women, and they folded their arms and hid their breasts and ran out from the presence of men, I would leave this to the consciences of the men of India in whichever State that it is worn.

I believe that if they cannot see what I am saying now, if they are children of God the Holy Ghost is going to **convict them later**. So if a man wears that I would not fuss with him, and would not condemn him, and say that I would not associate with him, and I am not going to make it a point of separation. I would leave that to the consciences of our brothers because, probably they had been wearing this thing there for a long time, they got accustomed to it, and in their understanding they cannot see that that is something wrong. **If you cannot see**, then my beloved, I cannot condemn you, but if you feel convicted about that and you continue to wear it, then the Lord is not going to be pleased with you. So that's the line that I would draw here.

Now understand what I am saying. One of these days you might see an African come in here with a garment that is down to the foot that resembles a robe and you may want to call it a dress, and I allow this fellow to come in here, and even preach behind my pulpit with this kind of garment. I am not breaking the Word. That is that man's custom.

If an Arab is saved and he wants to continue with his garment, I would feel blessed to see the Arab in his garment preaching behind here; it's a testimony. If a priest comes here, and he wants to testify with his robe on, I will allow him to testify, and that actually happened. We've got to have the right line.

I will welcome any brother here, from India, who does not understand that he should not wear that lungi with women's cloth, and I will feel good about him. If that's the way he understands, then fine. I wouldn't fuss, I don't quarrel, I don't fight. Certain things you have got to leave to the consciences of men until they could understand better, until they can see. So, we don't fight-up and fuss-up, so then we will have peace in our ministers' meeting.

Now, if a brother will rise up and say, "Brother, I think that the lungi is good and you shouldn't say what you said." I would give him his rights. I would say, "You have a right to your opinion." But in the way that I explained that here brethren, I am for the **robe**, I am for the African gown, I am for the original garment of India called, 'the dhoti'. Brother Branham had seen three hundred thousand of them in dhotis, national garb.

Now, when we meet those people, I cannot command them to take off their dhotis and wear shirt and pants. That is their original garment, but I believe that this lungi is a **perversion** of the dhoti.

So, if I come down there to India and a fellow feels to wear his lungi where I am staying, you don't have to take it off for me. I could sit down and eat with you wearing your lungi. Now, but if I see your wife's back showing, I am going to deal with you from the pulpit.

I BLASTED IT JUST AS HARD AS I COULD

Quote W.M.B.: 29-3 *I was preaching here in Phoenix, not long ago, on something like that; and the minister's wife, setting on the pulpit with one of these boyish bobbed hair all kinked up, and with a dress that she couldn't even keep her underneath skirts from shining (She couldn't get down over her knees, was about four or five inches above her knees setting up there.), jumping up-and-down leading songs. I blasted it just as hard as I could. 'Course he won't invite me back. I don't expect to, but he knows what's right and wrong. When I stand at the judgment, it's not on my hands anymore. (Way Of A True Prophet 62-0513m).*

ANGEL DRESSED IN PALESTINIAN CLOTHES – WHITE ROBE

Quote: 5-5 *And at that, the Angel of the Lord taken me out then, and He taken me to a real bright stream of water... He said, "I will make you a fisher." ...I got all excited and jerked it hard on the next one out; I pulled the fish and all out of the water. And what it was, it was a little bitty fish, and it, just about the size of the lure. And I got my line all tangled up. And I was straightening out my line, and the Man which was talking behind me, walked around in front of me, dressed in Palestinian clothes and a turban on His head. He had a white robe. He said, "Brother Branham, that's it." (Why Are People So Tossed About 56-0101).*

Question # 728: "Many of our brothers that believe this message, wear moustache and beard, in spite of what the prophet said and the example he set before us."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Men may think they have the right to do so because the prophet did not specify hair on the face by the name "moustache", but now they are wrong. He spoke about keeping a **clean countenance** which includes all hair on the face: moustache and otherwise. The proof of this understanding is that the prophet himself kept all **hair off his face**, both moustache and beard.

Now, the prophet was an example of what he stated and what he preached. I am saying that to prove that we did not misunderstand his instruction and teachings. He said, keep a clean countenance and don't look

conspicuous, and he demonstrated that in all the years of his ministry. So then there is no doubt about this, and all his pictures (except when he was in the woods) showed a clean countenance. Then let us love the prophet and walk with what he said.

Men who want to be identified with the prophet and his message should adhere to both his teaching and example and not try to be odd and become a stumbling block to others who are trying to follow in line with the message.

I Corinthians 8:13 <Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.> I Corinthians <All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.>

One may have the right by the Law to keep a beard and moustache, like in the Old Testament, but it is not expedient nor does it edify people who follow in line with the message and example of the prophet.

This is what I mean. I may not be able to tie it down to a scripture that says, “No moustache or no beard”, but then we had a prophet who was under the inspiration of the Lord. And there are many things that were not in the Bible before, and when Jesus came He established certain things.

Matthew 5:38-39 <Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.>

Think of how many things like that. And if you were going to contradict Jesus and say, “Show me it in the Bible”, you would go down to hell too. He was establishing certain things by the Holy Ghost. When a **prophet** comes on the scene, he is right and everybody is wrong.

When they had problems they sent to Brother Paul, and he wrote and said,

I Corinthians 7:25 <Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.>

You see, the Lord has certain people upon earth to divide the line, and Paul was not a fanatic. He told you plainly that this is his judgment, and such judgment we are still following up to today.

The Bible said that all things are lawful but all things **edify not**. Let me say it in this perspective. Here people read what the prophet had to say, they believe him and follow his example. And here we have five thousand people in Africa that follow in line and they have taken off their moustache. Now imagine that I am here with a big beard or moustache and claim to be a message follower and they heard my name, and they expect something from me because they heard that Brother Bruce had been in the way for a long time. And I appear on that pulpit with a beard on. Immediately, no matter what I have to say, I have lost my influence by that beard, because “*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.*” Immediately, I put a cold blanket on the spirits of those people. They are not hearing me, they are looking at my beard. Although the beard does not have much to do with it, the devil will make them look at my beard. That deafens their ears.

I Corinthians 8:13 <Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.>

Romans 14:15 <But if thy brother be grieved with [thy] meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.>

Question # 615: “Also, is it wrong for a brother to have hair on the face (even if shaved neatly)?”

E.O.D.H. Answer: *1Timothy 4:12 <Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.>*

“Be thou an example.” This is a question of concern to many brothers. The beard was used as a badge of the dignity of manhood. It was regarded as an object of oath. It was shaven or plucked out in mourning. It was neglected in permanent affliction. It was an object of salutation. Dressing, trimming and anointing of the beard were done with much ceremony by people of wealth. Removal of the beard was part of the ceremonial treatment of a leper. Of recent times, beards are kept by highly educated people as a sign of their education and profession. It portrays a person’s motives and objectives, their standing in society, communism and religious cults.

In 1Timothy 4:12, Paul exhorted Timothy to be an example to the believers. Our prophet messenger, Brother William Branham was our example. He kept a **clean face**.

QUOTE W.M.B.: *NOW, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO GROW A LONG BEARD, AS THE ARTIST PICTURES HIM HAVING. AND NEITHER DOES IT MEAN THAT WE GROW LONG HAIR AS THE ARTIST PICTURES HIM HAVING, OR TO WEAR ROBE AS HE WORE; FOR WE'RE LIVING IN ANOTHER DAY.*

WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE THAT TO REFLECT HIS PHYSICAL IMAGE; BUT WE MUST, IN OUR SOULS, REFLECT HIS SPIRIT IMAGE AND HIS MANNER OF LIFE. (IMAGES OF CHRIST 59-0525 P:18).

Quote: 15-3 *The people don't want to act any different than what the rest of the world acts. They don't want to get on the street and to have their face washed, and men with **clean countenance**.* (Rejected King 60-0515M).

Quote: E-10 *I want to pass a compliment on a man that's in the building. He's **conspicuous** in one way... Brother Ryan, I'm speaking of you... he wears a long **beard**, and a long hair, or hair to his shoulder.* (For Him Will I Accept 52-0718).

The **prophet said to keep a clean countenance**. We try to obey the prophet as close as possible. He was our example. He left no hair on his face, except when he was in the woods and could not shave. However, we are not fanatical on the subject. There are youths that appreciate their hairs growing out, making them feel manly; so we don't press them, until it starts getting plentiful; but generally, men keep a clean countenance under this ministry, since Brother Branham got down on many brothers who wore hair on their faces.

Quote W.M.B.: E-7 *And you know, there was an old man used to follow meeting. Many of you might've seen him, a few of you maybe. He had a long beard. His name was Ryan, John Ryan... I used to **get on him** about **wearing his beard**.* (Blind Bartimaeus 57-0127e).

Question # 729: "There is a practice amongst believers of this message to hire worldly D.J's to supply sound systems and even musicians for large meetings. Also, I have noticed that they have adopted the emotional Pentecostal style of singing and worship with everything loud."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: That is a lack of understanding of the Spirit of God. That is unscriptural. The prophet of God said:

Quote W.M.B. 903-Q-233 233. *Just how many instruments are we to have in church beside organ and piano?*

Well, it depends on if you had a string band or whatever you had. You see? I don't know what you got, what this means; I don't understand it. But the organ and the piano are property of the church...But if they have their own instruments, wonderful. If they don't have their own instruments, and they're a member here of a band, not just a person running through here and plays once in a while, and runs out like that, it's got to be a band in the church. The church wouldn't buy a trumpet for a man that plays it here and tomorrow night somewhere else, and somewhere else, and drop in once in a while and play a little bit. No, sir. It's got to be a band right here, organized band with the leader, and then the church, talk to them about buying the instruments. (Church Order 63-1226).

Your **instruments** must be dedicated to the Lord. This is common sense. How could a devil come and play music for me to invite the Spirit of God here? A man that is not born again. He doesn't have the Spirit of God in him. He doesn't have a revelation. He is an ungodly man. He is tuned to worldly music. How can I get that man to play music to woo the Spirit of the Lord into the building or to the evangelical meeting? Brethren that is a rebuke to the Holy Ghost. How many agree with that? [*Everyone says, "Amen!"*] It should not be done. I could go into much proof of this, but the simplicity is that those men do not have the Holy Ghost. It takes anointed men to play those instruments, like David did, in order to invite the Holy Ghost. So it is unscriptural, it is a dumb thing, it is an unspiritual thing to do that, it's a rebuke to the Holy Spirit. I **condemn** it from the housetop. It should not be done in a Christian church nor an evangelical meeting.

No matter how good those men could play, they are coming in with a worldly spirit and they will bring in their worldly beats. No matter how much you tell them to play Christian music and bring that into a certain place, they are going to play devil's music with all the rock 'n' roll beats and everything, and that is why it is loud.

What has happened in the world today is that the churches (this so-called Pentecostal system) brought in the world. They brought in these worldly music in the church because the Holy Spirit left them a long time ago.

Friend, if you could hire a worldly D.J. inside of a church and you enjoy that, then something is wrong with your **appetite**. So, I think that people who do that, anywhere, they are lacking the Spirit. It is not in the right place

that it is supposed to be. The prophet of God said that he liked church music to be played like church music. Then it should not be blasting, it should not be loud and it should not be carried on where the people are being deafened, because that is worldly. We don't want to follow that pattern.

HERETICAL ARTICLE NO. 51 WORLDLY MUSIC. AFRICAN BEATS, ADOPTED BY MESSAGE CHURCHES –FALSE THUNDERS PROMOTED

All right, I said that to say this: **whenever the Spirit of the Lord leaves a pastor and leaves a congregation, then the congregation is dry.** The preacher's preaching will be dry. There wouldn't be the joy that is supposed to be there. Then the youths will seek other means of joy and happiness. They would start backsliding, like so-called Pentecost. Then what will happen? Anytime you lack the Spirit of God in your own life, then you would find yourself start **seeking pleasure**, because you must have some form of joy, some form of happiness. And brothers and sisters, our joy is the Lord. The joy of the Lord is our strength. And when Christians miss that in their lives, because of taking chances on the Word, because of sins in their lives, they are going to head back to the world. You would want more sightseeing. You would want more women. You would want more men in your lives. You would want sports, you would want television. You would want to go mixed bathing. You would want to hear the wrong kind of songs. That's the problem in the churches. And if that was the problem in so-called Pentecostal churches, when the Spirit of the Lord left them, that they brought in **entertainments to hold the people**, then my friends, you could see that, that's the same trend that the followers of Malachi 4 have taken. And what I told you here, is the answer for them going back into the things that Brother Branham condemned: television, sports, worldly singing, and all that goes with it. They are like Pentecost today.

Now the first thing that they started doing is bringing in worldly beats into their singing, because they have to **make up for the lacking of the Holy Spirit.** They have to make up for the lacking of joy in the church, so they perverted the teaching of Brother Branham. This is a heresy. When you pervert any teachings of a messenger or the Bible, you are a heretic. That teaching becomes heresy. They brought in the "thunders" in 1974. They brought in the African beats. They started singing in the African language. Rock and roll came from Africa. It was the same beat that came into the songs. Then after a little while, they brought in country and western, and they pumped up a revival, and they started saying that the Bride's Revival started. It's a lie of the Devil. Then they got so emotional under the African songs, and under the rock beat, slow rock, and country and western, (they brought it in until they got so emotional) that the women started falling, men started falling, (emotional); stripping themselves half-naked. They had sheets to cover them just like so-called Pentecost. They made an excuse, that the Bible did not say what kind of beats, what kind of a melody, to bring into the music. So they brought in all kinds of different music, different kinds of songs because the Bible didn't lay it out. If you had the Holy Ghost, you hypocrite, you would know what pleases the Holy Spirit. You wouldn't want to find it in the dead letter of the Word, because music changed from Genesis come right up, but some carry the inspiration of the Devil and some carry the inspiration of God. And if you have the Holy Spirit, it will bear witness that, that is coming from the Holy Spirit; and don't matter how sweet it is, if that isn't coming from the Holy Ghost, it would not bear witness to you. Yes. It proves to you that you **don't have the Holy Spirit**, preacher, pastor, prophet: whoever you are.

I HATE TO HEAR SQUEAKING THEY CALL SINGING-IT'S A PERVERSION

Quote W.M.B.: *Where is those old fashion hymns we used to sing, and rejoice in the Spirit of God, and tears roll down our cheeks? And now we try to hold our breath until we ain't got enough breath in us, till our face turns blue, to try to show that we're some sort of a singer. See? We've copied that off of Hollywood, and all these programs that we see through this intellectual hymn sing and training of voice. I like to hear good singing; I like to hear good old fashion, heartfelt, Pentecostal singing. But I sure hate to hear that squeaking they call singing today. I think that's the most ridiculous thing. It's a perversion. (Thirst 65-0919).*

It's a perversion. And the followers of Malachi 4 have **perverted the songs**, brought in all kind of beats just like so-called Pentecost.

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH YOU IF THAT'S YOUR APPETITE.

Quote W.M.B.: *136 You say, " I go to dances and parties and all those things...I read those books that's got vulgar stories in it. I kinda enjoy reading it." Brother, it's something wrong with you. That's your appetite. See?*

*You let me see what a man reads. Let me see what he watches. Listen to the music he listens at. The other day, coming along in the car, a certain person reached over and turned on my radio, some kind of old vulgar music. I said, "Turn that thing off; I don't want to hear that," some old boogie-woogie stuff. Said, "Well, I like to hear that." I said, "Your nature's wrong; you're wrong." When I was out here a few days after that, up on the hillside, fishing with the person, them little birds was a-singing. The larks was a-hollering. The old nightingale was flying up in the air, singing the praises. I hollered to that fellow, I said, "Look, boy; **that's my music**. Keep that turned on, that's my radio. God sends them down to sing to me while I'm here. It soothes my soul ..."* (Enticing Spirits 55-0724).

Isn't that wonderful? You see what soothes your soul? Nature, the sounds of the animals, the sounds of the birds, the sounds of the waves, the sounds of the sea. Yes sir, and Brother Branham said, he loves that, it soothes his soul.

IT'S THE DEVIL'S DIET – IF YOU ENJOY THAT YOU'RE A BACKSLIDER

Quote W.M.B.: *...It soothes my soul." Better than all that old crazy stuff, these old juke boxes a-roaring, going on where you can't even eat in a public place. It's the devil's diet. It's the devil's house. It's all messed up with sin...When they put that money in them little old boxes and all that old dirty stuff come on, you enjoy that? Shame on you. You're a backslider. You're away from God. You don't know God. If you knowed God and forgiveness of your sins, you'd **never listen to such nonsense as that. It'd be dead to you.** You'd vomit from it. You don't want it. Your diet's better. You love God. Won't you come this morning, kneel down here with these confessors this morning?* (Enticing Spirits 55-0724).

If you still have a taste for any kind of music of the world, and you have that thing in your ear as a young man, old man, whoever you are, you are **not born again**, you are lost yet, a devil is inside of you, and sooner or later you'll become so demon possessed that you will leave the Word of God. Much more when a preacher takes that and brings in a little country and western, and brings in a little Shango music, you are perverting your congregation, and the preacher himself is not born again.

A CHRISTIAN SPIRIT COULDN'T LISTEN TO SUCH STUFF AS THAT

Quote W.M.B.: *E-31 Now, look out here at all the old, dirty, slander, what you call boogie-woogie or ever that kind of nonsense, and carry on. I never heard of such in my life. A Christian spirit couldn't listen to such stuff as that and stay right. See?* (Come Let Us Reason Together 55-1004).

You could not listen to that if you are a Christian, because the **inspiration** that is bringing that is the devil, and the Holy Spirit in you is witnessing against that devil and hates that spirit.

BOOGIE-WOOGIE – IT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH

Quote W.M.B.: *E-52 Somebody said... My neighbor...every time he goes to mow the yard, he has to put a radio on with that old rock-and-roll, shimmy-dig, boogie-woogie, every kind of stuff they call it. And I said to him one day; I said, "Why, do you put that on?" He said, "You know what, Billy?" He said, "I can't even mow, 'less I hear the radio." I said, "It makes me sick at my stomach." (Love 56-0726).*

ROCK-AND-ROLL SENDS DOZENS TO THE INSANE ASYLUM

Quote: *E-40 These rock-and-roll parties that you all are attending, up in them places...when they send dozens of them to the insane asylum afterward?...And they're bringing that same thing, with boogie-woogie and everything into the church. (Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005).*

IT CAME OUT OF THE HEART OF AFRICA

Quote: *E-30 All your old rock-and-roll and boogie woogie, where did it come from? Out of the heart of Africa. (Arrow Of God's Deliverance 56-0801).*

I CAN TELL YOU WHAT KIND OF A SPIRIT HE'S GOT IF THAT'S HIS DIET

Quote: *E-15 I've always said, "Let me go into a man's house." And let him stand out on the street and testify, sing, shout, speak with tongues, dance in the Spirit, anything he wants to do; let me go into his house and*

look at these old pin-up girls all around the wall... Let me look at these magazines that he's reading here on his desk, and listen at him turn the radio on to some of that African nonsense of rock-and-roll and boogie-woogie, I can tell you right now what kind of a spirit he's got. See what it feeds on? I don't care how much he carries on out there on the street, here's what he's really feeding on. That's his diet. That's right. No matter how well he claims...that doesn't make a bit of difference. Watch what his spirit feeds on, **what music he listens to**, what he reads, what he looks at. You can tell what he's made out of then. And his character will always tell. (Painted Face Jezebel 56-1005).

Now I will put this quotation here to show you that we are not laying out this holiness message in **legalism**. I will quote Brother Branham.

CHURCHES NEED A CLEANING FROM PULPIT TO THE JANITOR ROOM

Quote W.M.B.: *Brother, they need a cleaning up from the pulpit plumb into the janitor's room in the churches through the land is what we need, 'fore the Holy Spirit can take place. God's a holy God. I don't believe that you'd go to heaven on your holiness, but you go to heaven on His holiness. But it's the works that you do prove what's in you. That's right.* (Secondhanded Robe 56-1206).

Now, that is just to confirm what I'm telling you here, that although we would not go to heaven on our holiness, if the **Holy Ghost is inside of you**, you must manifest holiness, and by that fruit you are bearing, shows who you are. This is the measuring rod that the prophet of God used to judge every human being upon the face of the earth – that holiness message. Were it not for that, you'll never know who is who. Alright. So now I am saying that this is a heresy.

I KNOW WHAT YOUR SPIRIT'S FEEDING ON

Quote W.M.B.: *Let me go in your office, sir. And you tell me you're a Christian. And let me hear you turn on your radio when I'm there, and you're listening to some kind of old boogie-woogie music, and let me see half dressed women, pin-ups on the side of your wall, I don't care what you say, I know what your spirit's feeding on. That's right. It's exactly right.* (God Keeps His Word 57-0115).

Did Brother Branham use that measuring rod? [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] He said, "Let me come to your office, whatever you are, I'll tell you what spirit you are." He said, "Let me hear what you're listening to; let me see what you're looking at and I will tell you what spirit you have." **That's our measuring rod** today for every preacher, every prophet, every spiritual man, every thunder, every lightning every earthquake, and you that are seated here today. That's the only way that I know you; I want to see what you manifest. You could jump up, shout, do whatever you want.

I LIKE CHURCH MUSIC PLAYED LIKE CHURCH MUSIC

Quote W.M.B.: *E-22 I pray for the young man, and I pray all the time for him. But he is a **instrument in the hands of the devil, and that is this man Elvis Presley**. The people are gone boogie-woogie or rock-and-roll wild. The American people has gone. And they're trying by that same spirit, to get the thing into the church. I like church music played like church music and not rock-and-roll in the church. But when they get these spirits, there's something behind this, and the devil puts himself out a challenger. And it happens to be that this poor backslidden Pentecostal boy said, "The way he learned his maneuvers of jerking and shaking, he caught it and **learned it in the church**." He is a member of the First Assemblies of God of Memphis, Tennessee. His pastor's a friend of mine. And he is the **devil's instrument** of deluding and polluting the minds of these teen-agers. (God Keeps His Word 57-0120e).*

That's Elvis Presley. Do you know where he got that devil? In a church. Must I compromise with worldly music coming in this assembly? [*Congregation says, "No!"*] No my brother, it never came in, and the slightest little thing that came in, we threw it out, and we hate those worldly music. And we have the best musicians in the world, because they play in the Spirit of God. If the church produced an Elvis Presley, and these things are coming in under the message, wouldn't it produce another bunch of Elvis Presleys? And that's the reason for backsliding in the message, – They brought in **entertainment** to replace the Holy Spirit, and they had to pervert the songs. I am saying that if you pervert the teachings on singing in the house of God, it's a heresy.

I trust that when these answers go down to India, those that are out, will be putting these things in place. And please understand that we, as ministers here, are not condemning you and saying that you are not of God. We

are looking at that as mistakes and ignorance because of sitting under heretics before and not being taught right. So, we are speaking these things with all the **love** in our hearts that you may make adjustments. You have got to be led of the Holy Spirit. We have got to qualify for this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And believe me; we cannot qualify for the outpouring as long as we practice those things that are condemned by Brother Branham, by the Word and these panel of ministers. We must make adjustments. *Acts 17:30 <And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.>*

Question # 730: “At times the song leader will call upon a sister in the congregation and a mike is given to her to lead in prayer or raise a particular song, which is contrary to 1 Timothy 2:11. Is that right?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: This may not look as though she is violating the Word, but **that is wrong**. She is not supposed to usurp authority according to *1 Timothy 2:11-12*. The Bible said,

<Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence>, meaning that she should not preach, boss men and voice her opinion. If I come here and start preaching and my voice is hoarse and I can’t talk well and my wife is sitting over there, and I asked my wife to start the message for me, I would be wrong, because I am exercising a certain office behind the pulpit and I **handed it over to a female** to take the authority and function in my office.

When the song leader is leading songs, he is in a particular office, and when he could not start the song, he passed on the duty to a woman. That is unscriptural and he does not have the right to do that. If I cannot start my message, I cannot call upon a woman to do that. I might call on a preacher and say, “Brother read the scripture there for me or take the pulpit, I am pretty hoarse,” but I could not call upon a woman to do that, because I would be breaking the Word of God. So that must **stop** in India if we are going to qualify for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the rapture.

Alright, she is given the mike to pray. Now that is terrible. In this prayer, she says, “Let us bow our heads and close our eyes.” Isn’t that usurping authority? Big husky men have to bow their heads to this woman’s prayer, whether she asked that or not. The minister might have asked the congregation to bow their heads, this sister is going to pray. That could not be correct. She is not to lead in prayer. Her business is to pray in the congregation as a believer, but not publicly for the congregation. And if her hair is bobbed, she is not supposed to pray or prophesy.

1 Corinthians 11:5, 13-15 <But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

...Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for [her] hair is given her for a covering. >

“Head uncovered” means that her hair is cut. So let us stop that. The woman’s place is that she should not be leading in prayer for the church. Her business is to go to her seat and pray. You cannot call upon her to even read the Bible. Though Brother Branham did it once, he never established that. She is to sit there with a veiled face.

1 Corinthians 14:34 <Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience (authority)...>

She is under authority. That means that if you have men there, she is under the authority of men. Men must do everything first. So she should not be usurping authority.

Heretical Article No. 108: “Women could function as song leaders”

Question # 78: “Can they be song leaders?”

Answer: They could sing, but they belong in the church of God. They could sing how much they want. They could sing a Special. “*Can they be song leaders?*” My beloved, this is out, on the basis of what brother Paul said in 1 Timothy 2, that she should be under subjection and she should not have authority over the man. And in leading a song the woman has got to come up behind the pulpit or wherever she is and say, “Let us all stand”. She is usurping authority. She has to say, “Sit”, and some big 400 pounds men have to stand up when the woman says, “Stand up” and sit when she says, “sit.” And then if they’re not singing right, say, “Come on, sing the song, open up your mouth fat man.” That is using authority. She is usurping authority in the house of God. This was not practiced by Brother Paul. We never read of a woman song leader in Brother Paul’s writing, we never heard of a woman song leader in the Branham tabernacle, Brother Branham never hinted that. Maybe he never even dreamed that such thing

was ever going to come up in the message. **The answer to this question is no!** On the basis of the word of God in 1 Timothy, that she should be under subjection and she should not usurp the authority over men.

There are a lot of things that goes with it, when you talk about a woman. No woman is supposed to come up behind the pulpit to sing a special and say, "Now, let us sing this verse", or, "Let us sing the chorus now". Absolutely not! She sings her song and goes back and sits down. She has no business to tell the congregation what to do. Now do you see how the white horse could ride? Do you see how the Nicolaitan devil could come in? A brother could do that, but a sister is forbidden. And remember, when she says, "Let us all sing this verse now", she is talking to her pastor too, she is talking to the deacon and those who are in authority, and she is plumb out of her place. She is plumb out of her limitations in the church of God. Therefore, she is not to be a song leader.

"This has caused great divisions here amongst the believing", the brother is saying. They are **persecuting the believers** because they would not adhere to these deeds of the nicolaitans. We are standing with you down there brother and also with those of you who have separated from such heresies to stand firm on what the prophet of God said, to put down these deeds and these seeds of the nicolaitans. [*Congregation says, "Amen!"*] We are standing with you, against these heresies. Yes Sir. And who wants to go, let them go. Stand for what's right, stand for truth and who wants to leave, let them leave! Yes. Jesus told Judas, "What thou has to do, do quickly ". Yes. The quicker the better. The quicker that Judas manifests himself is the **quicker the Token comes**, is the quicker the outpouring of the Holy Spirit comes. And that is what is happening around the world today; **Judas is manifesting himself**; and these messages, these books and these truths that are going out is the sop that Judas is now receiving before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When Judas received that sop, it was a **sop of exposition**. And right now there is a sop of exposition that is going out through videos, through tapes and through the books. Yes. Let Judas take this sop. Jesus did not have to say one word after or say who is the betrayer. All He had to do was to give the sop. And if you are reading the sop and hearing the sop, you will be able to identify Judas. I don't have to call any names, though like apostle Paul I call names, but you just hear the sop and Judas will show up and be identified.

Question # 731: "In special meetings, a meal is prepared to serve after the service, but to my amazement, the people are served food and drink right inside the building where the service had been conducted, which is contrary to what is taught us by the prophet. Also people are allowed to talk loudly and carry on in the building."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: It makes a difference with a church building that is put away for the Lord in contrast to if it is a hall which you may have rented. But if you have your own home and you are going to keep service there, you should keep church order because you have control of that. And absolutely, for eating and drinking in a little place you have put aside, it is condemned, whether it is your home or church. Brother Branham dealt with that on church order.

Jesus plaited rope beat them out of the temple.

Mark 11:15-17 <And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.>

Matthew 21:12-13 <And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.>

On the basis of these scriptures the prophet of God set church order. It ought to be the house of prayer, and Brother Branham never allowed selling nor exchanging of goods for money, not even books or tapes, inside the House of God.

Jesus would not even suffer a man to pass with an empty **vessel through the building**. Do you see the reverence? Much more for selling ground nuts, channa and doubles. That is blasphemy against the Lord. And on top of that one person is calling out to another from one side to the next of the building, and carrying on a natural conversation in the House of God. It is unscriptural.

The Lord has given us a little building for many years, and this church is set in order in such a way that it really marvels people when they see the DVDs. This had been going on for years. People come in reverently, the

music is played, and we sit here and people hear the Word of God. Unless they have an emergency they would not even go out. Up front here where the preacher is, if a person is in and out, they are not going to sit down there again. They will go to the back. They may have some medical problem or something.

You cannot seat a person up here who has a child. The child needs attention. So these practices we have had for many years and we are established in these things. Everybody knows what to do; everybody knows where to sit, so a brother would not come there and ask the other to move from his seat. All these things are involved in church order.

I'VE LONGED TO SEE A CHURCH ALL IN ORDER

Quote W.M.B.: 255 *I've often wanted to come into a church; I've longed to see it... where I could walk in the... door... look across an audience and see a perfect church all in order. Sin couldn't stay there; no, the Spirit would call it out. You see? It just couldn't stay. Like Ananias and Sapphira, you--you just couldn't do it. (Paradox 61-1210).*

The only way we could have that is to start doing the abc's in the House of God.

Quote W.M.B.: *But when you have big meetings... and push over one another, and everything like that; we don't want that... Although it looks like an arena, but it's now dedicated to the Kingdom of God. It's a church. And we're here to have **reverence and order**. And we're looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus and His Presence among us, and we must be reverent.*

Now, I don't mean not praising the Lord... I believe in worshipping the Lord. But we must come before Him in reverence in His Presence. (We Would See Jesus 62-0627).

Quote: 4-4 {25} 017 *... the building... it's going to be dedicated... to the worship of God, we should keep it that way. We should never buy or sell in the building.*

We should never do any business in this auditorium here... That is, such as permitting ministers to come in and sell books and everything... there's other places to do that for... we shouldn't buy and sell in the house of our Lord. It should be a place of worship, holy, consecrated for that purpose. See? ...let's dedicate it to Him and dedicate ourselves with it to Him.

And now, this may seem a little rude, but it's not a place to visit; it's a place of worship. We should never even murmur a word inside of here, outside of worship, to one another unless it's absolutely necessary. See?... we should never run through the building or let our children run through the building.

...when we enter that sanctuary, keep still to one another and worship God... never walking around where you can't hear yourself think...

we do not come into the sanctuary of the Lord to meet each other...This sanctuary's dedicated to worship...go to one another's homes; visit one another in places; but when you enter that door, be quiet.

You come here to talk to Him (See?) and let Him talk back to you. The trouble of it is, we do too much talking and don't listen enough. Then when we come in here, wait on Him.

Now, in the old Tabernacle... The ushers stood at the door to see that nobody talked. When you done your talking outside, you come in. If you desired to, silently you come to the altar and prayed silently. You walked back to your seat, opened up the Bible. What your neighbor done, that was up to him. You had nothing to say. If you want to talk to him, say, "I'll see him outside. I'm in here to worship the Lord." You read His Word or set quietly.

...And mothers know now that there's a place there for your babies. You young kids know different than to run around over the building. See? And you adults know different than to talk and carry on your conversations in the auditorium. See? Don't do that; it's wrong. It isn't pleasing to God.

Jesus said, "It is written: My house shall be made a house of worship, prayer, called the house of prayer by all nations." And they were buying and selling, and He plaited ropes and ran the people out of the auditorium. And we certainly don't want that to happen in this sanctuary here. (God In Simplicity 63-0317M).

Quote: E-38 038 *It must be perfect reverence. It must be eyes closed, heads bowed... This is **not an arena**. And it's the house of God. And it's a place where we should respect Christ. (Angel Of God 48-0304).*

Quote: 1197-46 021 *And if any unbeliever would happen to... be disorderly; a kindhearted person would go to them, such as an usher or a deacon, and...they would... asked to... be reverent while the service is in order. ...*

And this person must be told in love, and not harshly. Unless it would come to a place where they were drinking, or some disobedient, or something another that would be interfering with the worship of the Lord... then the person should be led out to one side, to one of the back rooms, or somewhere, and be talked to, and dealt with, kindly. (Church Order 58-1006).

Quote: 890-84 047 Others will not listen to anything we say, especially the children.

The children are supposed to know discipline; they should get it at home. But even if it's my kids get in here at anytime, they get disorderly, I don't want you to draw one string; Sarah, Rebekah, Joseph, Billy, or whoever it might be. You tell me; I'll see to it. If they can't behave, then they'll stay away from church till they do learn to behave. This is not an arena; this is a house of God. This is not a place to play, and skate, and write notes, and laugh, and cut up; this is the house of God, and is to be carried out godly.

... This is not a picnic ground; this is not a visitation place; this is the visitation place of the Holy Spirit, listen to what He has to say, not to one another... children must be disciplined, and... Let it be known, that if these parents of the children will not listen to what these deacons said, then this parent should be corrected themselves. (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: We have talked to the parents about their children, and they won't take care of them.

If they are members of this church, then you should take two or three with you and call that parent into a private meeting, into one of the offices. I don't care who it is, if it's me, if it's Brother Neville, if it's Billy Paul and his little boy, if it's Brother Collins and one of his children, or any of the rest of you... and say... we've asked you to make those children behave. See? If they won't behave, and you can't make them behave in church, leave them with someone while you come to church until they learn how to behave themselves in the house of God." See? But this is an order; it's got to be carried out. See? (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: 892-94 050 Are we going about it the wrong way?

No, it is the right way to carry that. Let order be kept... Now, little... babies... they'll cry, and if they get crying too much and interrupting your pastor up there, remember, you are his bodyguards; you're his Gospel bodyguards. See? And if it's interrupting the message of the Lord, then you are deacons... Each one of you is duty bound to an office, and that's just what we're here to do. (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: 903-Q-234 074 234. Please explain just how... do we keep the people quiet in the sanctuary before and after church?"-

... I would suggest to have your organist to get up there with some real nice music. And if she can't be here, put it on tape and then play it, or something another, and have music, real sweet sacred music going on... And if people goes to talking and carrying on like that, let one of the deacons get up at the microphone up there at the desk and say, "sh, sh, sh," like that. Say, "At the Tabernacle here we want you to come to worship. Let's not make noise now; listen to the music. Get your seat, set down, be reverent (See?), pray or read the Bible...not to be running around, talking before the services...you've come here to talk to the Lord. Either be in silent prayer, or read your Bible." (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: 905-153 077 And you could have heard a pin drop anywhere in that church, and everybody in prayer for at least thirty minutes before the first note was ever hit on the organ, the prelude... I thought, "How wonderful it is."... I think they played one prelude... How Great Thou Art... And then when they did, everybody stopped praying and was listening to the prelude. See, it give a change from prayer to the prelude. And then when they played that, then the choir leader directed the choir. Then they had a congregational song and the choir. And then they were ready for their Sunday school class. See? And then when it was over, there was nothing went on except divine worship, all the time, and that's what we come there for.

And I think it would be a good thing if our church... If it's a good thing, then let's do it. See? We don't want to put off any good thing; we'll do it anyhow. (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: 906-Q-235 080 235. Brother Branham... in the beginning of the service. We have... songs, testimonies, and prayers, and prayer requests, special singing... but don't have too much time for the Word. Some of the people get restless and have to leave before it's over... Please explain how many songs, and what time to start the message.

...And now, many times that we ruin our services by a **dragged out testimony meeting**... let some old brother... offer a word of prayer, and he'll pray for the mayor of the city, and for the governor of the state, and for the President of the Union, and everybody like that...

...**your prayer is to be in secret, your main, long prayer**... Enter into a secret closet, close the door. There's where you want to pray all day, all night, or two hours, pray there. But in here, when you've got the attention of the people, make your prayer short, quick... And put the most of your service time into that Word. That's the main thing.

...I would say that the church should have its doors open at a certain time; let the congregation come in; let the songs be playing. And let everybody come in to worship, not to visit. And don't let them visit afterwards, tell them to dismiss and get out, not to visit... Now, if the Spirit of the Lord is dealing here, let's keep it the Spirit of the Lord. And It'll keep moving. If you don't, you just mark my words, it's going to fall; it sure will. And let's keep it; it's our duty;... Let's keep this thing lined up... But where you kill your meeting is all that drawn out stuff before you get to it. See? (Church Order COD 63-1226).

Quote: 911-177 090 ... if your services begin at seven-thirty...open your church **half hour beforehand**, seven o'clock... Tell the organist... we want her a half hour before service...make a tape of some sweet organ music... put... the **tape on**, and let it be playing **while the people come**. See?... then let them play for a half hour.

But exactly seven-thirty, let that bell toll on top the building. See? **You still have your bell out there?** Yeah... Let the song leader be on the job... right on the dot at seven-thirty... then have a congregation song, and then maybe a second congregational song, and then... have the congregation to stand... up, and let somebody lead in prayer... just a short prayer... If there's any prayer requests... Write it, say, "Here." "For tonight, in having prayer, we're remembering Sister So-and-so, Brother So-and-so in the hospital...Remember them in your prayers as you pray. Brother Jones, will you lead us in prayer. Let's stand." See? Let it be laid on the platform... And if anybody wants to sing a special, announce it in the church. Tell them that "Any specials, or anything that wants to be sang, let them see the song leader before the church ever starts."

Then while they're singing this second song, or whatever you're singing, you're to take your

offering... Then... Let your last song (See?), be the pastor's call. And as soon as that last

hymn is sang, let the organ start with your prelude, your pastor walks out. See, everything's

in order; everybody's quiet. There's nothing else to be said, every deacon at his post of duty,

the pastor standing there.

Come out, greet his audience, turn to his book and say, "Tonight, we're reading from the Bible."... And it is a good thing sometimes if you say, "In respect to the Word of God, let's stand to our feet while we read the Word." See, then read. (Church Order Title COD 63-1226).

Question # 732: "In some places no offering is taken up nor are there any special provisions for tithes (like providing envelopes). Please explain for their edification?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: When I started to preach in 1967, I wanted to get away so far from this money spirit on people and preachers, that I went overboard and I would not take up an offering, and I just had a little box put there and said, "Whoever feels to put an offering can do so.", not knowing that a person should pay his tithing and give an offering to the Lord, which is scriptural. I wanted to play so good a preacher that is not after money that I would not fulfil the Word of God. I went overboard.

So we have to understand that certain people are afraid of this **money spirit** and they don't want to take tithes and offering because they are afraid of the reproach and don't want to be identified with Pentecostalism. So they run so far from it until they would not take up tithes and they would not let the people give an offering, but they are breaking the Word, and I was breaking the Word until I came to Brother Branham's message, and this is what I considered.

**WE HAVE TO PASS THE OFFERING PLATE TO MAKE IT
A COMPLETE RELIGIOUS SERVICE**

Quote W.M.B.: *16 But I think of these standing, and people saying, "Who'll give fifty dollars? Who'll give twenty dollars?" I think that's detrimental to your--to your intelligence. I--I think if the people realizes that it takes money to--to run a--a meeting... And I never would let them do it, the managers. I said, "Whenever you have to do that, then it's time for me to return back to the Tabernacle. So we won't have to do that." But I--I do think that we have to pass the offering plate in--in order to make it a complete religious service.*

And so they probably will pass a little offering plate each night, say something like, "Well, we're take up the offering now." And they'll pass the offering plate, and that'll be the end of it. (Man Running From Presence 65-0217).

Brother Branham divided the line. He said: don't go up on the pulpit and say, "Who'll give fifty dollars? Who'll give twenty dollars?" That is so-called Pentecostal hogwash, making people pledge what they don't even have; sell their cattle and bring the money. But he said that the service is not complete until the offering plate is passed. Jesus set the example. He had a treasurer. That was God veiled in human flesh and **pride** never kept Him down. That is pride in man sometimes, that he wants to show the congregation that he is not here for their money and he don't beg for money, and he wants to play this kind of a big holy man, that he forgot the scriptures.

PAYING OF TITHES - THE TENTH SHALL BE HOLY UNTO THE LORD

*And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, **the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.** (Leviticus 7:32).*

Malachi 3:8-9 <Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.>

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD PAY TITHES

Quote W.M.B.: *617-Q-146 146. Brother Branham, don't you feel that everyone who claims to be a Christian should pay tithes, into the storehouse of the Lord? Please give Scripture to this question.*

That is right, that the Bible said in Malachi the 4th chapter, "Will a man rob God? And you say, 'Where have we robbed Thee?' In tithe and offerings. Bring all your tithe and offerings into My storehouse and prove Me," saith the Lord, "if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there'll not be room enough to receive." That's a challenge to any individual...I have never seen in my life, that any man or a woman, that if you only make one dollar a week, will bring the ten cents of that money and put it into your storehouse, your church where you come, if God don't bless that, call me a hypocrite....Every Christian should pay tithes. That's right. It should be done. (Q&A God being misunderstood COD 61-0723e).

MY FIRST DUTY TO GOD

Quote: *13 First thing, Mr. Mason, as my duty to God, I owe Him my tithes. I want to pay Him my tithings first. (Christ Revealed In His Own Word 65-0822m).*

GOD MADE A PROMISE THAT HE'D TAKE CARE OF YOU

Quote: *E-71 It comes to paying your tithes into your church, you're afraid to do it, because you're afraid you'll starve to death, even though, God's made the promise that He would take care of you. (Putting On The Whole Armour Of God 62-0607).*

Question # 653: "Are you out of the faith if you fail to pay tithes?"

E.O.D.H. Answer: Tithe paying is a part of the faith like any other ordinance: communion, feet washing etc. To be in the faith, a Christian must be faithful to such ordinances.

Question # 733: "Some young ministers that really love this message and sheep under their care are uncertain whether they are doing right or wrong by holding a job and pastoring a small congregation at the same time."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: This is very plain in the scripture. We have the example of Brother Paul. He said, "I have laboured with my hands and I did not want any reproach", and he was a Tentmaker by trade, and he was everything, from apostle, prophet and right down to pastor.

Acts 20:34-35 <Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.>

Acts 18:1-3 <After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila...And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.>

That doesn't mean that he did not say to pay tithes and offerings. He left that for church use. Brother Branham **pastored seventeen years and he was a warden**. So there is no question whether a minister could work or not. I would say that if his congregation is big enough and they could take care of his needs, I think that he should not be greedy after money, and I believe that he should very well give his full time unto the Lord. And he could go on like that and serve the Lord and serve the people and be contented with God paying him. Brother Branham said that God pays the preacher.

And if much funds come in, that minister must not **get greedy** and start buying a motor car every year and buy a new couch and have his wife in a new dress every Sunday. What kind of example is that? I believe that a true minister, no matter how much tithes come in, he will live in a conservative manner. I have set that example before you.

Question # 734: "Is a minister fit to be behind the pulpit who allows his wife to wear immodest clothing, example pants, slacks, etc. body parts exposed, called in India, 'Churidar'?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

SQUEEZED UP IN A DRESS - I BLASTED IT

Quote W.M.B.: 29-2 *Minister's wife setting there all squeezed up in a dress ...with a dress that she couldn't even keep her underneath skirts from shining (She couldn't get down over her knees, was about four or five inches above her knees setting up there.)...I blasted it just as hard as I could. 'Course he won't invite me back. I don't expect to, but he knows what's right and wrong.* (Way Of A True Prophet 62-0513).

BECAUSE SOME PREACHER FAILED TO HOLD HIS POST OF DUTY

Quote: 149 *What makes good women put on them vulgar clothes and get out there? ...It's because, not that child; that child don't know any better; but because some preacher in the pulpit has failed to hold his post of duty. That's exactly right. Sure. Women get on the street, and all sexy-dressed and things like that, and sinners look at them and don't know that she is actually just as guilty as she lived with that man.*" (Strait Is The Gate 59-0301m.)

Brother Branham condemned this in so many words and quotations that a man who would not set the church in order, cause the women to dress right, preach the right thing and be uncompromising, he is doing wrong, he is responsible for the people's souls and he should not be behind the pulpit. Now, it's very serious to handle the Word of God. You've got to have a backbone. And he called those preachers by all sorts of names. He said, "You have a **wishbone instead of a backbone**." He said, "You ought to take off your clergy coat and put on a petticoat."

Quote W.M.B.: 111 *If the Bible says it's wrong for a woman to put on a garment that pertain to a man, and you wear these little old overalls and slacks out here on the road... you grown women fifteen, sixteen, eighteen years old, and up to grandma, out here on the road... And the Bible says it's an abomination in the sight of God for a woman to wear those things, and you wear them anyhow, and say you got the Holy Ghost? I wonder sometimes. The Holy Ghost will follow God's Word to the letter. And a preacher behind the pulpit that **ain't got grace enough to preach it**, I doubt he's got it. Well, that's what the Holy Ghost is for.* (What Holy Ghost Was Given For 59-1217).

Quote: E-81 *It's a--it's an abomination. A woman said to me, "I don't wear shorts." Said, "I wear these-- what do you call them, when they pull like? Slacks." I said, "That's worse than ever. The Bible says it's an abomination for a woman to wear a garment that pertains to a man." It's a shame. Oh, our women, our men... And you men with a **wishbone instead of a backbone**, to let your women smoke cigarettes, and act like that. Shame on you. I don't call that a ruler of his own house. I call that led around by the ears somewhere. Shame on you. Oh, "Our*

whole body," Isaiah said, "has become putrefied sores." We need a house cleaning and a Holy Ghost revival, for the coming of Lord Jesus Christ a cleaning from the...?... That's right. You know that's right. (Greater Than Solomon Is Here 62-0628).

Quote: E-38 When God made a man first, he made him both male and female in spirit. He made him in His own image, and God is a Spirit. When He separated him, and put him in flesh, he put the masculine spirit in a man, and the feminist spirit in a woman. And if anything's contrary to that, there's a bit of perversion there. Exactly. You see a woman trying to act like a man, there's a little something wrong there. The cell's crossed up somewhere. That's right. You see a **man so sissified that he won't preach against sin or nothing** else like that, to hurt somebody's feelings, there's a cross up there somewhere too, not only his natural birth, but spiritual birth. Oh, what we need today is that a man be a man, a woman be a lady. God didn't intend to be that way. Dress different. (Lamb And Dove 60-0805).

IF HE DON'T TELL THEM-HE'S NOT A FIT SERVANT FOR CHRIST

Quote: 126 And you pastors...If he's got no more respect for Christ than to let his congregation get by with that without... Now, They might do it out there behind him, but if he don't tell them about it, he's not a fit servant for Jesus Christ. That's exactly right. He is not fit to be a servant of Christ. A servant of Christ should be fearless; it's a cause that comes to the Bible. Certainly. (Why Are We Not A Denomination? 58-0927).

SISSY PASTOR LET HIS CHURCH GET BY WITH SUCH THINGS

Quote: E-84 And a pastor will let his church get by with such things as that without blasting the tar out of it from the pulpit, **he's a sissy**. What we need is men. The Gospel--not with rubber gloves, but with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost with the Word... The Bible says these things are wrong. It's wrong for people to do that way, to act that way. It ought to be preached, and lived, and everywhere. Ought to... The church needs a purging, a cleaning out. (Marriage Of The Lamb 62-0121e).

PASTOR LET HIS WIFE WEAR SEXY CLOTHES-WOMEN TOOK EXAMPLE

Quote: But we begin to creep in and let down the bars. We took the wrong example. The women acted like the pastor's wife. He let her go haywire, cut off her hair, wear any kind of sexy clothes, never rebuked. And the other women say, "If Sister So-and-so can do it, I could too." **Don't make that your example**. God told you what to do; stay with that. Then when you do that, you fail God and you also fail His people, failing His people. When you fail them, you fail God. God set you there to be a watchman, and when you see sin creeping in, instead of cutting the thing off, they entice it. (Just One More Time Lord 63-0120e).

THAT DON'T EXCUSE YOU

Quote: E-55 But Marilyn Monroe, or somebody, bobbed off their hair. And then some preacher's wife did the same thing, and you think you got a right to do it. That don't excuse you from the Word of God. (Investments 63-0126)

BONELESS SISSIFIED MEN - YOU AIN'T GOT THE HOLY GHOST

Quote: 51 And you men, you poor, little, boneless, sissified things, you, that would let your wife do such a thing as that, that shows what you're made out of. That's the reason you ain't got the Holy Ghost like you profess to have, or you'd have enough something about you to make her act like a lady, as long as she lived with you anyhow. Amen. That sounds old fashion, cutting. But that's what the church needs today is an old fashion, Holy Ghost washing out, and hanging out, and drying out, and ironing out by the Holy Spirit. Sure. (Church And It's Condition 56-0805).

YOU PREACHERS LET YOUR WIFE LEAD YOU AROUND

Quote: E-55 And you preachers let your wife lead you around. What a shame...A servant of Christ **can't control his own house**, how's he going to control the house of God? "Well," you say, "Brother Branham, that's just some minor things." All right, let's get the minor things straightened out, then we'll go to something bigger. Then we'll talk about the Holy Ghost, and the things of how to receive Divine gifts. (Investments 63-0126).

DRESS ORDERLY FROM NECK TO KNEES

Quote: *E-20 Whole world's become a conglomeration of immorality. I heard the other day that some man down in Florida was going to pass a law, that women had to dress orderly from the neck to the knees to come on the street. I'll move to Florida if it is. Yes, sir. (Prince 56-0815).*

YOU'RE TRYING TO EXPOSE YOURSELF TO BE MODERN

Quote: *E-76 Those naked women, five minutes before that didn't know they were naked. And as soon as the Holy Spirit struck that bunch, them women folded their arms and walked off the ground. Now, you mean to tell me in your modern churches, you let your women strip themselves off out here half naked before men, and tell me that is Christianity? It's worse than heathens. A heathen can realize and accept Christ; they'll cover up their nakedness, and you're trying to expose yourself to be modern. (Stand Still 57-0518).*

MINISTERS' MEETING (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) AFRICA'S QUESTIONS

CHAPTER TWELVE

Question # 735: "Is it right for a pastor who believes E.O.D.H. to hide his identity from his former thunders preachers like a Minister of Zimbabwe?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Kenneth Bynoe. The first question I would like to ask is why should this minister hide the fact that he is following E.O.D.H.? There may be an element of shame and fear. The Lord Jesus Christ said,

Mark 8:38 <Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.>

Whatever is written in E.O.D.H. is the Word of God. If we were under error and we have come to the truth, we should not be afraid to stand for the truth. We have the example of Brother Branham who stood against the whole religious world for the truth. We have the example of Brother Bob Lambert, and we have another example in our midst, Brother Bruce, who has stood against all the followers of Malachi 4: 5-6 for the prophet's message. So this brother should have enough courage, faith and love for the message of E.O.D.H. to make a public confession that he believes what we are contending for in those books.

Phillip Ramkumar: He should do like our brethren from Africa: come out and identify himself with the truth, because this is the truth of William Branham's message. E.O.D.H. is bringing out the revelation that is hidden in that message. In so doing, he would show those other preachers who are under heresies and who are heretics, that he has escaped and he is believing the truth of Brother Branham's message.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: Maybe this brother needs to be more convinced that E.O.D.H. is the message of Brother Branham, and not someone else's opinion. Also, some people are not militant. They have a compromising nature, so they are not willing to come out and make a clear stand, and E.O.D.H. is calling for militancy against all heresies.

Peter, James, John and the rest of the apostles were disciples of Jesus, and everybody knew it. They were publicly known as disciples.

Joseph of Arimethea was also a disciple of Jesus Christ but the Scripture states that he was a secret disciple. In other words, he did not make his identity known for fear of the Jews. (John 19:38-39).

Nicodemus, another disciple, who at first went to Jesus at night, kept his identity secret from the other Pharisees of his class then, when he went to Jesus.

Christians declare their identity publicly in a time and in a land of peace where hostility against Christians is not known. It becomes necessary at times to keep their identity and faith secret or unpublicized because of persecutions, death-threats and unfair treatments, etc. For example, in the land of Uzbekistan; Christians are persecuted and they are denied their rights and privileges. In a place like this, if one is converted to Christianity it will be better to remain a secret disciple.

If a pastor who now believes E.O.D.H., wants to keep his identity secret under hostile conditions, we cannot judge him. However, it will be **questionable** if favorable conditions exist, and he will do so. For the present time let us categorize this pastor's silence as one who is yet proving our work before declaring himself publicly.

QUESTION # 736: "WHAT SHOULD THE PASTOR DO TO MAKE HIS IDENTITY KNOWN TO "THE THUNDERS ARE REVEALED" HERETICS IF HE BELIEVES E.O.D.H.?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Frank Deo. If this pastor is confronted and he has to make his stand on E.O.D.H., he should have no compromise at all and come out openly and say, "I am standing for E.O.D.H. because it is the message of the prophet, William Branham, and it is also supported by the Word of God." Brother Branham said to put a backbone in your back and stand up for the Word of God and not a wishbone. If he is compromising he would not be able to make his stand.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: Jesus said it is either that you are for Me or against Me. E.O.D.H. is the Word of God, and these thunders heresies are against E.O.D.H., so he has to decide whose side he is on, and then we will know exactly who he is.

If a believing E.O.D.H. supporting pastor wishes to make himself known publicly he should declare what the prophet taught about the 7th seal, from seals pages 567-578, that it was not revealed. He should go to his congregation and confess the errors and wrong doctrines he had believed before and repent for such. He should declare himself a believer in what the prophet taught. He can also write letters to his former associates declaring his beliefs and support for E.O.D.H. and his separation from the heresies he had believed before coming to the truth.

QUESTION # 737: "CAN THAT PASTOR BE PART OF THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY GHOST IF HE CONTINUES TO HIDE HIS IDENTITY WITH E.O.D.H.?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Let us **hope** so, as some men are cowards but yet children of God. Others hide their identities because of unbelief (Hebrews 4): the children of Israel entered not the Promised Land because of unbelief. Peter hid his identity because of fear. He later repented for his evil and got the Token, outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Rogers Richardson: If that pastor believes in Brother Branham's message, and E.O.D.H. is the heart of that message, and he is trying to hide from it, then he don't believe the truth, so he has no part in that if he is hiding from the truth.

Anthony Trotman: Until he has identified himself with E.O.D.H. in the open, he cannot make it up to Pentecost. Because we all openly identified with the Word of God and suffer the persecution, and he cannot hide in the background and think he will make it up to Pentecost.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: They entered not in because of unbelief, and the outpouring only comes to that **faith**.

Kenneth Bynoe: *Mark 8:38 "Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed** of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the **glory** of his Father with the holy angels."*

The glory of the father is the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. He is coming to be **glorified** in His saints (*II Thessalonians 1:10*). According to *Mark 8: 38*, a person who does not identify himself publicly with E.O.D.H. cannot receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

QUESTION # 738: "SHOULD THE PASTOR ALLOW "THE THUNDERS ARE REVEALED" HERETICS TO PREACH IN HIS CHURCH?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Sookdeo Ramnarine. The answer is "No", because all they will produce is conflicts, divisions and confusion, because heresies bring divisions.

By 'Thunders are revealed pastors', I will assume that you refer to the pastors and preachers who preach the thunders heresies that were exposed by E.O.D.H. Publication. By 'the Pastor', I believe that you mean an E.O.D.H. believing pastor.

Will a heretical preacher believe the truth in E.O.D.H.? Will he preach the truths that are published in the books? An EODH believer will definitely want truth preached to his congregation and not heresies. My pulpit will be open to truth, life, God and not to falsehood, death, darkness and Satan. I will not open my pulpit to any heretical preachers who **deny** the teaching of the prophet. However, I may do so to be hospitable if such a one is ignorant of the prophet's teaching on the subject and I am trying to convert him from the error of his way.

YOU WOULD BE A VERY POOR COWBOY TO LET YOUR HORSE EAT LOCOWEED

QUOTE W.M.B.: *31 THEREFORE, IT'S THE DUTY OF WE AS PASTORS TO SEE THAT THIS FLOCK IS FED AND FED RIGHT, BECAUSE GOD ALMIGHTY WILL REQUIRE YOUR BLOOD AT OUR HANDS. AT THE DAY OF THE JUDGMENT WE'LL ANSWER FOR YOU...*

*AND THERE'S KNOWN IN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES A WEED THAT AN ANIMAL CAN EAT; IT'S CALLED LOCOWEED...AND YOU MUST KEEP YOUR STOCK AWAY FROM THAT WEED... WHY, YOU WOULD BE A VERY **POOR COWBOY** TO LET YOUR HORSE EAT A WEED, **LOCOWEED**. IT SHOWS THAT YOU DON'T CARE. AND A REAL PASTOR, A REAL SERVANT OF CHRIST WILL BE A POOR EXAMPLE OF CHRIST TO SEE THE SHEEP EAT SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO DRIVE HIM AWAY, OR MAKE HIM A OUTLAW BEFORE GOD, A BREAKER OF HIS WORD, A BREAKER OF HIS COMMANDMENTS. YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT. YOU SHOULD WATCH THAT VERY CLOSELY. (YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN 61-1231M).*

QUESTION # 739: "CAN A PASTOR WHO WAS ORDAINED BY THUNDERS CULT PREACHERS, ORDAIN MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP BY E.O.D.H.?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Phillip Ramkumar. I don't think that he should ordain any E.O.D.H. minister to preach.

The ordination of E.O.D.H. believing preachers by Thunders Cult preachers is not proper. By the term 'Thunders Cults', I will take it to mean that you are referring to the heretical thunders articles that are exposed by E.O.D.H. publications. These publications are the truth of the message of Malachi 4:5&6. They are light to the soul. It is of God. It is life.

Heresies are falsehood. They are darkness and death. It is of the Devil. What agreement has darkness with light? How can darkness ordain light? They are contrary one to the other.

Ordain means to appoint, to lay a foundation, prepare and establish. A heretical preacher cannot appoint a preacher of truth nor can he prepare a preacher of truth.

In no way can a heretic preacher ordain a preacher of truth. It is an insult to God and his Word of truth. It is a rebuke to the ministry of Christ. Satan cannot ordain God's servants. My admonition is to keep out of the way of all heretics.

QUESTION # 740: "IS IT TRUE THAT GOD COULD ONLY USE A MAN AT THE AGE OF FORTY-FIVE, WHO HAS A WIFE, AND NOT A BROTHER WHO IS YOUNG AND UNMARRIED?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Roy Barrow. There is absolutely no foundation for such a claim. There is absolutely no scripture for that. Jesus began to preach the gospel at the age of thirty. So this heresy is unfounded. It is not supported by scripture, neither is it supported by the message of Brother Branham. Brother Branham started to preach at a much earlier age than forty-five. So it is way off. This is madness as far as I am concerned. It is heresy to the very core and we denounce it, in the name of the Lord Jesus, for our big brother the Lord Jesus began to preach at the age of thirty, and John the Baptist, he would have been disqualified likewise because he was just a few months older than the Lord Jesus Christ, so I don't know where these guys got this heresy from.

God can use a man at any age, young or old, married or unmarried and not only at age 45 and after. Look at Jesus from birth to his crucifixion. He never reached 45 years and he was unmarried yet God used him so mightily that the Scripture was written.

God used the mighty apostle Paul and Barnabas his fellow worker who were unmarried men. Peter was a married man mightily used of the Lord. So old men were used as well as young men like Timothy and Silas and married men were used as well as unmarried men.

Saying that God uses only married men, **ages 45 and over, is an error.** Some base these teaching on 1 Timothy 3 that a bishop must be the husband of one wife. A bishop is not limited to a pastor's office but other ministers. If this doctrine is correct, then Paul condemned himself when he wrote 1 Timothy 3, since he was unmarried.

Question # 741: "In Africa there is a traditional custom for women to make a joyful noise when they hear and see something good like there is a traditional dance and parties, weddings and beer drinking places. Is it proper to allow this joyful noise from women when a pastor is preaching in church?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Aldwyn Chandler. I believe that this joyful noise, there in Africa, is an article of the world. And the Bible tells us:

1 John 2:15 <Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.>

So that when the sisters or whoever it is, would want to bring that spirit into the House of God, it should not be allowed, because it's a worldly spirit. Its origin and source from whence it came is not the Holy Ghost, so it is a worldly spirit.

Psalms 100: 1-5 <Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.>

This is a nice question. In it you have mentioned your national custom for women to make a joyful noise at national festivals, weddings, dances, parties etc. This is alright as far as your national customs are observed. Sometimes, when such women are converted to Christianity they tend to bring in their national customs into the church as the women in the Corinthian Church did. These Corinthian women were worshippers of Diana, the popular woman goddess of the day and when they were converted they wanted to bring in their customs into the church. Brother Paul had to put this into its rightful place. No national customs should be brought into the church.

Now, if a sister in church is stimulated or excited by the preaching of the Word she could shout, she could praise the Lord, she could say Amen, she can dance. These all have their proper place. It must be done orderly and not be disturbing. These manifestations, ordered by the Holy Spirit in church is all right.

Question # 742: "We have a problem in Zambia between married and unmarried Pastors. Unmarried ministers are told that they cannot be Pastors before they marry but they can only be ministers?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Bruce. This is a misrepresentation of scriptures. Jesus, Paul, Peter and Barnabas were ministers of the Gospel. Jesus, Paul and Barnabas were **unmarried** but Peter was a married man. Here we see that married men and unmarried men were ministers. These same ministers, married and unmarried, pastored churches. They were pastors also.

If it was that only married men should pastor the church, then Jesus, Paul and Barnabas did wrong when they pastored churches.

Acts 18:9-11 <Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.>

So, an unmarried man cannot only be a minister, he can also be appointed as a pastor over churches. Before we establish a doctrine we must have a scripture for it, and whoever is saying that must be able to prove it in the Word of God. And there isn't any scripture that excludes an unmarried man from being a pastor. Then it is an opinion, and I think that this opinion is based upon 1 Timothy 3, which states that the bishop must be the husband of one wife, and I think there is a little **misunderstanding between the word bishop and pastor**. This is how doctrines are made: just a little misunderstanding of one word that "the bishop must be the husband of one wife", and "if a man cannot rule his house, how can he rule the church of God?"

To bring out the correct answer, we must first understand what is a bishop? A bishop in simple terms covers any minister. It does not make him a head over ministers, but it is simply translated from the word 'elder'. So I think the misunderstanding is that they misinterpreted the word bishop to be a pastor. That is not right; a bishop covers the ministries of different men.

Since it covers different ministries we cite our Lord Jesus as an unmarried man. Jesus had all five gifts in him of apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist and pastor. Brother Branham said that in Church Order. He said He was also a deacon cleaning up the House of God, when He took the rope and plaited it together and beat them out.

Now, Brother Paul had these offices in him: he was an evangelist, a prophet, an apostle and pastor. He pastored in the Ephesians church, and the Lord appeared to him one night and said, "I have much people in this city." And he tarried there for one year and an half pastoring. He was sent as a missionary and evangelist on three missionary journeys. So he pastored at certain intervals.

Brother Branham pastored a church before marriage, at an early tender age.

WHEN I LAID THE CORNERSTONE, I WASN'T EVEN MARRIED YET

Quote W.M.B.: *15 When I laid the cornerstone...I wasn't even married yet, just a young man.* (Seventy Weeks of Daniel 61-0806).

Quote: *E-16 That cornerstone on that morning when we laid the cornerstone...in 1933... It was long before I was ever married. I was single at home.* (God Keeps His Word 57-0407M).

How many agree with that? *[Everyone says, "Amen!"]* An unmarried man could be a pastor. Yes. I will ordain any man to be a pastor.

Question # 743: "How should Pastors behave when they are visiting the saints' homes? Should they be begging for food and money?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Aldwyn Chandler. I believe we should take for an example the prophet. Brother Branham never went begging around the saints or in any church for money or for food. He did not have a greedy spirit. He was contented. The Bible says,

1 Timothy 6:6 <...godliness with contentment is great gain.>

We also have a pastor, Brother Bruce, that we do not find anything like that with him. I believe if the Holy Spirit is leading any pastor and the pastor is submissive to the Holy Spirit, he would not be going around and begging and looking for food from anyone.

Brother Bruce: May I put a little contribution? Here in my country we have the custom of a free kitchen to our visiting guests. This means that whatever is prepared to be partaken of is willingly shared with visitors.

We have got to divide the lines right. We cannot only think for Trinidad. We have got to think for the Philippines, Africa and India where people are poverty-stricken, and we have got to be thinking of the group of people that are destitute in some way. Some pastors are poor, they love the Lord, and they are honest and sincere. Such people need our assistance, especially if we are blessed with the world's goods. We who have should not be selfish and shut up our bowels of compassion from them. In such cases we should extend a helping hand and make life more comfortable for them, **before they even ask.**

Now it is not the right policy. That is standard. We have the examples and I believe that when we use the words, "...begging for food and money", we have to define that. We just can't put it in the category of just a swindler. There are different types of request, and we might categorize this to a place where a fellow is just going as a swindler and says, "Give me this and give me that."

In certain cases, ministers might have reasons for asking and making a request. **Conditions that exist** may force him to do that. It could be that in a church where nobody is working, which I am encountering now from letters throughout Africa, that I will purposely ask the brethren, "Brother how many people work in your church?" One will tell me, "None." Another will say, "Brother, some of them are working but their incomes are so small, therefore the tithing and the offering are so small that we cannot build a church and saints walk for miles upon miles to come to church." So we have to think of the outskirts like right here in South America where they are poverty stricken.

The answer is no, but with a clause that I would say, if it is done by the Spirit in the proper way. I believe it could be done if a minister is in need and he feels that his family might be starving, and he figures that he needs something and he has the confidence in a brother and the brother trusts him as a minister who loves him. He knows that brother could afford that, and he may go over and say, "Brother can you give me some rice to cook, my family is not well off; can you give me one or two chickens?" I believe that is excusable under such condition because this pastor is not like you and I who hold jobs and the church partly support some of us. We are talking about destitute people.

There are certain places that don't have water. There is four years of famine, so he might beg for some water, he might beg for a chicken, because of certain conditions, and then there are many scriptures that tell us that if you give a cup of cold water to one of these disciples or to a prophet, you shall receive a prophet's reward. If you don't have these conditions sometimes, you cannot receive the blessing. And this brother may go out, and I believe the reason he will ask that is because he is in need and another reason it could be that the **bowels of mercy** and compassion is shut up towards that man that they did not see the man's need. Whereas I think we should be looking out for these things that we do not give that brother the chance to even ask.

On the other hand, sometimes there are **rascal pastors** who live so wickedly as ministers who just want to fleece their congregations and others of everything that they have. They just take advantage of good nature. They will preach money from the pulpit and they will go to their homes and pick up everything that they could get. That kind of operation and that kind of attitude is condemned.

This sort is a hireling. There was a minister of a prominent church who received an ample amount of money from the church every month, but will not leave a believer's home when he visits until he received something in his bag. He was a habitual beggar. Something was definitely wrong with this pastor. He should not have indulged in this kind of practice.

But on the other hand, I believe that such love and fellowship should exist between congregation and pastor that the congregation sees the need of the pastor, and the pastor should be at liberty that if he is really in need, he is not a man that fleeces people's money, but he goes over in decency and respect and he would know who he has confidence in, and who would not reproach him and run around the church, and spread it around the country. There are needs that arises and instead of this pastor going and steal or preach from the pulpit, in such a way to frighten the people to bring in money to him, I believe that is more honorable. Lazarus was a beggar.

I believe that we would rather ask in good faith than to try to scheme the people in some way, or to preach them down in such a way that causes them to bring out their money.

So there is one minister that we should assist and another to eschew. The situation will warrant your decision. And we must have the right dividing line that we don't let the hireling come in and fleece the sheep, and you have to divide this from a genuine servant of God who is trying with all his heart to feed the sheep but things are bad.

Question # 744: "Is it right for a Pastor when shaving his hair to leave much more hair on top of his head than the sides: so called 'Table Cut' in the US?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Bruce. Now we're talking about men trimming their hair in different styles. Here we call that hairstyle, "Gal-ah-rush-me", which simply means girls are rushing after you. So, I was preaching one time and I said, 'It's not gal-ah-rush me, it is the **devil rushing you.**'"

Brother Branham had to contend with a lot of hairstyles, which they call waterhead haircuts etc. The Prophet of God explained that it is the spirit of the world that he is concerned about, and not how you cut your hair but what makes you do that. The Bible said,

1Corinthians 11:7 <For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.>

1Corinthians 11:14 <Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?>

Quote W.M.B.: *I believe as a Christian person you'd know about how to do that. I don't think God cuts any certain lengths or whatever it is. As long as you're decent and look honorable and clean. (Questions And Answers COD 64-0823E P:14).*

Quote: *And--and I know I've said a whole lot about it: "And you, Rickys, with that flattop haircut," and all like that, and things like that, but I just say that. See? I don't think God cares how a man cuts his hair, as long as he cuts it, because his head is God. (Questions And Answers COD 64-0823E P:84).*

According to Scriptures a man is supposed to keep his hair short, trimmed, neat, decent and clean. If a man has long hair it is a shame unto him. In keeping our hair short as men we are admonished not to be conformed to the styles and patterns of the world. **Every style is a spirit** and what we are trying to get away from is the spirit of the world.

A style might come out in the world and they take off all the hair on the head, but then somebody wants to be a Christian and be in the world at the same time, so they take off just a little. Now, it's a spirit that is motivating that fellow. You are serving God and mammon, and you cannot serve God and mammon. You've got to be sold out to Jesus Christ.

What we live and the styles we adopt, manifest what is in our hearts. If the **styles** you have mentioned are worldly and we adopt them, then our nature is worldly. And if the love of the world is in us then the love of God is lacking in us. Let us not be conformed to the world. If there is any worldly thing in us let us purge it out.

The emphasis in the prophet's teaching is to avoid the styles of the world. Christians should not imitate Hollywood haircuts and so-called stars of the world. Worldly styles are motivated by spirits and influenced from Hell.

Question # 745: "Is Jerusalem natural or spiritual?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Roy Barrow. Based on Revelation 21, I cannot see how people will spiritualize that New Jerusalem. I think they need to listen to the messages that we have just listened to on the future home of the heavenly Bridegroom and the earthly Bride.

I see it as natural, and hear what John said,
Revelation 21:1-2 <And I saw a new heaven and a new earth...>

I wonder if that is natural or spiritual?

<... for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.>

Is that spiritual, beloved? [Ed. Everyone says, "No!"] That is absolutely natural.

Revelation 21:3 <And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. >

Beloved, based on Revelation 21 with all the other things that go with the New Jerusalem, we here believe and are taught here that New Jerusalem is natural. That is Brother Branham's teaching and that's the Bible. So, it is not spiritual, it is natural. Of course there is a spiritual element, but it is the natural that we are speaking about.

FUTURE HOME OF THE BRIDE – WHERE WE ARE GOING TO LIVE

Quote W.M.B.: *4-3 Now, I'm speaking this morning on the "Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride": where they're going to live. (Future Home 64-0802).*

CHRIST IS IN HEAVEN TODAY PREPARING THE NEW JERUSALEM

Quote: *42-3 And in the new earth, there is a new Cit... Jesus said in John 14... I'm going to prepare a place for you. In My Father's house is many mansions. In My Father's Kingdom is many palaces." Christ is there under the construction of this New Jerusalem now...Christ is in heaven today preparing the New Jerusalem...And Christ is gone and is preparing a place (that's been on its construction for many, many thousands of years), preparing a place. "And if I go and prepare a place, I will come again, and receive you, that wherever I am, there you may be also." Notice, the Redeemer and the redeemed. (Future Home 64-0802).*

THE DIVINE ARCHITECT WILL LIVE WITH HIS BRIDE IN THAT CITY

Quote: *43-4 Now, the Divine Architect has designed a new City where He will live with His Bride, just to Her touch. (Future Home 64-0802).*

THIS IS THE CITY THAT ABRAHAM WAS LOOKING FOR

Quote: *58-1 Truly, this is the City that Abraham was looking for. See? Being a prophet he knewed that City was somewhere; the Bible said so. And he forsook the city he lived, and he went over--and look where he went. Exactly where it will be. See? He was looking for a City whose Builder and Maker was God, (see?) being a prophet... John saw it coming down, but Abraham thought it must be on earth right then. Why? He met Melchizedek, the King of It... and they took communion (Amen.) right on the literal spot where the City will be raised up, the holy mountain of the Lord where the redeemed'll live ... There will be streets of transparent gold, avenues, and houses, and parks. (Future Home 64-0802).*

THE BRIDE LOOKS AT HER FUTURE HOME

Quote: *68-3 The future home of the Groom and Bride, He's coming back... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... me to the wedding supper, it's going to be three and a half days. Then return again in the millennium on our honeymoon, and then He's going to bring the City into view, like the Bridegroom taking the Bride to Her surprise. How the little Bride stands there in awe as She looks at Her future home. And by faith today, Lord, we see it yonder. It'll be right here on this earth. (Future Home 64-0802).*

IN THIS CITY WILL DWELL THE REDEEMED

Quote: *56-4 The City, it's not just a flat cube like this (See?), but it leans up so it can be seen. And upon this holy mountain of the Lord, the Lord shall descend upon top of His mountain. Here He is. That's the reason the Capstone wasn't put on by Enoch. See? That's the reason the Capstone has to come now. And the mountain will be pushed up and it'll be the mount of the Lord and in here will dwell the redeemed.*

These avenues, and big freeways, as it was, parks, and the River of Life will flow, run right through it. And every house will be made of transparent gold, and the streets will be made of gold, and the Trees of Life will be there and will bear twelve manners of fruit. (Future Home 64-0802).

Question # 746: “Please explain Revelation 20:13: ‘the sea gave up the dead etc.’”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Bruce.

Revelation 20:13 <And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.>

So the question that is involved here, is: what kind of people did the sea give up, also which people did death deliver up? That’s very simple. Now, this has to do, my precious brother, with the second resurrection.

Revelation 20:6 <Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power.>

Only the Bride comes up in the first resurrection. The first resurrection is on this side of the Millennium, which is the thousand year reign, and the second resurrection is on that side of the Millennium reign.

Now, in Revelation 20, it states there about the sea giving up the dead. In the White Throne judgment the **goats and the sheep are separated**, and death and hell delivered up the dead. The goats went to hell for their sins. So there is a mixture of people that are coming up in the second resurrection. Coming up from the sea are all those who drowned, and those who were cremated and they threw their ashes in the sea. There were some sheep that went down there, and goats that went down there. A man was drowning and he said, “Lord Jesus forgive me!” “This day thou shall be with me in paradise.” He went into a certain waiting place. Then, there is another man who cursed God until he died and said, “There is not anything like a hell.” When his eyes opened up, he said, “There is really a hell.”

So now, these classes of people are in the sea, and there is another class that went to hell,

<...and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them...>

Those are people who were actually lost: lost souls. Now they come up in the second resurrection and stand at the White Throne Judgment. All humanity is going to meet for the first time on earth. The living Bride will be the judges with Christ and then all, every human being that was ever born upon the face of the earth, is going to be resurrected.

Matthew 25:32 says, <...he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:>

That is where the foolish virgins come up too, and that is where the righteous and the unrighteous come up.

That is where people who did good for the people who were Christians will be rewarded.

Matthew 25:31-41 <When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.>

They did not have eternal life but they were **granted eternal life** at the White Throne Judgement. So my brother, to be simple: both the sheep and the goats came up from the sea, and came up from wherever they were, and there is going to be multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision. Great multitudes, and the White Throne Judgment is going to take place, and some will be granted eternal life but that is not the Bride at all. The Bride is already resurrected, she is saved and she is going to be the judges at the White Throne Judgment.

Brother Aaron will close the meeting for us after he speaks. Come, my brother, God bless your heart. We appreciate you.

Brother Aaron Muzambalika: I believe we are so grateful to hear all the answers from these questions... I believe today they are **answered**, and we had even a few problems on New Jerusalem and I believe it's answered today, because the confusion was where John was told: "Come, I want to show you the Bride", and when he went he saw the holy city. And then again where the prophet said in the book called "Fellowship by the Blood": "Immortal beings stay in immortal habitations"... so there are questions among our members of the church saying after this world is over are we going to be mortals and what kind of habitation? So there are so many things that came up which now today it has been answered... We are not asking questions for argument. We are asking to understand.

We are so **grateful** to this church; great ministers of God that had been trained over the years and have been able to bring out the answers, helping everyone in our part of the world. We are going to take these answers back and we will make sure we go through them so that everyone will be clear. When we arrive, we shall call for a meeting again and we shall call as many as we can and explain our **joys**. It has been so wonderful for us.

We always tell your pastor to stand firm... because the truth is not always supported by the majority. And even in Zambia we are not so many, but we are not ashamed, we stand for the truth. And we shall remain faithful. We are not believing for money. We are believing because it's the **truth**.

...We really appreciate how God just helped us to connect to this church, because there are so many false things around... So we are grateful for you and to God for what he has put here... you have a man of God near you here. Sometimes you might take it lightly, but we are blessed because we came from a far country and just when we read the books they do something to us. We see something in that.

We are so grateful for all these answers. So with these few words I believe we can close, and God bless you so much. I was just listening how each one was answering so militant and hard. That's how you destroy the enemy. You don't speak to the devil in a compromising way. He won't go. The Bible says to cast out devils. It doesn't say compromise... so I love the attitude. **I love the way it is done**. That's how I also believe and do.

...We thank you Lord for your love. We thank you for this great meeting. We appreciate Lord, your great presence. To see your children standing for what is right. To see heavenly Father, **every** question answered. We just see one thing... the hand of God resting upon us. Father bless every minister, every brother, the pastor of this church, the elders. Bless us Father... Give us heavenly Father, understanding that we may more and more be together and spread this truth to the dying world... Lord as we disperse, I pray that you disperse us with your holy blessings... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

MINISTERS' MEETING (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Question # 747: "Is it right for a visiting pastor to have private meetings with the brethren of the visited church, without the local pastor or minister. Is he wrong or right?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Frank Deo. The pastor of the church is the authority of the church.

Quote W.M.B.: 338-282 *But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor. Read that in the Bible; see if that's not Bible order.* (Hebrews Chapter 7 Pt. 2 Church Order 57-0922).

Quote: 1199-63 *And now to the pastor, to our Brother Neville, at this time. Remember, he is the full head of the church. Brother Neville has the right to exercise any authority that the Holy Spirit would, anything the Holy Spirit would tell him to say, in other words. In the church, he has the right to anything that God would lead him to do.* (Church Order 58-1006).

If he is an ordained and gifted pastor of God, he does not need anyone to tell him what to do. He has the leading of the Spirit to direct him how to conduct the church affairs. Once he goes in accordance with the instructions laid down by the prophet and he does not break the Word of God, he is the complete authority of the church.

That pastor who is invited to that church is out of place to just go about and call a meeting with believers of that church **without** the consent of the pastor. Maybe he wants to sow seeds and he could be a heretic. His **motives** and objectives behind calling the meeting is the main thing. And I think that he is out of place in the first place, by not notifying that pastor. That is as if I invite you to my home and you come and want to tell me what to do in my house and how to run my house. You would be out of place to do such a thing. You would do that with my permission.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: For him to do that, it shows he has no respect for the sovereign head of that church. The sovereign head of a church is the pastor. And something is wrong with this visiting pastor to come and bypass the pastor and have a meeting with the other brethren there. Just as Brother Frank was saying: it is like a man coming to my house in my absence and wants to have a discussion with my family. No, he has to consult me first before he comes there. He has to come through the head. So for a visiting pastor to do that he is out of place.

Exactly. As Brother Frank was saying: what is his purpose of coming. And if his conversation is to bring down the local pastor, then it is definitely out of place. That cannot be the right spirit. That has to be an antichrist spirit.

Brother Bruce: I always like to balance things so that we can better understand. I believe everything should be done in decency and order, just like the brethren said. To balance this, a minister may go to another congregation and not intentionally want to cause problem in the congregation. He may consider this other pastor as a friend and a brother, and he may be seeking the **interest** of the brethren there, but handled this matter a little wrong because certain brethren came to him and asked certain questions about the pastor and then he voiced his opinion. So, he may not have any bad intentions but then he could handle it **wrong**, and if that gets back to the pastor, it could cause a rift. A lack of training is what causes a lot of problems.

If I go to an assembly and some brethren come to me and say that they have a problem with the pastor, I would say, "Alright, if you have a problem, I would have to speak with the pastor." It might be of a nature that the pastor would not admit. It could be a woman that he is dealing with in the congregation. I would go to the pastor anyhow and say, "Is there a little problem here?" and try to find out and try to bring the brethren together and sort out the problem so that I am not **misunderstood**, especially if it is something negative about the pastor.

There was something that was left out there and that is there are different **offices**. How about Brother Paul going down to that church? How about Brother John going down to the church to straighten Diotrephes? (*III John 1:9*). He has certain authority. And I believe, with respect in Brother Paul's heart, he would even speak to the pastor if he thinks he is wrong, and then hear the brothers and their complain. And I believe Brother Paul will hear out the problem, in secret, if it is a delicate situation that he don't want to mix up the pastor with. I believe that he will give a hearing ear and not pass any judgment to throw a bad light on the pastor, and say, "We will take care of these things," and try to get those things ironed out.

Question # 748: "Under what condition should different church groups merge or come together? Are they compelled to do so by E.O.D.H.?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Aldwyn Chandler. I believe that the person who is asking this question is familiar with the E.O.D.H. books and he is asking that question from that standpoint or view. I believe that any unity must be based on the Word of the Lord. We are **not trying to place the E.O.D.H.** books over the Bible or over Brother Branham's message, as some people tend to think, but we believe that unity must be by the Spirit and the Word of the Lord, and of course, E.O.D.H. books are based on the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe that this is a question of someone who is connected with E.O.D.H. books, because outside of the E.O.D.H. books there are people who believe or follow the message and they are exposed to the Bible and the message of Brother Branham. I believe that they could also come together in unity based upon the Word and Brother Branham's message.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: So the question is whether they are compelled to do so by E.O.D.H. **The answer is “No.”**

Question # 749: “If one or two church groups don’t agree on certain things of coming together (merging), can they be excommunicated?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Kenneth Bynoe. I believe that there is some misunderstanding in the hearts of these brothers, who are asking that question, concerning the motives and objectives of E.O.D.H. I do not think that it is Brother Bruce’s motive to get all the different assemblies that follow the message and that accept E.O.D.H., to come together as one. I believe that the man of God has sufficient understanding of the scriptures and the prophet’s message that every **local group is sovereign**. We are not trying to get all the groups to come together as one. We believe that every group is sovereign with its pastor. But if it is convenient for two groups in the same area, and with a common understanding between these two groups; they accept a certain pastor who they believe is more competent, more Spirit led and they have more confidence in him, and they decide to come together as one then it is alright. But it is not our motive to force anybody to come together. They are not **compelled**. If in the merging of these two groups there are some that do not agree (The prophet said that the majority holds in a situation like this), these people are not compelled to remain. If they see it fit, what they have to do is find another assembly that they feel comfortable in, but I don’t think we should expel or excommunicate them.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: I remember the prophet of God also said that he rather be right in his spirit and wrong in his doctrine. And even though we don’t agree on something we should have the right spirit as believers of this message, unless there is something outstandingly wrong somewhere. But we should not take it upon our authority to excommunicate somebody or "unchristianize" them or put them away from the assembly because we do not agree on certain things of coming together.

Brother Bruce: Concerning merging together, of course, we are not compelled, and Brother Courtney rightly said that it is not our effort, yet it is, if it is done by the **Spirit** to bring the brethren together. The effort of E.O.D.H. is not that all come under one banner in a certain place. And at the same time, he rightly said that if brethren believe the same things and they could merge together to form a united front, as long as that could be done in a proper way, by the Word of God, then let it be done, but they are not **compelled**.

There are certain things that you have to consider when you are merging together. It is not just a matter because you embrace E.O.D.H. you say, “Okay, we will all come together”. That could break up in the next six months and cause more division; even because before you came to the light of E.O.D.H. you were established in some doctrine. You could have been following Santiago, Vin or Gan as are popular in other countries.

The first time that somebody reads a few books of E.O.D.H. and other people read, they cannot call a meeting together and say, “Now, let us merge together.” Now they will be afraid of one another because they were pulling swords with one another for Gan, and for this one and the other one. So, I believe what is involved here is to win the **confidence** and trust of one another, and if they do so and they feel, after a certain time, that they believe alike, then I believe that they could be merged with the right spirit, under the right teachings and under the right Word. So, it is not an easy thing just to merge. You have got to have confidence in the other pastor.

If the other pastor came in just six months out of some kind of heresy, and this next minister had established himself in the truth for three years or five years, and you come together, and say, “Let us be one” you have to give time for confidence to be won, as you could merge **prematurely**, and when you come together you could choose a man through votes and through **favoritism**, or a man that now came out from under heretic teaching, for six months, and make him the pastor, and he is trying to rule over this brother who is fully established in the truth, and it is not going to work. And he being the pastor he will have the dominance over the congregation and this man’s flock is sitting there. You may have fifty people and he is dominating his flock, and he taught them in a certain way. When anything wrong is said they will come to this pastor and say things are not the way they are supposed to be.

It is a ticklish situation to merge churches together and bring them under one headship and say, “Okay, you are the evangelist, go out and evangelize.” Now, **total** confidence must be won. So, I believe it could be done but it takes time to win the confidence of one another. And then that must be first settled, and they have to win absolute confidence in each other first before they even speak of unity.

Concerning excommunicating the pastor who does not want to cooperate with merging; that is out. I quote the prophet on that, he said,

Quote W.M.B.: *E-10 And now, many times the way that we stand... We don't disfellowship anyone because the way they believe. (An Ensign 62-0119).*

Question # 750: “Can a believer of the church under the message of Malachi 4: 5-6 instruct his pastor or minister in church matters? And should a pastor or minister take his instruction for granted? Some believers disrespect the office of the pastor and ministers.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Philmore Duncan of St. Vincent. I do not think that an ordinary believer should instruct the pastor because you cannot be more spiritual than your pastor. If you find that you are “more spiritual” than him then you would have to leave and find another church because I believe he is authorized by the Spirit of the Lord to lead that flock.

God set men to lead His people and the sheep must be led, and the laity ought to respect the leadership in the House of God. And I think that if someone has an opinion, they could bring it to the minister and express their opinion, but I would not give that person the authority to have that leadership or usurp his authority over the ministry or over the pastor. That is wrong, and I would not support an ordinary believer to overstep his bounds and take matters into his or her hands and feel that they are a leader of the church, because God set the man of God there to see that everything goes right.

Sookdeo Ramnarine: We are in agreement with that. A believer should never disrespect the office of the pastor and the ministers. That is definitely out, and a pastor’s instruction should be upheld. He should not cow-down or bow down to anybody’s opinion once he knows what he is saying is in the Word of God and the message, he stands by it, and the rest of the congregation that has respect for the pastor will do the same.

Question # 751: “Is it right for a brother to remarry if his wife commits adultery? Jesus said, ‘Except it be for fornication’, Matthew 19:9.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Sookdeo Ramnarine. The question here really surrounds the word “fornication”. Some wants to make a difference between fornication and adultery and so forth. This question was answered on E.O.D.H. book 9, so I will quote from that.

“The words “Fornication and Adultery”, were employed in Scriptures and by the prophet **interchangeably**, because it came from the word “**Whoredom**” meaning: “illicit sex in various forms”, but by the Catholic Church, as two separate meaning: (Fornication: pre-marital sex and Adultery: post-marital sex). The following bear out this most wonderful fact.

WHOREDOM - MEANING - HEBREW LEXICON (STRONGS)

Zanah {zaw-naw'} h'n'z: A primitive root [highly-fed and therefore wanton].

- 1) To commit **fornication**, be a harlot, play the harlot, **to be a harlot**, act as a harlot, commit fornication.
- 2) To commit **adultery**.
- 3) To be a cult prostitute.
- 4) To be unfaithful (to God) (figurative).
- 5) To play the harlot.
- 6) To cause to commit adultery.
- 7) To force into prostitution.

SCRIPTURAL AND MESSAGE DEFINITION OF FORNICATION AND ADULTERY

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 16:3,8,15 <Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem.

...I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness:...and entered into a covenant with thee...and thou becamest mine.

... But thou...playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.>

I Corinthians 6:13-18 <...Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

***Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.>*

*Revelation 17:1-2 <...I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great **whore**...*

*...With whom the kings of the earth have committed **fornication**.>*

ADULTERY – THEY COMMIT SPIRITUAL FORNICATION

Quote W.M.B.: *E-66 She was a mother of harlots ...What is a harlot? A prostitute. What is these ill-famed women? Is women who commit **adultery** and live with other men that's not their husband. And these people, these churches claim to be God's servants, and God's church, and tolerate, and do the things of the world. They commit spiritual fornication. (God Keeps His Word 57-0120e).*

WHAT IS FORNICATION? IT'S LIKE A WOMAN LIVING UNTRUE TO HER HUSBAND

Quote: *35 "For the kings of the earth have committed fornications," rich men, great men have. How would a king commit fornications with a church? It's spiritual fornication: spiritual. What is fornication? It's, well, it's like a woman living untrue to her husband; she's living with another man while she's got a husband. And this church then is pretending to be the Bride of Christ, while she's committing fornication with the kings of the world, with her unclean living, unclean profession. (Why Are We Not A Denomination? 58-0927).*

COMMITTING SPIRITUAL FORNICATION AS THE WOMAN THAT WOULD SHARE HER LOVE FROM HER HUSBAND TO ANOTHER MAN

Quote: *E-65 Church has done the same, **committing spiritual fornication** as the woman that would share her love from her husband to another man. (Marriage Of The Lamb 62-0121e).*

FORNICATION – COMMITTING ADULTERY WITH GOD

Quote: *217-3 {300} And the woman was arrayed in purple...decked in gold and precious stones... pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations--abomination of the filthiness of her fornication: That antichrist spirit, fornication (See?) teaching, that committing adultery with God. See? Now, she's supposed to be a bride (See?), and committing adultery (See?); see just like Eve did--just like the church does there. See? (Second Seal 63-0319).*

SHE COMMITTED FORNICATION AGAINST HER OWN HUSBAND

Quote: 247-6 {140} *She became a whore. You can read it in Revelations the 17th chapter...What did she do? She committed **fornication** against her own **husband**.* (The Third Seal 63-0320).

**THE WORD COULD BE APPLIED EITHER WAY
FORNICATION IS UNCLEAN LIVING**

Quote: 13-6 *The **difference** between **fornications** and **adultery**, the word could be applied either way...If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her....If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman...Fornication is unclean living.* (Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125).

The second part of the question is: "Is it right for this brother to remarry.

**IT IS NOT STATED AGAINST HIM TO REMARRY, BUT THERE'S
NO GROUNDS FOR HER AT ALL**

Quote W.M.B.: 37-1 *See, she's got a living husband, so no man can marry her. Care what she does and who she is, she's got a living husband. There's no grounds for her at all. But it's not for him: causes her, not him. Get it? You have to make the Word run in continuity. See? Nothing saying he couldn't, but she can't. See? 'Causes her, not him. That's just exactly what the Bible says. "Causes her..." It is not stated against him to remarry, but her.* (Marriage And Divorce 65-0221M).

IT IS NOT STATED AGAINST HIM TO REMARRY, BUT HER

Quote: 36-4 *Nothing saying he couldn't, but she can't. See? 'Causes her, not him. That's just exactly what the Bible says. "Causes her..." It is not stated against him to remarry, but her.* (Marriage And Divorce 65-0221M).

**YOU COMMITTED ADULTERY AGAINST YOUR HUSBAND –
HE CAN PUT YOU AWAY**

Quote: 1014-86 *You committed adultery against your husband...If your husband continues to want to live with you, that's up to him. He don't have to do it now...if he doesn't forgive you, then that's his own business. He can put you away. Exactly right.* (Questions And Answers 64-0823E).

**FORNICATION IS UNCLEAN LIVING - HE MAY PUT HER AWAY
AND MARRY ANOTHER**

Quote: 13-6 *"If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her...Just the same as the church that was married to the law has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage; she has to confess that. If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.* (Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125).

HE CAN PUT AWAY HIS WIFE, BUT SHE CAN'T PUT HIM AWAY

Quote: 40-3 *Notice, he can put away his wife any time he wants to, but she can't put him away. He can throw me in the dust any time He takes a notion to, but I'd better not try to throw Him there; I'm finished.* (Marriage & Divorce 65-0221m).

There is no problem for a brother to remarry, if his wife was caught in adultery.

Brother Bruce: I believe and sanction the answers that the brothers gave on the questions. How many agree with that? [Everyone says, "Amen!"] Now, I have to agree with what was said on this marriage and divorce, and let me add a little something here, because if you notice on Book 9 I never spoke too much on the subject of marriage and divorce. I just quoted the prophet, even because there is much **confusion** outside there, and misunderstanding on marriage and divorce. So now, in my answering the question there, I just took the question and put the prophet's quotations for different ones to draw, and I think enough was said there that if a person wants to draw the truth out of that they could draw out of that, because it is the prophet's words.

Now, the big thing here is the **difference** between fornication and adultery, and ministers and people don't understand the difference of fornication and adultery. Now, they don't understand that it is one word so they separate it because Brother Branham said that this fornication could only be committed before marriage, but the same Brother Branham on the other hand he justified that a woman could commit fornication after being married, and you heard the quotations.

Now, the prophet himself said that the word is used interchangeably, and the dictionary bears out that, and who established and divided the words was the Catholic Church. They are the ones that separated fornication and adultery, but it came from one word. Now, we have to excuse the brethren because they believe the prophet of God, and he himself laid emphasis on that.

Now, one thing we must bear in mind when we deal with marriage and divorce is that this marriage and divorce question was never settled by the prophet until the Seals were opened. He said that now the seals are opened this is where the real truth of marriage and divorce comes out.

Quote W.M.B.: 21-4 *You get my tape on "Marriage and Divorce"... And after those seven seals, He showed what was the truth of it. (Choosing Of A Bride 65-0429e).*

Quote: 22-5 *Now, you see what happened there in marriage and divorce...?... the Seven Seals was opened, that brought out the **real truth** of it. (Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125).*

So on his teachings on marriage and divorce that is the absolute, and he justified, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that a man can divorce his wife for unclean living, whether it be before marriage or after marriage, and marry another. We stand for that and it is based upon the Word of God and the message of the hour. We have no **hang ups** on that, because it is unclean living.

Now, look how simple that is: if a woman commits fornication twenty years ago, and she is going to marry a husband, now, she must confess all of that. If she don't confess that and he finds that out later, he could divorce her. Okay. **How a man could divorce his wife** for something she did twenty years ago when he was not even around, and he married her, and now she commits adultery and he cannot divorce her; it isn't adding up right.

So now the big problem is the interpretation of that word: fornication, and that is where the little misunderstanding is. So, I did not commit myself in there because of certain confusion. I did not want ten thousand questions to come. But then, it is left open and anybody could probably read between there and come to the correct understanding. But the fact is, the words "fornication" and adultery are misinterpreted.

And a woman commits whoredom after she is married, she commits whoredom before she was married, and the prophet said in plain words that that scripture is not against him but her, and he said, that you have got to get the scriptures running right. It's not spoken against him, but against her. He causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever marries her committeth adultery. So, he specified there and went back to the Old Testament, and he brought it up in the New Testament. I **positively** believe that a man whose wife commits adultery, has a legal right to put her away in divorcement and marry another.

How many agree with that? [*Ed. Everyone says, Amen!*"] And I will marry any man under that condition (if he finds the right kind of Christian woman), without having any fear nor doubt because I have the prophet to back me up.

Question # 752: "A converted preacher that had two daughters and later found his wife in adultery, separated and remarried, should he continue to preach?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: According to *Marriage and Divorce*, I don't see any problem with this man standing behind the pulpit. In truth and in fact there was a brother called Brother Ben in the tabernacle after *Marriage and Divorce*. This man's marriage was scrupled up, and he had another man's wife, and then they got forgiveness through the pardon of the Lord, and then Brother Branham called Brother Ben and said he is a servant of God and on top of that ordained him, because Brother Branham believed in what he taught, and the revelation that was given him from the Lord, otherwise he would not have done that.

Quote W.M.B.: 3 *How many here knows Brother Ben? How many believes him to be God's servant, worthy of this blessing that we'll ask of God for him?... When he heard the other day on "Marriage and Divorce"... He and his wife was ready to separate, because that he loves her, and she loves him, but they want to cope with the*

Word of God. Whatever the Word said, that's what they wanted. I pray that God will bless Ben and his wife to His service. Let's lay our hands upon the brother. (Does God Change His Mind 65-0418E).

Now, before that, Brother Branham was pretty confused on marriage and divorce and said many things **contrary** to what he said on marriage and divorce, even because he was straightening out the line, and many times he would tell the people:

GO ON LIVING JUST LIKE YOU ARE TILL YOU HEAR FROM ME AGAIN

Quote W.M.B.: 1063-11...*Oh, my, the phone calls, the letters, and one brother wrapped himself in a blanket and set on my porch from 12 o'clock until daylight the next morning. Ministers calling from everywhere, married two or three times...Just remember this. To you people who are married, and divorced, and remarried, promise me one thing...Go on living just like you are. Don't you try anything else like it, but live, just go ahead, just live happy...Now, when I come back, the Lord willing, I'll explain that to you in the Bible. See? And don't get upset. Many men told me, said, "Well, I love my wife, but I'll just have to leave her; I don't want to miss the rapture." Don't you do that. Stay just as you are till you hear from me again (See?) on this subject. (Questions And Answers COD 64-0830m).*

Quote: 1100-181 *But now on the case of marriage and divorce, I've asked you like a brother, hold your peace until you hear from me. (Questions And Answers COD 64-0830m).*

He kept the people waiting. And he had certain cases through the tabernacle, and when the Lord spoke to him on that mountain the Lord called those names. He said, "Go tell brother so and so and brother so and so, I have forgiven them, and all that follow your message, I have forgive them." The mercy of the Lord.

Quote W.M.B.: 48-6 *And by the vindication of His Cloud and His Message that's brought me this far, should not God upon the mountain permit me to do the same thing to suffer you to go on the way you are and do it no more. Go with your wives and live in peace, for the hour is late. The coming of the Lord is at hand. We haven't got time to break these things up. Don't you dare try to do it again. I'm speaking only to my congregation...and God bore me witness to that on the mountain that I could say this (a supernatural revelation because of the opening of the Seven Seals and this is a question in God's Word): let them go on in as they are and sin no more.*

... So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God; but God be merciful to you if you ever do that again. You teach your children to never do a thing like that. Bring them up in the admonition of God. And now that you are as you are, let us go now to late evening hour that we're living in and press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ where all things will be possible. (Marriage And Divorce 65-0221m).

THIS IS TO THEM THAT FOLLOWS THIS MESSAGE

Quote: 50-4 *I say it now so the ministers will understand: this is to them that follows this Message only. (Marriage And Divorce 65-0221m).*

So now this man is free because he divorced his wife on scriptural grounds. You could divorce your wife for cutting her hair, being a disobedient wife and other things, but you **cannot be remarried**. "Except it be for fornication." That's the clause. And that fornication means adultery and fornication.

Quote W.M.B.: 225 *The Bible claims, if a woman cuts her hair, a man's got a right to put her away in divorcement, because she's not honest with him...You can't marry another one, but you can put her away. (Demonology 2 Religious 53-0609).*

Question # 753: "A minister's wife was caught in adultery, in the very act with a church member, and the minister was about to separate from her, but upon her confession and repentance he took her back, thinking that she would become a whore. Should this minister continue his preaching if she genuinely repents and lives a Christian life, irrespective of all kinds of allegations, or should he step down from the pulpit?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Brother, this is a terrible situation. Here is a man with a church. His wife is found committing adultery with a member of the church. He had in mind to divorce her. This devil that moved there is after that whole family. It is after the whole church. He knows his wife's appetite. He is afraid that this woman goes and brings more disgrace and just go on the street and be a whore from one man to the next. "Okay woman, I forgive you. Let us live together. Don't do that again" "Can the man continue preaching behind the pulpit?" Brethren, it is easy to say, "Yes" because the man is not in the wrong, but his wife. But this is a terrible situation. From the time that happens, there is a **stigma** that goes upon that minister, and he is counted really low in the congregation, even by people that love him. In other words, "How on earth could you be spiritual and not know that your wife was committing adultery? You put us in place so much and look at what happened in your house?"

Now brethren, the **influence** of that man is ruined immediately. So it is an easy thing to say, "Yes, they could take the man and put him back on the pulpit." The entire congregation would be looking at that woman as a prostitute. You talk about confusion in that church.

This here is dependent a great lot upon the church itself, if they want to continue to have this man as their pastor. They will have to make a decision, because if they do not have confidence in that man, it is useless of him standing there to preach. And the thing for him to do is to get **another** minister who they have confidence in, to come to the pulpit and ask the congregation, "All those who would want the minister to continue." That is to get a feel of the confidence that the people have.

In my judgement, when this thing happens and it becomes such a stink in the church, I figure that the man should **step down**, at least for a period of time, until everything settles out, and ask another man to come and continue to minister, and declare that from the pulpit and say, "Brethren, I feel unfit to stand before you. I am not guilty of adultery, but my wife is guilty of adultery, and in respect to this congregation I feel that I should not be standing behind the pulpit unless you want me to come back some day. I have this brother here and I have confidence in him. He believes just as we believe and I would put him here if you would listen to him." The congregation might say, "Yes". In love for the pastor they might say, "No", but the **confidence** is not there.

So, allow this man to carry on the assembly, and as he carries on, then the shock of the people will sort of deteriorate and then bring the former pastor back after a certain amount of time, three or six months maybe. In the mean time, the pastor may have to go find a job somewhere. He might have to go dig some dirt or load a garbage truck, and still take care of his family, but then his **sincerity** will be proven in that.

That man cannot love that woman the way that he ought to love her. They cannot have peace in that house. It is a wound that is made. It is a terrible thing brethren. A wound made so deeply. His name is like a byword in the gates, the Bible said, because of this woman that is rottenness in his bones.

So the thing to do is to calm down, instead of him saying, "I am the pastor here and nobody is going to put me out." Whether he owns the building or what, the thing for him to do is to step down and let things settle out. Let another preach the Word of God until his wife brings forth **fruits**. She must bring forth fruits, express her repentance to the congregation and prove to the congregation that she made a mistake and she has really changed.

A woman could do that and **puff her chest up** as if she done no wrong. In other words, "You did worst than that. My husband told me about that last year." That is not going to settle that church. Step down. The man might have to step down for a year or two and also for the sake of the public. Some may say, "I heard that his wife committed adultery and he is still preaching down there you know." You see, you have to satisfy the public and to win a soul.

A man who hears that this minister's wife committed adultery, would not be interested in coming to church. If he hears that another pastor took over the church, he would come and sit down and listen. So it is a horrible thing, and it is not an easy thing to settle. It may last for a year or two or even three, and then they bring it to a vote, and this same pastor who he placed there, must not now want to dominate the congregation and not give the man a chance to preach. He must be able to use his influence and bring back this minister and say, "Brethren, something happened about three years ago, and I believe, from dealing with the parties, that this woman has brought forth fruits, she has repented many times and she has cried around the church (By that time the people's hearts will be touched), and we are going to put this on a test here. Would you want this man back here as your pastor?"

If the latter preacher loves money, he would hold on to the pulpit and not want to give back this man his church, and he would preach in a certain way that he can take over completely. But if he is an honest man he would realize that this man deserves to go back because he had done no wrong. You cannot solve this problem by just trying to **force** this man upon them. He needs to come down. That's the fact of it. And he needs to sit down in the congregation humbly, just for the sake of the people.

Let me conclude with this. The man had done no wrong, and by all rights, if he forgave his wife and chose to take her back, Brother Branham said that is his business. By all rights he is supposed to continue to preach. But,

I Corinthians 10:23 <All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.>

A man must be considerate.

If he forces himself on the pulpit and wants to continue, the people are going to leave because of the lack of confidence. If he gets a shepherd and put him there, he would hold the flock. But if he forces himself, there will be different **factions**. It will cause confusion in the church, and they will speak more about what the woman had done, and it will be one mass of confusion that he cannot control the congregation. So the thing to do, in the interest of the people's souls, is to **step down**.

If I make a mistake and it goes down around the congregation, I will step down and say, "Brethren, I lost my temper and knocked a man off his feet and I feel guilty. I should have controlled my temper. I will step down. Let the other brothers preach, I have something to work out." I think that's in the **interest** of the people's soul.

Question # 754: "A wife of an evangelist was molested by unbelievers, in his absence. These unbelievers blackmailed her several times. This was made known to the evangelist. He wanted to divorce her. She pleaded before him and told him all the unbelievers done to her. After hearing her sad story, should he continue to live with her or should he separate from her? Is he fit for the evangelistic office?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: How long this went on for: a year, two years? Now, this woman became a virtual prostitute, and she came and confessed it. The man said, "I'll divorce you." There is nothing to compel that man to keep his wife. The prophet of God said,

Quote W.M.B.1014-86 *If your husband continues to want to live with you, that's up to him. He don't have to do it now, but if he wants to live with you and forgives you, then you be lady enough to never be guilty of such a thing again. But if he doesn't forgive you, then that's his own business. He can put you away. Exactly right.* (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).

Now, this man is an evangelist and his wife became a virtual prostitute. That woman ought to have come the first time and confess it then, but how many dozens of men she lived with, and how many of them used that medium to get to her. That's a terrible thing to live with a woman like that.

Oh, brother, in my case even though I have to put away that woman in a small house somewhere and take care of her and let her serve the Lord, I would not bring that **stigma** upon my ministry. It is too filthy.

I Corinthians 6:16 < What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.>

Now, this is too radical. This is not a mistake of falling in adultery with a man. This is something that continued where the woman became a virtual prostitute, and she had to have a part in that. She was not just blackmailed. That is an appetite. She is a wicked woman. And under those conditions the man has all rights to divorce her and take another woman.

In my case, friend, the way that I feel about the gospel, if something should befall me, which I know would not appear, I have a Christian wife and she loves the Lord, (I'm just saying me or you), for the sake of the gospel I would **not continue** with that wife because it went too much into prostitution, and then that is going to hinder the church and it is going to hinder souls, even though I am an evangelist.

Question # 755: "A pastor's wife lived in fornication before marriage and never confessed it, and on the basis of W.M.B.'s message he divorced her and remarried."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: The prophet did not make a difference between pastor or lay member. If your wife was found in whoredom (fornication) even before she was married to you, and she hid that, she took a false vow according to the message, and taking that false vow she is now ready to confess that after five years, he has a legal right to divorce her and marry another. Those are the prophet's words.

IF SHE LIVES WITH HER HUSBAND FOR TEN YEARS AND THEN CONFESSES IT, HE HAS A RIGHT TO PUT HER AWAY

Quote W.M.B.: 13-6 *If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right...If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and **marry another woman**. That's the Scripture.* (Invisible Union Of The Bride 65-1125).

He has a right. The only little hitch there is that some people limit that word fornication, to an act before marriage when they ought to bring that right over here according to the prophet. So, that's the little misunderstanding of some brethren, and they are sincere about it.

Now, there's a little hitch here. Let me put this in to settle that. A man is going to be married to a woman, and then she confesses these things to the man, and after a couple of years he sees another woman, and now he wants to bring up this and say, "You committed fornication before you married me. I have a right to divorce you and marry another woman." He is **wrong**. Christ does not forgive us today and then remind us of our sins tomorrow. No, that **issue is settled**, and it's a good thing to bring it before the pastor because when a man starts lusting he could deny that.

I bring these things before me in my office, and I had cases where a woman would come, and say, "Brother Bruce, I lived with ten men." I said, "At what age?" She said, "I started doing this thing at a tender age, I am now twenty-two years of age. "And brother, are you willing to take this prostitute's hand in marriage?" "Yes brother. I love her and I am going to forgive her." "Well, fine, forgive her and take her, but don't ever let this thing come up again. You ought not to **reproach** this woman about this. This is signed, sealed and delivered." You cannot wake up five years later and say, "You were guilty of fornication back down there, and now I see a pretty woman and I am going to marry her." No sir! You're a luster. You have a spirit inside of you. You are looking for strange flesh. A man gets accustomed with his wife, she becomes like a doormat, he has no lust for her again, (excuse the expression), he has no feeling for her, now he is looking at strange flesh like the Bible said, and he wants an experience nice pretty women now, younger than her. You are wrong.

Question # 756: "What causes a sincere, honest and zealous minister to go off into fanaticism, to the extent that a true servant of God cannot change his thinking on the Word and message? As a young minister I am afraid of falling into such a state."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I will tell you right now that you are not going to **fall** into that because the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. You fear the Lord, and you don't want to fall, then you are alert and you don't want to go that way. You cannot go in certain directions unless you want to brother, because your mind is made up not to go that way.

So what causes a sincere and honest brother to get into **fanaticism**, insomuch that another servant of God cannot change his thinking? That even if Apostle John went down there, he could not talk to Diotrephes. He knew it all.

What caused Diotrephes to be against the apostle John? He said,

*III John 1:9-10 <I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the **preeminence** among them, receiveth us not.*

*Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not **content** therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.>*

That is a terrible thing. That man had to be sincere and honest for John to leave him there. And he reached into such a state, (though he was sincere and honest), that he turned from the way, that he would not let the believers receive those who John sent. And anybody who opened their doors for the preachers, who were sent by John, he cast them out of the church.

So Brother John, dealing with this problem, he said, "I will come down there and I will remember your deeds. I am hearing about the wickedness that you are spewing out of your mouth, against me and turning the brethren, and those who I would send down there, you are casting out."

Hear what Brother John's assessment was in that time. He said that he loveth to have the **preeminence** among the brethren. Now brethren, the answer to this question, could be in one word, "Pride"; **ambition** and **pride**. Now when God uses a man, he must keep himself sober.

It is said of Luther, that **the great miracle** was not that he successfully withstood the Catholic Church, but kept his head above the fanaticism that surrounded his own ministry. And brethren it is a great blessing and an honorable thing, when God can come and anoint a man, use him to speak the oracles of God, use him in miracles,

signs and wonders, and with the gift of wisdom to handle questions, handle people, to draw people's soul to the Lord and then he could keep at a certain level, where he is well balanced and is not lifted up with pride, nor assume an office, that does not belong to him. He is able to show respect and honor to his fellowmen; giving the prophet his place; giving the messenger his place. It only takes the Holy Spirit to do that. But there are many examples of men and who started off very good, for example: Balaam, Diotrefes and Judas.

Now Judas received a ministry of the Lord. It was a genuine ministry, not a counterfeit. And now if I would ask, what was the problem of Judas? Everybody would say, "Money." Not all together. The money was the manifestation of a **hidden quality** in Judas, and I will tell you right here. Judas was not **satisfied** with the great calling that the Lord called him with and was jealous over Jesus.

He was quarreling about the alabaster box of ointment, but that was actually reflecting the true problem in Judas, that he was not satisfied with his position, and that reflected what happened in heaven, with Lucifer. He was made perfect until the day that pride was found in his heart. So now Judas was an incarnation of the Devil, with the same qualities, fighting against Michael in heaven. The only thing is that they were in two different bodies here: Son of Man and Man of Sin. But the same purpose of the Devil was inside of Judas' heart. So it was not the money. The money was the reflection. But he was so jealous and hateful, that he led Him to death.

And when a man hates and is jealous, he hates to see another man used of God. And if anything has got to be done, it should be me, Brother Bruce. Brother, God is going to use Brother Bruce as He sees fit and up to what point, he chooses and I cannot tell God not to use Brother Courtney.

Anytime I start **thinking like that**, that I have preached the gospel for thirty nine years, and if anything spiritual or more than this has to be done here, God must use Bruce. Friend, I would be thinking the wrong thoughts and the Lord is going to throw me down. I have that vision right before me, from the very day that I started preaching, and I realized that anytime a minister starts showing off and wants to think that God could only use him, because he is more learnt, more gifted or anything like that, he is going to have trouble. And I seen many rise and many fall with that same attitude.

So the problem is pride and ambition, and that was the problem of Diotrefes, and that was the problem of Cain. They all trace back to Lucifer. These are the lessons that have this panel of ministers in unity, that we do not jealous and fight one another. God knows our hearts that is our testimony for decades. Brethren, I have never had to deal with ministers contending with one another and saying that "I could preach better than you, and I should have preached Sunday, and it is about time that I be assistant Pastor", and all these kinds of things. Everybody function according to the ability that God has given to them. And you know very well, that a minister could come to this pulpit just last year, and if I discern that the anointing is upon him, and that the Lord is using the man, I will step aside and would put this man even more often on the pulpit than brothers that were here before. It does not go by **race**, it does not go by color and it does not go by society. It goes by the anointing of the Spirit. It is, if God is using you.

God knows my heart: if the Lord starts using a brother in the congregation, I don't get jealous. I count it as an honor. That is a help to me and to the people. I am happy that the Lord brought that man up to that certain stage, and God has blessed me because of this. And no matter what you say and how blessed you are by my ministry, or whatever I say, I do not feel that I am "it." God could start using another man tomorrow to Pastor this church. Brethren, I could walk out there and fall dead. God must have ministers to use, otherwise the souls of the people will be in danger. Then why should I put myself up on a pinnacle as a **prophet** or an eighth messenger, and project that. No brother! I do not have the goods to prove that I am a prophet or an eighth **messenger**.

So now ambition and pride is the problem. You would go off into fanaticism. Even though God sent His prophets in every age and **afterward** took them away, He has never left the earth without a witness. And if amongst ourselves we will try to identify the anointing on one another, then we will have unity. Do you know how Brother Paul had unity, and how he dealt with the people? He said, "I know no man after the flesh but after the spirit". If we will start knowing one another by the anointing that is upon us, and the ability that God has given us, we will **prosper** better, in Africa, in India and throughout the world, under the message, if we will humble our hearts.

I could preach the Word every night into such a place, brethren, that everybody will say, "It's great! And that could put pride in my heart to **misinterpret** the Word, to not search the things out in the Bible and the prophet's message, and if that pride lifts up my heart, I will want to bring something greater and greater, and then I will start **formulating** my own revelation. But all these years that have passed, I do not preach anything that I don't understand in Brother Branham's message, because it does not matter how much the Lord uses you, you are a man and He wants His **honor** and His glory, and you better give it to the Lord.

Herod came one time and gave a marvelous speech, and the people said, "It's not the voice of a man, it's the voice of a god." And instead of that man humbling himself, pride rose up in his heart, and took that glory, and he

was already a Roman, so he started thinking, 'Well, I've come to godship.' And the Bible said, that worms ate him right away. And **worms** ate a lot of good men, good servants of God, because of their ambition and pride.

From back there I have seen a lot rise and fall, and a lot of men reached up to that height, especially when they heard this revelation. There is a wealth of knowledge in this revelation that we preach, that people cannot even find a little bit for their own selves. They don't know how to put Brother Branham's message together and bring out these great truths. "Knowledge puffeth up but charity edifieth."

Now, a man could be used of the Lord to heal the sick, raise the dead, and then instead of putting those miracles and signs in the right place and the right **perspective**, that could swell his head. That is why you don't hear me talking about miracles, signs and different things that happened. That's the minor. The Word is the major. I could count out things here that happened in my ministry from way back down there. I could tell you about visions. I could tell you about dreams. I could tell you about the audible Voice of God speaking to me. I could tell you about reading the Spoken Word books how God came down and said, "Turn that page. Read this." If you have noticed, I don't **major** on that. The main thing is the Word of God.

This is the mistake that many people make around the message that turned them into a Gan, a Santiago, and into a Lawrie. **Lawrie** came to the United States and met Brother Branham. They took a picture of them hugging one another, and Brother Branham told Lawrie, "The Lord has a wonderful work for you in India; go back." When he went there, he thought that he was the Son of Man. Pride entered the man's heart. And some miracles started in this man's ministry before he fell. You are talking about outstanding and fantastic miracles. I was around. Yes, you are talking about going through a tent and there were crippled people, and that man with the click of his finger said, "Be healed, be healed", and walked right through that. Then he got pride in his heart and said, "Brother Branham had a baby ministry. He had to see what he was going to do, but I don't have to see." And then a crippled dog or cat was there and with a click of the finger it got up and walked also.

That thing got into that man until he started believing that he was the son of man. I received his books and it said, "**The son of man.**" He had a picture with Brother Branham and him, and it was written: "When the East and the West met together." He also said that Christ is coming from the East, therefore he was the son of man veiled in human flesh coming from the East. Pillars of fire appeared over the man's whole person. I had those books. I looked at them and said, "There isn't anything to this man." Do you know what caused me to say that? When I heard the man belittled the prophet. He said that you should not eat hog. He came to Trinidad. I didn't even care to see him. Pride entered his heart.

That man was hungry and he prayed to God for food and a bird dropped a fish from the air in the man's yard. He picked it up and ate it. God did that. He went to church that night and a sister complained about having a fish and a bird took it and carried it away. You talk about miracles and signs. Some of these brothers from India could bear witness. And brethren, that man was lifted up with **pride**. The miracles he was doing, he started relating that to the third pull spoken word ministry.

You cannot impersonate a ministry. You just cannot be used of the Lord to do this and that and say that this is the **third pull**. That is pride entering your heart. That ministry has a specific identification. Brother Branham said that these things that I am doing will only be manifested in the fullness of its power at the squeeze.

Quote W.M.B.: *6-1 The third pull has now been vindicated... "Now, it's just happened, so it could identify its presence among you. See? But it will not be used in a great way, until this council begins to tighten up." "When the squeeze comes down, then you'll see what you have seen temporarily, be manifested in the fullness of its Power." (Look Away to Jesus 63-1229E).*

And when you raise the dead, heal the sick or do certain things, and pride will make you say, "That's the third pull", something is wrong with your thinking. That is not the third pull. There are different miracles of the third pull and other miracles that are normal.

Before Brother Branham manifested the third pull in the creation of squirrels, do you know that many fantastic miracles happened under him? He raised the dead five times and that was not the third pull. Do you know the sick people in Africa touched Brother Branham's coat and were healed by the thousands, insomuch that they burst away his jacket pocket? Seven truckloads of crutches and wheel chairs were taken away and that was not the third pull.

Pride in a man; he could be used of the Lord to raise the dead and heal the sick, which I am not doubting, and wants to call that the **third pull**. Anybody could raise the dead if God gives them the power. Anybody could heal people and seven truckloads of crutches could be taken away, but that is not the third pull. But pride in a man's heart could cause him to identify himself with that certain ministry, when God never told him that. There is a certain **identification** of the third pull ministry. It is a "speak the word" ministry. And I will tell you how you identify the

“speak the word” ministry from normal miracles. The “speak the word” miracle brings something out of nothing: “Let there be”, like when God created in the beginning.

But pride could enter into your heart because you did a little miracle, and now you want to think that “I am the son of man, and besides that, I am a prophet.” You are nothing. You are not even a dog, otherwise you would be more thankful. “I have the third pull you know? I just speak the word and things happen.” No, you are guessing. Brother Branham did all those miracles before the creation of squirrels and that was not the third pull. So when you meet men like that, they cannot fit back what they are saying in the Word of God.

So Lawrie went out there and claimed his miracles to be the third pull. I am not doubting that God did a lot of miracles there. Do you know what happened to that man? He was sent as a mad man into the insane asylum and he died. Brother Bob was down here in 1972 and he said, “Thus saith the Lord, there will be no rapture in Jerusalem, under Lawrie. My only problem is that I wonder how those people are going to get back home from Jerusalem because all their money was spent.”

I will tell you something. Do you know where that man started building his ministry and went out into fanaticism? Brother Bob let out something in the line of revelation that he should not let out, and that is concerning the son of man. And that man built upon that and went out and killed himself. Listen brethren, we have got to humble ourselves. I am saying, “Follow me as I follow Christ.” I think I am in place to say that because throughout all the years that you followed this ministry, you never heard me make those **claims** and push myself up and say this and that. *[Everyone said, “No!”]* And there are things that I refrain from saying, because I am afraid that you think of me more than you are supposed to think. I refrain from saying the things that God told me. If the Lord reveals something and say, “That person is going to die.” I wouldn’t tell anybody. I may tell just a couple people for the witness sake. But that does not make me a **prophet**. I am Brother Bruce. I am a preacher of righteousness. I am having troubles just like you to come to perfection. We cannot have this ambition and think that we know something.

Let me tell you something, if a man passes by with greater revelation here today, I will be one to receive it because of my attitude towards all men. I proved it before. When I thought I had known something in Brother Branham’s message, a man passed with greater **revelation** on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and spoke things that were even contrary to my mind and I never rejected it. I discerned the anointing that was on that man and the authority by which he spoke and I said, “Amen!” And I told him right out: “I don’t understand everything you are saying, pray for me.” He said, “The Lord will reveal it to you.” I went on for two years and the Lord revealed the same revelation to me on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and more.

So, I thank God for His grace, and I am telling you to **behave** as you see Brother Bruce behaves. With all that you could say and all that the Lord used me to do, in Bethel and around the world, and to help the ministers, I keep one thing before me and that is: “Lord, don’t let me be lifted up with pride.”

Brethren asked me, “How do you deal with all these people from those countries, and deal with these churches and direct them here and there, and not be lifted up as an eighth messenger, this, that and the next?” I say humbly: it is the grace of God and the way that I think. The way that I think is that I want to be a humble servant of God, and I want to lead every soul that I could lead into the Kingdom of God. And I want a bunch of **ministers** to come from under my ministry who love God and love souls more than anything else in the world. And I want them to be so equipped with the Word of God that they will destroy the Kingdom of the enemy when that outpouring of the Holy Spirit comes. And I am settled in my heart that if God does not send me anywhere or He gives me a gift or not, that does not matter.

I am not sitting here, saying that God is going to gift Brother Bruce and just now he is going to do this and do that. No. That is in the hands of the Almighty. What He wants to do with me let Him do. I am a yielded vessel in His hand. And I would prefer to see God use my brethren even though I don’t go anywhere. I want to see the Lord use my precious brothers from Africa, India, the Caribbean and here in Bethel. That is my purpose. That is my ambition. I will be **satisfied** just to train you. I will be satisfied to equip these brethren in Africa and India. I will be satisfied to know that their congregations grow and they are on the message. I will be fully satisfied to see this outpouring come and let the brethren go and the Lord exalt them. In any case my energy is running out. If I have to go, the Lord must give me another outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

So let us humble our hearts. That is how people become **fanatics** and go off. God uses them a little bit and they are not contented and start identifying themselves as “The psalmist David and Paul the apostle”. Then they start checking their names and say, “My name means so and so.” I don’t want to know what my name means. “And I was born on such and such date”, and they use the mathematics of the Bible. You are not anything brother. We are not anything. We do not know anything, as we ought to know. Let this outpouring come and God is going to post an angel to you and He is going to fit you where you are supposed to be. Then you will speak like the apostle Paul:

“Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ! Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ! Jude the servant of God! James an apostle of Jesus Christ!”

How is it that they were not speaking like that before? Something happened on the day of Pentecost. Before that they were fighting to find out who is the greatest in the Kingdom, and the Lord told them, “Unless you humble yourself like a child, you will be the least in the Kingdom of God. And then the outpouring came, which is the Kingdom of God, and set them in order.

I **challenge** you in love and respect, as men of God who followed this Word of God for thirty years, and Brother Rogers here, for sixty or seventy years and tell you that **none of you know your position**. You are doing the work of a pastor, evangelist and you might even be doing the work of an apostle, but it is not revealed to you, and that proves what I am saying, that we must have another outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that outpouring will adopt the sons and daughters of God into the body of Christ, and an angel will whisper to you that you are an apostle or teacher, evangelist or prophet. That is the time you will hear Brother Bruce speak: “Dalton Bruce an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.” You are not going to hear that before because I don’t know who I am yet.

When I see the potentials that manifest through me, God has given me a mind not to guess at all, because I love the Lord too much and I fear before Him. And if I am not doing that, then none of you should do that. We are nothing!

I have proved it over and over that you do not know your **position**. I challenged many people around the world, and caused a man to repent. He had pastored for so many years. I said, “Can you tell me in the name of the Lord, your position in the body?” He answered, “No”, and he repented for his big boast of whatever he was claiming. All this is tied up in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and we must walk softly before the Lord until that hour that the outpouring comes. And when that comes He will give you an angel. That is God’s plan.

I trust as we close, that something was said to benefit you here and our brethren that came from abroad. Something that will benefit the church abroad and the saints wherever they hear these things, and that will better position the church. They do not have to come under Brother Bruce as an overseer and the **governor** of all these things. All that I am trying to do is to put things in their right perspective that will **equip a minister** wherever he is, if he is a true servant of God, he would be a better minister. He does not have to account to me or Bethel. I want to build these men up, and if Brother Bruce falls down and dies the gospel could go forward. That should be the ambition of every preacher, to be completely sold out to God. Let us give Him a praise offering.

MINISTERS’ MEETING (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) INDIA’S QUESTIONS

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

We greet all in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are happy to be gathered again. I thought I would let our precious Brother Duncan from St. Vincent greet you and read these questions that were not answered. But there are several more that I do not know if we will get to. But we are hoping by the help of the Lord to deal with these that he read. I feel that these are simple questions that several of the ministers can answer. So if you want to approach these **questions** that were read just now, we will give you a chance to come up and address them. We will address them **one by one**. And if you think that you have a contribution; not only the senior ministers, but others are included because they are simple, basic questions to us, although they mean something to somebody. They are lovely questions. So now, we will take the first question in line, then the second, third, fourth and so on, and those who are concerned with them will come forward. So the Brothers will come and identify themselves. Now, Brother Barrow would come.

Question # 757: “Since I read your EODH publications and believe all the promises of God, would you please guide me how long one should pray in a day and how to wait upon the Lord and how to go for fasting and prayers and how long one should go on fasting?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Roy Barrow of Trinidad, West Indies. My scriptures to support waiting on the Lord are:

Psalms 27:14 <Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.>

Isaiah 40:31 <But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.>

Those are the two scriptures that support 'waiting on the Lord'. As a minister or a Christian, it is imperative that you wait on the Lord. The result is that *'they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.'*

That is the primary reason for waiting on the Lord.

How long should he pray? As long as you feel led of the Lord. As long as you feel satisfied in your heart that you have prayed and you have the assurance that God has answered your prayers. If you are not satisfied, continue to hold right in there until you feel the nod of the Holy Spirit.

How long should one **fast**? We are taught by the prophet that one should not go over three days, and that is what we here at Bethel and elsewhere stick with; we stick with the instruction of our prophet. He is right and we are wrong. If the prophet says "three days", we stick with three days.

THREE DAYS IS THE LONGEST I EVER FASTED IN MY LIFE

Quote: 12 "A few weeks ago, there was a circular letter put up here in Memphis, Tennessee, had my name signed to it, photostat copy, and said I had been with this person for thirty days on a fast. **Three days is the longest I ever fasted in my life.**" (Go wake Jesus 63-1130E).

How long should one really pray for? I am saying that one should pray as he feels led in his heart. But let me simplify this. Jesus speaking to His disciples, He told them:

Matthew 26:40 <And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?>

We ought to tarry at least for one hour.

How often in the day should one pray? As often as possible. As a matter of fact, throughout the day, my experience is, I always whisper a little prayer or a little thanksgiving because I might have gotten away from an accident, so I say, "Thank you Jesus." So you ought to always have an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving before the Lord.

I Timothy 2:8 <I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.>

We see in the Book of Daniel that he used to pray three times a day. So I am saying to pray as often as it is practicable or possible.

Question # 758: "A minister said he ordained an evangelist whose wife and sons are not under the message of Malachi 4:5-6. The minister is allowed to preach in the churches which stand for EODH. Some of the EODH followers don't agree and they quoted this passage from EODH book 10, Page 128, Question # 163. What action should be taken on this minister if he doesn't correct himself in this particular matter?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Phillip Ramkumar of Trinidad, West Indies. I want to answer this question by first reading a scripture. I believe that a minister, evangelist or whoever he be, his family should be in the faith before he could really preach the gospel.

I Timothy 3:1-6 <This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.>

So we see here the qualification of a bishop, according to the scripture, and there are other scriptures which say the same thing, that his family must be in the faith. They must believe the Word of God. In this case, they must be believers of Brother Branham's message, and they must also be believers of E.O.D.H., because if his family is not in the faith it disqualifies this minister or evangelist from preaching the message because he is not ruling his house. And Brother Branham said that if a man cannot rule his own house how can he be a tender in the House of God?

HOW CAN YOU BE A TENDER IN THE HOUSE OF GOD?

Quote W.M.B.: *76 How can you be a tender at the house of God when you can't even control your own house? That's exactly right. (Position In Christ 60-0522m).*

So they must be in the faith. Therefore, I believe that this evangelist is disqualified from preaching on the pulpit until his family believes this message. He could be believing the message, but until then he has to sit down until his family can be convinced enough to become Christians. Therefore, as Brother Branham said that if he cannot rule his own home, then he should not be a tender in the House of God. Or he has to separate himself from that family and live by himself if he wants to preach the gospel, then that is going to qualify him to be a tender in the House of God.

Question # 759: "Ministers' houses are ruled by their wives and this has been noticed by the followers of EODH. Ministers have to obey their wives, even if they have to disobey the EODH holiness message and blame the brother who truly stands for the EODH."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Phillip Peniston of Guyana, South America. I will read from the book of 1 Timothy 3:4, for it speaks concerning a bishop and the qualifications of a bishop. One of the qualifications is this:

1 Timothy 3:4-5 <One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)>

Brother Paul is asking if a man cannot rule his own house, then how is he going to take care of the House of God. Ruling your house naturally is just like taking care of the House of God. If that minister cannot rule his house, he will not be able to rule the church. And as Brother Branham said in the book called "Adoption", that the minister who cannot rule his house, how can he be a tender in the House of GOD.

Quote W.M.B.: *76 Do you know It's wrong for you not to be the husband of your house, your wife get a little temper spell and kick you out the door, and you say, "Yes, bless your heart, honey, I'll come right back"? Do you know you... How can you be a tender at the house of God when you can't even control your own house? That's exactly right. Do you know, sister, that your husband is not only your husband, but he is your ruler? God said so. Because that the husband was not deceived, the woman was deceived. And you preachers will continue to make women pastors and preachers in your churches, knowing that the Word of God condemns it. (Position In Christ 60-0522m).*

So this minister that has his wife ruling him, he is **disqualified** according to the scripture, from being a bishop in the House of God. Man was made to rule in the beginning. In Genesis 3:16 the Lord told the woman:

<...thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.> Every man, not just a minister, is called upon to rule his house and rule his children, much more a minister who is the example of the congregation.

My name is Brother **Philmore Duncan** from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. I want to further answer this question that Brother Patrick answered.

1 Timothy 3:1-3, 5. Brother Paul was instructing a young minister called Timothy, and he was showing him the qualifications of being a tender or minister in the House of God; and he laid down these guidelines, and they must be kept, especially ruling his house. He must begin at his home. He has to set the example at home and then he would be respected by people and by God. And the scripture said,

1 Timothy 3:5 <For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?>

So ruling his house is in the natural. That is a common thing. Much more to the spiritual, because to lead the House of God he has to seek God to get God's guidance, and he ought to be anointed and inspired by God to lead the children of God. And if he cannot do the simpler things how can he do the weightier things by leading the House of God?

*1 Peter 5:3 <Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being **ensamples** to the flock.>*

God would not put trust in that leadership. That ministry, that church would go astray. You see, people look at your character, your attitude and your family. And we as ministers, have to consider our ways, take the scripture for what it says and rule our homes in the right manner, then we can be able to be leaders or rulers of the church of God. As Brother Patrick quoted from the book of *Genesis 3:16*:

<Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow

thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over

thee.>

Now this is a scripture, this is a condition set by God from the very start. As we know, they were **co-equal** until the devil came in, in the serpent and beguiled the woman, and the Lord set this standard from the very beginning. It said that your husband shall be ruler over you. And I heard many people quarrel about the man being the ruler over the woman or the leader of the home.

There are women who are looking for equality in the world, outside of the church, inside of the church and there is where we see women want to be preachers, breaking the scriptures. A woman should be in subjection and she should not teach or preach. So a woman who is ruling around her husband is out of place and is breaking the scriptures.

So the Lord bless you. I support Brother Patrick and I support the Word of God. A man should be the **ruler** of his own home and then he can be the leader or the ruler of the children of God, the church of God. May the Lord bless you.

Question # 760: "Should an EODH minister who stands for and believes EODH continue with a minister who has a compromising nature with the other ministers under the message of Malachi 4:5-6, and absolutely disbelieve and disagree with the EODH ministry? What should we do in this crucial occasion?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Samuel Jones. I am a believer of holiness and righteousness and a believer in the ministry of Brother Branham and the ministry of Christ.

I believe that if a man is buddying up with other ministers who believe contrary to E.O.D.H. or Malachi 4&5 that we should disassociate ourselves from him. I don't believe that we should associate with anybody who has a spirit of compromise because if you look at the scriptures with Ahab and Jezebel you would see what a compromising spirit could do. I believe E.O.D.H. is ordained of God and any man that is coming against E.O.D.H., we should **separate ourselves** from such a one and have no association or company with him. I don't think that we should compromise with any spirit that is contrary to the Word of God, because if you go through the Bible you would see what the spirit of compromise could do.

On many occasions in the Bible, for example in the book of 1 Kings, when Ahab compromised with his wife, Jezebel, we see that it brought death to a lot of the Israelites. What I am saying is that the spirit of compromise should be discouraged and we should separate ourselves from all unbelief. The prophet said to separate yourself from all unbelief, because if a man is not supporting E.O.D.H. he is against God, He is against the message and this would bring death.

We see all the heresies that are throughout the world now and are causing people to go into that kind of darkness and are sowing that seed of death. It is because of the spirit of compromise; going away from the prophet's message. And anytime you go away from the prophet's message you compromise. The prophet left a pure seed for us and it's because men want to be in good graces and maintain that kind of association in society they would compromise. A compromising spirit is a bad spirit.

That spirit that is coming against this ministry or the ministry of E.O.D.H. is a deceptive spirit, it is a spirit of compromise and we don't want any thing to do with it. I was reading today from an E.O.D.H. book where Brother Branham said that the seventh seal was not opened, and people went on to talk about "it is opened." and

they are seeing and hearing the prophet, they are coming in contact with E.O.D.H. books now and they still maintain that, that seal is opened. Brothers, what I am saying today is, that, because of that compromising spirit this heresy is going on and on and on and on. So, I hope that answered the question.

I am Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine. I would just like to add a scripture to this because this compromising against the Word and the standard is heresy.

Titus 3:10 <A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject. >

Question # 761: “A minister has a television in his bedroom. He disagrees with the minister who once instructed him to sell his television. But instead he heard his wife’s commandment and still keeps the one eyed monster in his bedroom. Should we continue with this Pastor?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Rogers Richardson. We are on the business of the Lord. I’m an old man (90 years) and my memory is fading away. But for a minister having a television in his bedroom it is contrary to the message of Brother William Branham. I can remember he was speaking about this television and he talked about blowing it out with his shotgun.

I'D BLOW IT OUT WITH MY SHOTGUN

Quote W.M.B.: *168 We rent from a woman that has the television in her house. I never intend to have one in my house. No, sir. I don't want that thing in my house. I'd blow it out with my shotgun. I don't want nothing to do with that evil thing. No, sir. (God's Power to transform 65-0911).*

And besides that the scripture said,

I John 2:16 < For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes... >

So television is the lust of the world., and a minister having that in his bedroom, he is wrong because that is against the message and the message is against that. So a minister having that in his bedroom is wrong. It is the pride of life and he should not have it and Brother Branham spoke about it and he said he would blow the television out with his shotgun. So it’s against the message, it’s contrary to the message and the minister that has that, he is wrong to be doing that.

Question # 762: “I am a minister under the message of Malachi 4:5-6. I have committed many mistakes but not sins like adultery and fornication etc, but I was taking alcohol and smoking cigarettes some times. After I started to read EODH books, I respected those books and gave up all my bad habits and I believe I am born again now and I humble myself to EODH books and the EODH ministers. Should I continue in serving the Lord? I want your instruction.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Greg Heath from the State of Connecticut and the U.S.A. First of all I would say that a man who would be going out calling himself a Christian and is smoking, drinking and doing things like that, his very salvation is in question. And as for being a minister and living that way, once again we’ll turn to 1 Timothy chapter 3, which speaks about a man who is desiring the office of a bishop. It says, “*he must be blameless,*” Surely a man that is out smoking, drinking and living in the things of the world is not blameless. *<Not given to wine...> I Timothy 3:3* All that disqualifies him again. And then a little further down it said,

I Timothy 3:7 <...he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.>

So surely those things that he is doing **disqualify him from being a minister.**

And he says that now he has come to E.O.D.H. and that he is born again. But I should think that because of his past life as a minister that he should find himself a man that he could trust, sit down under that man and be taught (for the scriptures says to study to show yourself approved) until he could come to a place that people can have **confidence** in him, because he has destroyed whatever confidence that anybody would have in him. For a man to be out preaching where his own salvation is in question, how can he possibly impart salvation to others? So, I hope that that would be of help.

Question # 763: “A brother doesn’t attend the church services and he remains absent for long periods. He often comes and requests the EODH books. Should I distribute EODH to him?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is, “Anthony Trotman” of Bethel, Trinidad, West Indies. I am answering the question whether this man who doesn’t come to church and the question is whether he should be given E.O.D.H. books. He only comes to church to borrow the E.O.D.H. books. Now for him to come to church, wherever that church is, to borrow the E.O.D.H. books, it means that they are supporters of E.O.D.H. So therefore if this church is supporting E.O.D.H. I think that he should be in church. The scriptures said,

Hebrews 10: 25 <Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.>

If this man does not have any good and justified reasons for lacking confidence in the ministry in that church, then by all means this man should be in church, and if the church supports E.O.D.H., he should support the church, and therefore under such conditions he should not be given E.O.D.H. books until he sees about coming to church. It is good that he supports E.O.D.H., but the church supports E.O.D.H., so he should be in support of the church by coming to church in accordance to Hebrews 10:25. So until he fulfills Hebrews 10:25, I would withhold giving him E.O.D.H. books because E.O.D.H. supports Hebrews 10:25.

Another thing that we must consider is that it could be that he is **lacking confidence** in the minister. If he has good reasons for lacking confidence in the ministry, then I would say that he should still be given the E.O.D.H. books.

My name is Kenneth Bynoe and I am from Trinidad, Bethel Tabernacle, and I was considering this question and I was thinking that there might be a possibility that this brother just goes to this assembly that preaches E.O.D.H. could probably be testing out and trying to prove all things and trying to make up his mind. His mind is not made up whether what we teach in E.O.D.H. is the truth or not. I think that is an important thing that could be considered.

Question # 764: “Should we associate with the ministers who don’t want to adjust their lives to the EODH & Message of WMB? Should we preach in their churches? Please answer us.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Peter Soon, and I have been a follower of this message for many years, and I am a firm believer in the message of Brother William Branham and the teachings of the E.O.D.H. books.

Firstly, I want to say that in Amos 3:3 there is a scripture that says, “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*” And if I want to look at the word “Associate”, I would take that word to understand also as to “fellowship” and so on. How can two walk together except they be agreed? If someone does not want to adjust his life to the teachings of the E.O.D.H. Books, it may be that he does not believe the message of the E.O.D.H. books and he does not really believe the message of Brother William Marrion Branham. So how can light fellowship with darkness?

There is another scripture in *Romans 16: 17-18* which says:

<Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.>

Also in *II Thessalonians 3:14-15*: *<And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.*

Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.>

II John 1:10 <If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.>

So, I believe that we should not fellowship or associate with people who are aware of the message of E.O.D.H. and do not want to adjust their lives to the doctrines of E.O.D.H. But we should admonish them that they should turn around their lives and follow the truth.

“Should we preach in their churches?” I believe that if they invite a minister that believes the message of E.O.D.H. to preach in their churches, I believe “Yes” we can preach at their pulpits because our sole purpose of ministering the Word is to save souls. And if by preaching in their churches you can win the soul of some member of the congregation or even the minister who does not want to adjust his life, then I believe that would be okay.

Question # 765: “How does a man come to know his soul is in danger? Will you please give us certain symptoms of the souls which are already in danger and ready to go to hell? This is a very important one. And I want some of the quotations of Brother WMB & from the Bible.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Joseph Nedd from Point Fortin. The symptoms of death in the soul is ‘**unbelief** in the Word of God.’ That is number one. As long as you don’t believe the Word, the message and E.O.D.H., that is the symptom of death in your soul. The attributes are: committing fornication and adultery. That is the symptoms of death in the soul: unbelief in the Word of God. The danger of hell is unbelief in the Word of God and unbelief in E.O.D.H., which is the purity of the message.

John 3:18 <...but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.>

Hebrews 10:26-27 <For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.>

HE THAT SINS OR DISBELIEVES WILFULLY

Quote W.M.B.: *134 If you know what is the Gospel truth, and it's laid out to you, and God has revealed It to you, and you know it's the truth; but just to satisfy some congregation or some petty preacher, or to be popular, that you want to hold onto the things that you want to hold onto instead of taking God's Word; Paul said, "He that sins, or disbelieves, wilfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." There's your unpardonable sin, is to know what is the truth and refuse to walk in it. Amen. Now, you believe that's right? That's what the Bible said. "He that sins." Sin is "unbelief." (The Unpardonable Sin 54-1024).*

Quote: *E-52 Hebrews 10 said... He that sins wilfully, after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. ...but a fearful looking for the fire, to the judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."*

Now, he that what wilfully? "He that sins." And what is sin? Unbelief. He that will turn his back on truth, when it's presented to him, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin...He that disbelieves wilfully, after truth has been present to him because his church believes different. (Divine Healing 54-0620e).

Question # 766: “Most of the followers of Malachi 4:5-6, initially they show their good spirit on the message but later they become cold, even for the EODH. Why does this happen? Are they not born again?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Sookdeo Ramnarine of Bethel, Trinidad. I just want to read Matthew 13; the parable of the sower.

Matthew 13:3-6 <And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. >

Jesus interpreting that in verse 20 said:

< But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.>(Matthew 13:20-21).

So definitely, that is the situation with this minister. This does not only apply to a minister but every believer that hears this Word, this applies to them. And you have people who respond to the Word, they are excited, but after a while they become cold, even because of either **persecution** or tribulation because of the Word, they become offended, Jesus said. Are they born again? No! Because Jesus said, "They had no root." So they never were born again.

Question # 767: "Brother Branham seen the women with paints and lipstick in hell when he had a hell experience. I want to know if all these women with lipstick and painted faces are from hell?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Neville Titis from South America, Guyana. Brother Branham did see a vision where he saw some women in hell with mascara over their eyes, lipstick, rouge, and no doubt they shaved off their eyebrows, and they were making a sound as if they were going through terrible torment: "Hmm!" "Hmm!" "Hmm!" As if they were feeling fire; heat. And after coming out from that vision, some years after he entered into a store and saw some women attired in the same way with lipstick, rouge and mascara on their faces and he shook himself and wanted to know: "What is going on here. Have I gone to hell?" Because he saw that same thing in hell. So no doubt they were people who died before and went on in that attire. So, lipstick, rouge on the face, shaving off your eyebrows, earrings in your ears and all these things are articles of Hell. The person wants to find out if a woman attires herself in that way, if that person comes from hell?

We cannot **judge** just like that, because no doubt the person is not a Christian. Maybe she is a raw heathen. When the gospel came to the gentiles, Brother Paul counted down that we were fornicators etc. (*I Corinthians 6:9-11*), and the women no doubt attired themselves in that kind of way to look attractive and lustful. But when the person comes to the gospel, that is something else, because the gospel will be calling for holiness and righteousness. Not attiring yourself like the heathens. And if that person does not want to give up that style and fights the Word and fights the Truth... The truth said to them "not to shave your eyebrows, take off the lipstick, don't attire yourself like Jezebel, take off the earring, clean up your face"; and that person hears the holiness standard of the gospel, fights it, stomp her feet, call it a devil and walks out after she was convinced that what the preacher was preaching is the Word of God. He quoted the Word of God and she was convinced that it was in the Bible, but she doesn't want to hear that or she wants to be a Christian and still live her own type of lifestyle, then she is lost. When a person becomes a Christian she has to cut herself to suit the Word.

I remember that the prophet of God once went into a restaurant and saw a woman with mascara, rouge, lipstick and she was half drunk. And when the prophet of God saw her he started to condemn her, in his heart, and the Holy Spirit convicted the prophet, and no doubt showed him his past life, that if the Lord did not have mercy on him, he would have been in hell. And the prophet of God was convicted and he drew nigh to that woman that was attired like the women in hell and witnessed to her and she repented and became a Christian.

Quote W.M.B.: *E-21 We were eating at a little Dunkard restaurant...And as I turned to look, there was an old grandma...And she had on that **manicure** on her lips...and a pair of these little old ungodly clothes on, setting with two old men...I thought, "God, how can You stand to look upon sin?... and a vision came before me. I seen the world, and around the world was a spray. And it looked red. And then all of a sudden, I seen through the vision, the Lord Jesus, and sins were catching against Him, and it was my sins. And it was beat her from one side to the other, like a bumper on a car. And every time I'd do something, it would strike Him. And He looked at me with weary looking eyes; I said, "My, God, have I caused that?" I looked. Laying there was my book open, my name at the top, all kinds of dark streaks in it. And I said, "Lord Jesus, forgive me."...He said, "Now, I forgive you your sins, but you want to blow her up."*

... I come from the vision; I walked over to her, and I said, "How do you do?"... And I told her about the vision...I said, "I'm sorry that I said that, or thought that in my heart." And she started weeping, and then she caught me by the hand; she said, "Preacher...I was raised up in a Christian home...but she took the road that's wrong, and she said, "I guess I'm finished."

*I said, "No. As long as you've got life, **you've got hope**, because the Blood of the Lord Jesus has this world encircled, and God can't see your sins. But someday when your life passes beyond that circle of Blood, then you've already judged yourself." And there on the floor in that little old place, I had the privilege of leading that precious soul to the Lord Jesus, sent her back home rejoicing...Now, she's living, and will live forever, because she has Eternal Life, from death unto Life." (Life 58-0512).*

So when we see these women on the road with these kinds of things on their faces, we cannot say that they are **from hell**. But what has happened is that they are influenced from hell. A person that is not a Christian, the only life that person knows is a life of sin and they would be influenced from hell. To wear lipstick is an influence from hell. To wear mascara is an influence from hell. But the thing is, when that woman hears the good news and she is convinced that what the gospel is saying is against her lifestyle of how she attires herself, and she fights it, calls it a devil and calls it a lie, then she has fulfilled Hebrew 6. She has blasphemed her way, after she was convinced that what that preacher is preaching is the truth: "You should not attire yourself like that." What has happened there is that she has blasphemed her way, and that soul came from hell and she is going back to hell.

The Word is the thing to judge. That person has to first come in contact with the gospel, and after she hears the gospel and turns it down and blasphemes her way, then you have all authority to say: "That person came from hell." And we have an example in scripture: Judas. He did not attire himself with lipstick and all these things, but he had a certain article from hell that was influencing him to do what he did. And the Bible told us that he came from hell and went back to hell. And the truth is that there are some people who are destined for hell. But the thing is that we do not know, and the only guideline is the Word of God. Present the Word of God to that person and see what he does with it. Present the Word of God to that woman who attires herself in that attire, because, no doubt, she doesn't know any better. And if she comes in contact with the gospel and turns it down and calls it a lie, she has blasphemed her way after she was convinced that it was the truth that the minister was preaching, then and only then, no doubt, that person came from hell.

Brother Dalton Bruce: We have answered Questions 1 to 12. How many say that we are all in agreement with the answers? *[All ministers and elders put their hands up and say, "Amen!"]* We have one hundred percent. We are in agreement with the answers to those twelve questions.

Question # 768: "I had horrible experiences when I was not in full sleep like a nightmare, that I was in such a horrible place. I wanted to shout for my life, but I could not. It went on for a while and suddenly I got up. Is this the nervous trouble as the doctor told me? But these horrible experiences occur sometimes in the night. Will you please tell me why I am troubled like this? What is the remedy for this horrible nightmare?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Roy Barrow of Trinidad, West Indies. This is a question on nightmares. A nightmare is a very scary and frightening event or happening. I have had several nightmares in my life. Many, many nightmares. Up to recently, after preaching the Seals I had a nightmare on the Sunday or Monday night, and I tell you it is the worst that ever happened to me. The devil was mad vexed. And let me tell you something, from ten p.m. to four a.m. on the hour, every hour I was being oppressed by demon power, but I let them know that I not afraid of anyone of them.

Psalms 91:2 <...He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.>

A **nightmare** is a very scary thing. A nightmare is something that is between sleep and wake. And you can see those dark shadows coming at you; you could never make out their faces. And you will see them when they enter the room, even the building, even your house. And from the time they enter your room your spirit alerts you because you can sense demon power. Let me tell you the truth, if the angels of God are not dispatched right away to release you, you are a dead person in your sleep. It is a horrifying experience. You want to speak sometimes and you cannot speak, but my experience is I usually call on the name of the Lord from within: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, In the name of Jesus", and sometimes I just burst loose and come out of that demon oppression.

Let me say this, a person who has experienced nightmares, I put it in two categories: One - He can have a nervous problem; he can have a medical problem. And I think that Brother Bob taught that a person with a nervous condition, demon power comes close to that person. And the other aspect of it, it is just pure demon power. And the scriptures says,

Ephesians 6:12 <For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers...>

So, I am saying that a **nervous condition** can contribute to your nightmare or your medical problem can

contribute to your nightmare, but don't forget nightmares are as a result of demon power, generally. And I'm saying that the way to ward off demon power is by prayer. Sometimes I get so angry, I get down in prayer and start praying and rebuking those demonic forces in the name of the Lord Jesus. The scriptures say,

Proverbs 18:10 <The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.>

So, I run to the Lord in prayer; and let me advise, don't you ever bow down to demon oppression. You're a son of God, you're a daughter of God, and let me tell you something, take your stand in the Word of God and every demon power will back off.

Question # 769: "Brother Branham said that when a sinner dies he will be in a state like a NIGHTMARE. So if I have this kind of experience is my soul in danger of hell? If so will you please guide me to the Lord so that I may not be lost?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: The person says that they don't want to go to hell because of this nightmare. It is only a nightmare. Those demons really come to **terrorize** you and to bring a fearful spirit, a spirit of fear upon you. So I make them know in no uncertain terms, "I am not afraid of you". Jesus says,

Matthew 14:27<...be not afraid.>

So that person who is caught up in these nightmares and he thinks he is going to hell, that is not really so. It is fear, and the Bible says,

1John 4:18 <...fear hath torment.>

So I want to assure you my brother or sister who might have been going through this experience, that nightmare **does not mean** that you're going to hell. The devil is trying to anoint you with the spirit of fear and is trying to take away your faith in God.

So the only way that you will go to hell and you are going to be in that oppressive condition is if you rudely break the Word of God, live in fornication, adultery and you don't care about obeying the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and turn down the Word of God, certainly you would be in this nightmare condition and you will go to hell. But just having a nightmare as a Christian and you're living a Christian life, you are not going to hell; you cannot go to hell. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ takes care of your sins.

And let me tell you, demon power is not a nice thing. Let me tell this church here and my minister brethren, anytime I try to get close to God the devil gives me a very hard fight. He does not like that. And I tell you, Brother Bruce, it's the **worst** in my fifty-eight years living on the earth. I tell you, on one occasion, on Monday night, my wife actually hit me and woke me. The devil had been giving me a rough time from ten p.m. until four a.m. in the morning, but the Lord has given me the victory. Thank God for the victory over nightmares, demon power and these spooky, black spirits. I have the victory over them. As I said, "The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, in him will I trust."

[Ed. Bother Bruce says, "Imagine a person going down to hell, Bother Barrow, to meet millions of those things."]

Exactly so! It's a frightening thing. If I were you, I would never take a chance on my soul's salvation and enter that place. It's gloomy, it's dark, pitch dark. You see those dark spirits just come in there, and before you know it you are covered with these spirits and you are under oppression. If God don't come to you, you're a dead man. But I believe the Lord **has** allowed me to experience these things from my early Christian life for a purpose in the ministry of Christ that is to come upon the earth.

Question # 770: "I have met with a sister who came to the message. She is very spiritual, sings prays, and respects the ministers whenever they visit her home. But later we found that she had an illicit relation with a man and committed adultery. Now she repented for her sins and is asking us whether she will be forgiven for her nasty kind of life?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Patrick from Guyana, South America. First of all, what are you considering to be spiritual? A sister singing or doing any kind of a spiritual activities or manifestations are not signs of spirituality. What you are judging as spirituality is not right. *1Peter 3:4* says that a woman must be adorned in "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit". That is a spiritual woman.

Galatians 5:16 <Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.>

This woman is not walking in the Spirit, that's the reason she is fulfilling the lust of the flesh and living in

adultery. It's a sign that she is not born again, **she is not spiritual** and if she continues living such a life she will go to hell. If she repents and turns around she has <...an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...> (1 John 2:1), <and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.> (1 John 1:7). So this woman is in no way spiritual, she is carnal and she has a dirty spirit upon her.

Can she be forgiven? Yes! The Lord is merciful, His grace is abundant, and the blood of Jesus Christ is able to cleanse her of adultery or fornication or whatever sin. There is only one sin that cannot be forgiven and it is blasphemy of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 12:31 <All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.>

... and this sister has not committed blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, so her sins can be forgiven, and the Lord can give her strength to live a strong Christian life.

Question # 771: "How do I know that my sins are forgiven and I am out of the danger and not a lost soul? Will you please comfort me by your words and by the quotations of WMB and from the Bible?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Aldwyn Chandler. I am from Trinidad, West Indies, a believer of the message of Brother Branham and also E.O.D.H. I want to just use a few quotations first of all taken from Perfect Strength.

Quote W.M.B.: 284 *It's the simplicity of the Gospel that staggers the people. They try to make it a great intellectual something another, when it's the simpleness. But God takes the very tool of humility and weakness and simplicity to work His works with. That's only a tool in God's hand.>* (Perfect Strength 61-1119).

Quote: E-8 *We--the people today make the Gospel too complicated for people. See? That's always been the reason it goes over the head of the common people. And the Gospel was sent for all, but it's usually the common people that hears it. Luke said, "The common people heard Jesus gladly," the common people.*

And so God makes it so simple He said in Isaiah, "Even a fool shouldn't err in the way." So we never want to make it complicated. It's simple, the simplicity of believing it, just having faith. Don't move from it. Stay right with it, and God takes care of the rest. (We Would See Jesus 62-0712).

Quote: E-82 *Our heavenly Father, we now bring to Thee these people. The revival is closing, or my part of it. God, never let this revival close. May it continue on, and may men and women stick their heads back into the Bible and go to praying. May pastors be filled and re-lit again by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

May teachers rise, Lord, not teaching perverse things, but back to the old Bible, back to the old plan of salvation: Jesus Christ, God's provided Lamb. May they come back to that simple faith once again. Grant it, Lord, before the coming of the Just One. (Jehovah Jireh 57-0326).

Salvation is by faith. Salvation is not of works but it is of grace through faith, and it will take faith for you to believe that the Lord has forgiven your sins. It is written,

John 3:16 <For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. >

It also goes on to say,

John 3:18 <...he that believeth not is condemned already...>

So, this person here is worried and they want to know how they can know that their sins are forgiven? **You have to believe it.** How do you come by this belief?

Romans 10:17 <...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. >

So that when the Word of God is preached, the person must believe the simple Word of God, the simplicity of the Gospel.

John 3:16 <For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. >

If you don't have that faith, if you can't believe then you will always remain condemned, but you will have to believe for the salvation of your soul.

Acts 16:31 <...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.>

That is the foundation; you must come to that place. For the Scripture say,

Romans 10:10 <For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.>

So you believe with the heart for your justification that Jesus Christ, (as the Prophet was bringing out) the Lamb of God died to take away the sin of the world. This is what you have to believe, this is how you come to the Lord, this is how you receive your forgiveness, because He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

And there is where your deliverance from Hell is. God is not going to send anybody to Hell because they committed adultery or things like that. You are going to Hell because you did not believe in whom God has sent which is His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to take away the sin of the world. It is man's unbelief that will take him to Hell. It is just not a question of you fell short here, you sinned here or you committed adultery. You may be an adulterer, but you hear the preaching of the Word, and you believe, you repent, you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are baptized for the remission of sins, the Scripture said you shall be saved. He that believeth and is baptized the same shall be saved. So here is what you have to do: release your faith, put your whole trust, commit your whole life, your whole soul into the hands of God, and if you stand on those grounds you will be saved and you cannot be lost.

Question # 772: "There are some brothers under the message who justify themselves, saying that if they do not attend the church, they will be in the rapture. They claim that there is no church right, under the message of Malachi 4:5&6. Are they led by spirit of the devil?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Bruce. Now they may be justified in their thinking if the churches around them are preaching **contrary to the Message** of Brother Branham and they don't have another church that compares with the Message, so they are caught up in their little world, in their little district or whatever and thinking that is the whole message world to them. And they might be justified in saying that they are not going to church because nobody in this village or district is preaching the Message.

Now, I encountered a couple things like that from questions. Certain wonderful and sincere brethren living in Ghana and nobody around them was preaching an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit and doing things right and they had to make a terrific decision. "What should I do Brother Bruce? Right around in my district such and such thing is happening." So, the answer to that brother, I said, "If those churches around **preach heresies**, it would be better off staying with your books, the tapes, and with E.O.D.H. tapes until you can find another church that preaches the Truth. So eventually, one pulled out and the Lord opened up a way for him and he did find a church. It was a little way off, but he found a man preaching the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, standing for E.O.D.H. one hundred percent, and he is all settled, and he is an ardent believer of E.O.D.H.

Now, this may not be the case of this small group, but **an interpretation** could be involved here. Sometimes people get it all up in their skulls and they believe that they are brighter than everybody and they don't want to listen to anybody, they don't want to come under a pastor. Now look how contrary this is. Now we will put it in the category of a '**staying home** spirit'. Now there are people in all churches who have "a staying home spirit." Number one: Laodicea overcame them, and second: they are rebellious and want to have their own way. They want to be their own pastor and their own sheep at the same time. So we have these kinds of people in almost every assembly: swellheaded and they would condemn everybody in the church, everybody around them and think that they alone are right. Now that is in a different category. They could claim that they alone are going in the Rapture. But there are so many odds in order to show these people that they are wrong. Like I asked one preacher who did that. I asked him "What about your **communion** service? Do you take communion? Do you do feet **washing**?" Well you have no part with Christ. Absolutely, you have no part with Christ. Who do you pay your **tithes** to? Yourself?

So, there are a lot of things that are involved. Brother Branham said to find a church home. Where is your church home? Who do you pay your tithes to? Who washes your feet? Who serves you communion? Are you obeying the Scripture where the Bible said, 'neglect not the assembling of yourselves together?' Such people are **swellheaded** and think that they are intellectual, and want to show everybody that they are right and everybody else is wrong. Now that's a spirit, and you can see it's a spirit of disobedience that is not keeping all the Word of God because the things I named out they cannot fulfill them. Most of the times, this is a real contrary spirit, and we have that and we will continue to have that. It was in the days of Paul. He said,

*Hebrews 10:25 <Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of **some** is. >*

So there were people like that, self-righteous people, in the days of Brother Paul.

Question # 773: “Hair cutting: should a Christian cut the hair of the female child? According to the message of WMB, at what age should one stop cutting the hairs of a female child? Please answer us, we are ignorant of this.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Hear the Prophet. This question was asked Brother Branham: “Should the hair be cut in front?” In the United States they call it ‘bangs’, out here in Trinidad they call it ‘donkey mane’. So they asked the Prophet if they could cut the child’s hair, not a woman now, but the child’s hair in front because it gets down to the eyes and different things. Now Brother Branham got pretty confused and this is on Questions & Answers 1964 and the person asked: “Brother Branham, when you cut the hair in front, is it still long? Do you still consider that as long hair?” Brother Branham answered by saying:

Quote W.M.B.: 1101-Q-343 *"Is it long hair any longer when they cut it in front?" Not any longer; they've cut it off. See? But like the man that had the trousers cut them off three times and still too short. What say? Brother Branham has conversation with someone in audience--Ed.] Oh, that's what they're talking about. As I tease my little girl, she said... The "booms" I call them, you know, **bangs**, or whatever it is, you know, across the front here.*

*Well, I imagine those kids that's cutting their hair in front... maybe your **mother could tell** you about that (See?), if she wants you to do that way. I think it'd look kinda--kinda a little bit like a woman was looking through the rear view if she passed about twenty-five years old and wanted to cut them off in front like that, look like some little kid. Look on out here where you're going, sis, not where you've been. See?*

*And now, but **cutting the hair**, I'll tell you this. I ain't got no Scripture to say that you can **cut** so much of it and can't do the other. I haven't got no Scripture for that; I couldn't tell you that, sister, or brother, ever who it is.*

*I say one thing... Now, I know **my kids** has done that too, Rebekah and Sarah, I seen when they cut their hair off here in front, and plait it back here in the back, and make these things across the front, like this... Now, not holding them. See? No, sir. To me, **I wished they didn't even put a scissors on their hair at all**. But when they got all long, hanging down like this, and just cut the front of it out of their eyes, little kids maybe. I wouldn't **know** whether that'd be wrong; I wouldn't think so. See? But when you get... for you sisters, I'd just **let it the way the Lord made it**. See? (Questions And Answers 64-0830m).*

Now brethren, to have this thing straightened out, the Prophet said, “Well, I don’t think that I would mind that.” Now, people catch on to certain words if they have a compromising spirit and they have a nature that they want to **break** the Word, and when the prophet starts speaking they will catch on to the negative part of it, and they will close their ears to the part that he really emphasize because somebody wants to do that in any case. They will actually hear the negative part of it. Now, the Prophet said, number one, “I have no scripture to tell you that you could cut off a little bit and leave it so long or trim off a little bit.” He said, “My daughters do that, they take off in front here.” He said, “**I wish that a scissors never came upon their hair at all.**” Now that settles it for me. The way that I believe this Message, the way that I view this Message, if that is the **prophet’s opinion**, that is enough for me. He does not have to find a scripture to tell me that a child should not cut her hair. If that is his wish, my brother, that is fine for me. He was the most spiritual man on earth, and if that is the prophet’s desire I am walking according to the prophet’s desire, if that was his desire for Becky and Sarah it is the desire for my daughters. I have never allowed it for my children; I have never allowed it for your children, I make it an issue whenever that happens to a child.

So the answer to that question is a big “**NO!**” And all who are doing that, they are **contrary** to the will and desire of the Prophet. And he says that there are no scriptures whatsoever to allow any such thing. How many agree with that? [*The brethren say, “Amen!”*]. So, all those who are in the wrong and have taken out these little statements here from the Prophet, the Prophet was just trying to be honest and saying, “Well I do not think that I will mind that.” But what about what he said afterward?

You see, Brother Braham was a man who never pushed people to do things. He laid down the Word and if you are spiritual enough you will catch it, if you are not spiritual, well go on and Brother Braham will associate with those same people and don’t fuss and fight and quarrel. He would say, “You believe it that way brother, you believe in three gods?” I will draw the example there of Doctor Vayle. I would say look how much he appreciated Doctor Vayle. Now, Doctor Vayle believed that the church was going through the Tribulation and Brother Branham could prove from the scripture that the Church is not going through the Tribulation. This is not a matter of suggestion now. He could prove that from the scripture.

Brother Braham let Brother Vayle go on with his opinion, believing what he wants and Brother Branham still treated him like a minister and a brother and he will speak nice things about Vayle, but when coming to that part of the Word, Vayle would sit down right there and he will say,

Quote W.M.B.: *194 Brother Lee Vayle, if you get ahold of this, here it is. That's the only question we disagree on; he believes the church will go through the judgment. I don't see it. I don't believe it. (Oneness 62-0211).*

Now you see, Brother Branham never set the example to **fight** down a man. Now, just the same here, if you believe that you should cut your child hair in front, I do not believe that because there is no scripture. Now I am not going to fight you down for that, but then I will tell you something: secretly in my heart I know that you have a **disobedient spirit**. So now I am not going to address bangs and hair. I am going to deal with you from a different point of view and I am going to deal with you on the point of disobedience, that if you are disobedient to the will of God's Prophet and you will question God's Prophet because he said not to do certain things for which you cannot find a concrete scripture and you would emphasize that 'I am still going to do that because the prophet never showed me a positive scripture', you have a **disobedient attitude**. Now, do you understand my point? [*The brethren say, "Amen"*].

Now I would leave that right there, I would not fight with you because you want to leave that child's hair cut in front here. I will not fuss; I will know when that disobedient spirit leaves you. I will continue to preach the Word about obedience and respect to the messenger and respect to the prophet, knowing that Jesus came there and here was the law, and Jesus said, "Ye hear them of old time say, but I say unto you." And you could not find in the law the things that Jesus was preaching. Don't forget we had a Son of Man ministry today and that is the same one that was revealed through Malachi 4:5&6; that was the Son of Man. And if Brother Branham laid down certain things there that I cannot find a scripture for, **he is right** and I am wrong, because he was the most spiritual man on earth. And if Brother Braham over here says, 'I wish that a scissor never came upon my daughters' hair', I stand the very same way and I preach that way.

So now you see there are some things involved. You see a man may disagree with this little thing but watch something, in the case of Doctor Vayle, to me that was a proud spirit. I cannot come to terms with how Doctor Vayle could disagree with a major prophet. It goes to show that something is wrong with his understanding on Malachi 4: 5&6. So, it goes down deeper than just saying, 'Well, he believes a little different from me, and I believe this'. In other words, Malachi 4 believed the Word and Doctor Vayle did not believe the Word. That is how I envision it and something was wrong with Doctor Vayle's experience, and that same **disobedience** came around and injected things into the Church Age book that are not supposed to be there, saying that 'the seven thunders was revealed and it is contained in the seven seals. To me that is disobedience, and he has mixed up thousands of people around the world in the message today and blinded them like that because of that disobedient spirit.

I could never agree with a man that will disagree with a major prophet. How on earth could I disagree with Brother Braham because I know who he is. That is Malachi 4. That is the anointed immortal Elijah. God sent him to me. I was a dead man, dumb, deaf, blind Laodicean and God sent him to me. He said, do not do this, do not do that. That settles it for me. That is the way that I know this Gospel. That is the way that I preach. Yes. So the answer to this question is a big "NO!"

It is a lack of common sense in a man. Don't you know that when you start chipping that children's hair in front they **grow up with that spirit**, and after a certain time they reach twelve, you cannot tell them not to chip their hair. And when they reach fourteen they will **kick** you too, and when they reach sixteen they will want to cut off the back of it. How are you going to tell them to stop cutting it now? Man, look, let us have some sense in our heads, and even though the prophet was so humble and did not commit himself, read between the lines. Why should you be looking for the loopholes in the statements of the prophet and why should you try to live by the **loopholes** instead of the statements that he made there to obey the Word of God? Listen, if Brother Braham will come concerning that question and say, 'Brethren, I don't have any scripture but my opinion is that you should not cut it,' that becomes a law for me. And do not tell me that I am a fanatic because there were no scriptures for Paul to answer in 1 Corinthians 7, and he said:

1 Corinthians 7:25 <Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.>

That became law in the Bible for the Christian Church.

Question # 774: “If a minister’s wife wears CHURIDHAR (like hybrid pant), should he be allowed to preach from the pulpit? In India many of the ministers’ wives are in CHURIDHARS. What should be done, as it is men’s wear? The Bible says it is an abomination to the Lord. Please answer us with the quotations?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine. This question concerns a minister’s wife wearing immoral clothing. What they are referring to here is two kinds of clothing that we came across in India. One is called the ‘churidhar’ and the other is the ‘saree’ where it is worn with body parts exposed, the belly and so forth.

Now those questions had been thoroughly answered and I believe that the answer was given by the Spirit of God, using the quotations from the message and from the scriptures with a wisdom that can only come from God. And it was also sanctioned one hundred percent by all the E.O.D.H. ministers that were gathered. We are totally in agreement with that answer, that those garments are unscriptural and should not be worn by believers, and much more that **should not be worn** by a minister’s wife. And so at the time of our ignorance God winked at. But when this thing is come to light and exposed in the scriptures and we have no doubt now, it is imperative first of all that all ministers declare that they believe that too and start the example back in their homes. They must declare that in the home church or wherever they go, to show that they are truly believers of E.O.D.H. This will show whether you truly support and believe E.O.D.H. or not.

If a man will not go on to put that in order in his house and make sure his wife obeys the answer given concerning the **churidhar** and concerning the **saree** with body parts exposure, then that will tell to the congregation, to the believers and to everybody around whether he truly believes E.O.D.H. or not, and then if he fails to do that, then he has to step down. It shows that he is not in control of his house. And if he is not in control of his house he has disqualified himself and so he cannot continue to **minister** until he puts that in order. It is either he steps down or he separates himself from that house. He has got to make a stand. All these answers are not going to stay here locally. It is going to be put in a book and will go internationally, and wherever you go people will know how much of a believer you are, what part you believe and what part you do not believe. And if you do not believe in that part, then right away you fall under the class of heretics. Right there is where you identify yourself that, “I do not believe part of the message and I do not believe part of E.O.D.H.” So you have got to realize that this is not a time where you could hide any longer, or anybody could hide any longer, or because of ignorance. No, it is out in the open.

Now, the minister must, wherever he is and he comes in contact with this answer and seen it proven in the Bible and in the message, obey that Word of God or **step down**.

Question # 775: “If a minister’s wife wears a SAREE with belly & back exposure, should he be allowed to preach from the pulpit, as its looks like in the western world, showing their bellies with pants down?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Sookdeo Ramnarine. Well, of course, this was answered: that a sari with the belly and the back exposed is contrary and should not be worn. Not even a young sister should be allowed to do that, much more an older sister and a minister’s wife. That should be stopped immediately. As soon as a minister hears that from the Word of God, I don’t care where he is, that must be put in place, it must not be allowed in the house, it must not be allowed in the open, must not be allowed in the church. That’s the end of that, and then he will show that he is a man, that he really believes this message and that he is truly a believer of E.O.D.H.

Question # 776: “Here some of the ministers under the message of Malachi 4:5-6 strictly asked the sisters to remove their gold necklaces and wedding rings and rings. They say it is not according to the Word of God. Is this scriptural? I read from Brother Branham’s life story that Brother Branham’s wife herself saved money for a necklace. Is it right to do? Please answer us from the quotations of WMB?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Phillip Ramkumar; Bethel, Trinidad. I want to read two scriptures here.

1 Timothy 2: 9-10 <In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.>

1 Peter 3:1-4 <Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.>

Now, the purpose of reading these two scriptures is to show that the scripture is saying that we should not make a worldly show or an open show. Like in Trinidad you have the Hindu women and they would plaster their hands with a set of bangles, and they would wear chains, and you can see it all down their arms and they have big earrings and all these kind of jewels. It is worldliness.

And the scripture is saying that the Christian woman should not be looking flashy, like a woman that is having all the tinsel of the world and looks like the world. But she should be adorning herself with the ornament of a meek and a quiet spirit and it is of great price in the sight of God. Now that should be the motive of a Christian woman, that she should strive to possess that ornament instead of the ornaments of the world: outward adorning. Why? Because, you don't look any different from the women of the world.

Like in Trinidad they'll ask, why don't you wear gold and why don't you do this and why don't you do that? They have questions on it because they see that you look different from them.

Quote W.M.B.: 1007-Q-283 Brother Branham: *Questions: Should a Christian woman wear simple jewelry, as necklaces or pearls?*

Well, sister, I know this means a lot to you, and it means a lot for me for you to place your confidence I'd tell you the truth. Now remember, the Bible said, "When you adorn, do not adorn with costly jewels, and pearls, and all kinds of wearing of jewelry, but let that be the adorning of a peace, and quiet, and meek spirit (which I just quoted), which is a great price before the Lord."

*Now, I don't mean by that, sister, that if you had a pin... Now, this is me, not the Lord. If you had a **pin** that you wanted to wear, or a little **necklace** your husband give you, or maybe something like that that you wore, now, to me, I don't think that's bad. Now, that's just me. Now remember, I make myself clear; that's my opinion. But I think it's the approach to it; it's the way you do it. See? It's the motive behind it. And when you see it's getting ahold of you, then leave the thing alone. But I think if you wore your **wedding ring**...*

*Now, I know you Nazarene people, it used to be that you wouldn't even baptize a woman with a wedding ring on. See? I don't believe that as necessary. **In the Bible they wore wedding rings**, only it was a tablet they called it, around their head, nine pieces of coin in it, but I--to show they were married. Now, I think that's **all right**. If women want to dress and make themselves look decent, and clean, ladylike, why, I think there's not a thing to that, to me. But when you get to going to put that thing into making it a little pride, then you're wrong. It's your attitude. (Questions And Answers 64-0823e).*

The prophet of God said that if your boyfriend gives you a ring, a chain or necklace then wear it with dignity. But then we see that some, even at Bethel, they wear it and then they drop their neckline and they want it to be seen. The scriptures said, let it be of the hidden man. If you are wearing that, wear it with dignity and wear it in such a way that it is for you and the person that gave it to you in memory, in gratitude or in respect to what this person have given to you. But if someone gives you that, you should wear it and that should not unchristianize that sister if she is wearing a chain or a wedding ring. You are wearing it with dignity, you are wearing it with respect and it carries a symbol in a sense that the ring is a sign of your marriage, life long union. Also in the spiritual it represents eternal life. And the necklace is worn with that symbol; it is cherished because this person has given it to you. It would be from your husband or someone like that. And I don't think that we should really condemn a sister for wearing that **ring or that necklace**.

Question # 777: "A brother recently came out from the sinful world and committed himself to the Lord. He repented and wants to be a born again Christian. He often gets calls from his old friends and they want to pull him again to the same kind of life. What must this brother do to avoid his old friends? Should he leave his place and settle somewhere else? Or should he wait upon the Lord?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Anthony Trotman of Bethel, the House of God, Trinidad, West Indies. Jesus said,

Mark 8:38 <Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.>

And except you forsake mother and father and brethren and wife and all these things, you cannot be His disciples. (*Luke 14:26*). As a young Christian it is very important to separate. It is extremely important to separate.

Matthew 5:29-30 <And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.>

Christianity has to do with separation, as a matter of fact, separating from the things of the world and separating from ungodliness. And so as a young Christian, this brother might not realize the working of the devil, and that the devil comes through your friends; that is the white horse rider. This friendship affair is the devil coming for your soul. And for you to **gain strength you must separate**; absolutely! "Should he leave the area and go elsewhere in order to avoid these friends?" If it comes to it, he needs to and stay in contact with his shepherd, stay in the Word, stay in prayer, stay in fasting, and if you need to move, for the sake of your soul, then do so. If you need to come out of the house that you are living in, even if it is your parents', then leave that house. The scriptures said in *James 4: 4*:

<...the friendship of the world is enmity with God?> And verse 7 said: *<Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.>*

So you need to submit yourself to God. You need to realize that is the devil coming after your soul, so therefore you need to resist the devil. Submit yourself to God and allow yourself to grow in the Word of God by prayer and fasting.

Question # 778: "Why am I always getting fear of death though I am a Christian? Is it that my soul is in danger of hell if I die now? Please Pastor, answer me?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Philmore Duncan from St. Vincent. I represent the church at Byra Village, St. Vincent. Death is the greatest enemy to man. The Bible said that *<The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.>* (*1 Corinthians 15:26*). But what Brother Branham said is that to us death is the best thing that could happen to a man, and it is God's horse and buggy to take us into the presence of the Lord.

Quote W.M.B.: *E-5 The only thing I know that God did to death, He harnessed it to a **buggy**. The only thing he can do is pull a believer right in the **Presence of God**. So what's he going to do, he can't hurt us. So we haven't got nothing to worry about, have we?* (*Speak To This Rock 53-1115*).

But in *Romans 6:23* it said,

<For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.>

Sin brings death naturally and spiritually. You know the account of the story that took place in Genesis when man disobeyed. Eve disobeyed the Word of God and committed such an act with the serpent and man fell. And from that time on it was appointed unto man to die, then after death is the judgment. But we as Christians should not really fear death. I remember when Stephen was stoned, the Bible said that he fell asleep and he even said,

Acts 7:60 <Lord, lay not this sin to their charge>, and he was carried into the presence of the Lord by the angels. But a person who has not been regenerated or have not been forgiven of their sins, it is hard for them to face death; it is very difficult.

Death is the enemy of man. No one wants to die. Our Lord Jesus died for the sins of man.

Hebrews 5:7 <Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.>

Remember, our Lord Jesus when the sins of the world came down upon Him he cried out:

Matthew 27:46 <My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?>

And here now the scripture is saying that he was crying in tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death. But He came to die for man. But then to go through death, as Brother Bruce preached a message that Jesus prayed through death in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that is why He could have died; give up the Ghost freely.

But death is an enemy. It has a sting, and our Lord Jesus faced death, took on death to take the stinger out of death. That's why brother Paul when they were about to kill him he said,
I Corinthians 15:55 <O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?>
For death is swallowed into victory. So Paul was not afraid to die. Death brings fear because sin brings death.

Question # 779: "How do I know whether I am in the Lord or I am in danger of hell?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Philmore Duncan from St. Vincent. A Christian person will know where he falls from. If he is spiritual and he starts committing sin, he will know within himself that he is not in right standing with Almighty God, and if he is about to die and finds himself in danger, he will be concerned and afraid and then he will know that he has to repent. It's the same with an unsaved man; he will have to repent for his sin because he has a conscience and he has to give account for the sins he committed in this body and how would he meet God. If he has a conviction in his soul he will be concerned, and then he will make his life right.

If a person does not make their life right, the fear of death will give them a horrible time and condemnation. The Lord Jesus came to save man from sin and the condemnation of death and there is an eternal separation from God which is to be eternally cut off. That person will also end up in hell if he does not repent for his sins.

I am Brother Bruce. This person fears death, and they **want to know** if that fear of death **indicates** that their soul is in danger of hell because of this fear, and they want to know, if they die now if they are going to hell? The simple answer to this question is, 'No'. Not because you fear death it means that your soul is in danger of hell. How many knows that the Prophet was afraid of death?

I ALWAYS WAS AFRAID TO DIE – NOT THAT I'D BE LOST

Quote W.M.B.: *E-8 I always was **afraid** to die. Not afraid that I'd be lost, but I didn't want to be a spirit... That Scripture had never occurred to me before, that if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting. (Accepting God's Provided Way 63-0115).*

Quote: *E-16 I always wanted to live to see Jesus come, because I never wanted to be a spirit. And I was always afraid of spooks, and I didn't want to die, and become a little cloud. And like a little white cloud floating around somewhere and see my brethren, say, "There they are. Wished I could shake their hand, but they haven't got no hand to shake. It's dead. And they're in the grave."*

And then was made alive that Scripture, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Oh, just move out of here right into that one. Oh, I tell you, that gives us great hopes. No matter what the world thinks, and how unsecured the world is, when we can think on those things all fear leaves. (Uncertain Sound 61-0429e).

Brother Branham was afraid of death, but that doesn't mean to say that his soul was in danger of hell. Some people naturally suffer with certain fears. The prophet of God feared anything like a sword or a knife, and it was a big thing when the Sword fell into his hand.

I ALWAYS WAS AFRAID OF A SWORD

Quote W.M.B.: *68-6 {11} I was standing there in prayer, and... something fell in my hand...and when I looked, it was a sword...and I thought, "But you know, I always **afraid** of a sword." I was kind of glad that I lived out of the days that they used them, because I'm afraid of a knife." (The Breach 63-0317e).*

Not because people suffer from certain fears of certain things it means that something is wrong with them. They could be suffering from some kind of childhood fear because of certain things that they suffered. And not because this person suffers a fear of death it is a sign or signal that his soul is in danger.

So whoever asked this: "No, your **soul is not** in danger. You are just suffering from certain fears, just like people fear heights or fear the ocean, fear a crowd or fear to stand behind the pulpit and give a testimony or something like that. "How would I know that I am in the Lord or I am in danger of hell?" Well, because you believe the Word you are of the Lord.

John 5:24 <Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.>

So now because of this natural fear, probably, you question whether you are with the Lord or whether the Lord received you or accepts you, because this question is not clear in your mind, why you should be afraid of death, and then the enemy will come and batter your mind and torment you with all kinds of doubts and fears because of misunderstanding.

Question # 780: “Who can save my soul from the danger of hell? I am following this message of Malachi 4:5-6 for many years, but yet I am not sure that I am of the Lord or of Satan, because sometimes I am anointed by the devil to do evil in my life. Please help me?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: My name is Brother Kenneth Bynoe and I am here at Bethel Tabernacle, Trinidad. Brother Bruce, I want to believe that this question is coming from an honest and sincere heart, and it is a very sad condition for a person that really loves God and wants to be saved, and he is tormented to the place where he cannot have faith enough to accept salvation, and is doing wrong things.

Now I believe that there can be three things that are involved here. One: There could be a lacking of faith. There could be a spirit of fear involved here, and another possibility is that this person could have a weak mind. It could be any one of these conditions or it could be all of them. A person like this lives in **torment**. And I could go back in my own personal life. I had previously fallen away from the prophet’s message and when I came here at Bethel, it took me a number of years before I could have that faith to believe, that I could be saved after having fallen away from the prophet’s message and believing that I had committed the unpardonable sin. But one day the Lord revealed a certain scripture to me, and that is,

II Peter 3:9 <The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.>

That meant so much to me. Whereas before I thought that I was serving a God who was very quick to come down and condemn you and cast you into hell, but I found out much to my joy and my faith and my confidence and assurance in the Lord that I was serving a God that is not willing that I should perish, and this helped me. From that time on I was able to walk with a certain amount of faith, confidence and assurance, and with that my love for the Lord grew, and this brings to mind the scripture that says,

II Timothy 1:7 <For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.>

The Lord does not **torment his children**. Fear is of the devil; the devil torments. He could torment a sincere brother, a loving brother, an honest brother with so much fear and so much unbelief concerning his salvation, that, that brother cannot grasp enough faith to be able to stand against that devil and resist the devil. Salvation is by grace through faith, and our righteousness is by faith.

Romans 4:3 <For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.>

That righteousness comes by a divine Revelation and there is probably a lacking of divine revelation in his life.

James 1:5 <If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him...>

Brother, you need to ask. The scripture said:

Matthew 7:7 <Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.>

Ask God for faith, beg Him, plead with Him. I believe if you ask, you shall receive.

James 1:6-7 <But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.>

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.>

I believe that this brother needs to get before the Lord, **consecrate his life**, seek the face of the Lord, come to the House of God, listen to the tapes, stay with his shepherd and stay around people that will build his faith. If I were a person like that I will stay near my shepherd as much as possible.

The other condition of a person having a weak mind is something physical and he will have to live with that for the rest of his life because it is something physical. There is something wrong with his mind. He probably is on medication, he probably was a former drug addict like myself or probably he was just born with a weak mind. The other brethren that are strong *<ought to bear the infirmities of the weak..>* (Romans 15:1).

So get down, consecrate your life, seek the face of the Lord and simply ask and you shall receive faith to believe, and receiving this faith, the Lord will give you grace, because you have access into grace by faith (*Romans 5:2*), and He will give you grace to do the things that you cannot do in yourself.

Question # 781: “A brother who was earlier a minister of righteousness, backslid from the Lord and is continuously drinking alcohol. If he dies where will his soul go?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: I am Brother Sam Jones from Bethel the House of God, Trinidad. The Bible says,

Proverbs 20:1 <Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.>

Galatians 5:20 <Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.>

I Corinthians 6:9-10 <Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.>

I believe that if a man is a believer or a Christian, and he falls away there is hope if he would repent. The Bible says,

Luke 13:3 <...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.>

It went on to say,

I John 1:9 <If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.>

But I don't believe if a man is a minister and he continues to **go on in sin** and is continuously drinking, I believe that if he dies he would not enter the kingdom of God; he would not go to heaven.

Hebrews 6:4-8 <For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

*If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose **end** is to be **burned**.>*

If he would acknowledge his sin, if he would repent, God would forgive him of his sins. The Bible says,

I John 1:9 <If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.>

But we must not continue in sin. Now this is a condition here of a minister knowing the truth, tasting of the good Word of God. If he should continue in sin, the Bible says that under those conditions we shall not inherit God's kingdom.

Revelation 22:12 <And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.>

I believe that this man falls in this category if he fails to repent.

Brother Bruce: How many agree with these answers? [*All ministers and elders put their hands up and say, "Amen!"*] I agree and sanction all of these answers. [*Ed. Question # 27 to # 32 answered by Brother Bruce.*]

Question # 782: “I am your sheep Brother Bruce. I don't want to identify myself to you, but I love your message and love your co-ministers. I am the worst man. I did all kinds of deadly sins until now, but I heard your OUTPOURING MESSAGE and I want to be one of them. Please tell me, will my soul be saved from the danger of hell? I am hated by all the ministers here. Will I be forgiven by you?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: This is a pitiful case that this man feels so unworthy and so sinful, that he does not even want to identify himself. He committed all kind of sins he says, but then he heard about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He wants to be a part of this and he wants to know if his soul could be saved from the dangers of hell. Besides that he is hated by all the ministers. "Will I be forgiven?"

All manner of sins and blasphemies shall be forgiven men, except the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. And I believe that this applies to this person here. A man could do a lot of wrong things and go the wrong way, especially with a weak pulpit, and without enough encouragement.

So a man could do so many wrong things until he is hated by all the ministers, and hated by Christian people, which is **not the right attitude** to manifest towards any human being. You hate what they do and despise what they do, but to say you hate this man, as ministers, this could contribute to the man's fears and doubts, whether he could be saved, because he is reading between the lines as if there is no forgiveness for him, not even from the ministers. Why would he ask that question: "Would you forgive me Brother Bruce? Are you identified with the other ministers that make me feel that there is no hope for me?" Well, under those conditions I will forgive you or **forgive** anybody, with all my heart, knowing that the Lord died for you and you have not committed the unpardonable sin. So if that would help you I forgive you. I don't know what you have done, and you have to know the sins that are in your heart. If you were inspired by an outpouring message and you want to be a part of that, you could be a part of it.

I remember a quotation that the prophet of God said, anytime that you think that you are worthy of healing or salvation, you can't receive it, but if you know that you are not worthy, that's the time you will receive it.

Quote W.M.B.: E-56 "Well, I'll tell you, Brother Branham, I'm not worthy of healing." I've just got through telling you; it's nothing you done; it's what He done. You keep thinking you're unworthy. (Abraham And His Seed 61-0416).

Quote: E-53 I don't care what you got against you. You may have cancer; you may be sin-sick. You may have demon possession. I don't care what you got; I've got a Message here for you, screaming across this pulpit as hard as I can: there's **pardoning**; there's grace; there's healing; there's forgiveness; there's love; there's joy; there's peace.

You say, "Why are you so enthused about it, Brother Branham?" It's written, "Thou your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Come, let us reason together." But you say, "I'm **unworthy**." I know you are, but Jesus died for you... don't care what you've done, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they'll be white like wool; though they be red like crimson, they shall be white like snow." (Conferences 60-0228).

And this man is right in prime for **salvation**, because he finds himself so unworthy, because of what he had done. It spells out repentance; it spells out sorrow in the heart for living the life that he lived. The man is under conviction.

I remember that the Lord went to a seashore and said,

Luke 5:3 <thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.>

And after that He wanted to give him a little gift. He said,

Luke 5:7 <Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.>

And when they pulled the net they had a great multitude of fishes. And then Peter fell under conviction when he had seen that. He said,

Luke 5:8 <Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.>

Now that man's heart was right in prime to receive salvation from the almighty. The Lord did not depart, but He gave him the keys to the kingdom, not many days after, because the man found himself unworthy, and that is the only way to come to God for healing or salvation, is to come down there and believe that I am not worthy and I do not deserve that. Anytime a man thinks that he deserves that he is self-righteous.

So now this person can be forgiven, and nobody should treat this man with scorn because he is a sinner and must have done a lot of things. And if we are to adopt that kind of principle then we would condemn Brother Paul, and he was the mightiest apostle of all times, but he did a lot of things. He consented to the death of Stephen and put the brethren in prison. And we could develop a certain attitude because of the wrongs of a man, that when he pleads for salvation, then you say, "No, you are too sinful", but that is wrong.

Matthew 12:31 <Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.>

That is when a man comes to **solid Truth and turns down the Word of God.**

Question # 783: “Services are conducted in different ways in different countries. Should we introduce Bethel’s way or concentrate only on the messages of E.O.D.H. in preaching?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: We cannot change the whole world, men with different customs, different tastes, different desires and the way that they conducted there services for years, you **cannot change them overnight**. The effort is not to make everybody adopt the same principles like Bethel, as far as policies are concerned. But everybody should adjust to scriptural order, not E.O.D.H.

I think it is better that we hang off from saying E.O.D.H., because sooner or later it will give the idea that it is a new cult or new idea. We could use the word but sparingly. And I will prefer that when I write, to the brethren, I will say the purity of the message, or the revelation of the message. Of course I know and we are positive that we have the revelation of the message on E.O.D.H. And it is easy to say E.O.D.H, but sooner or later it could become a byword for persecution. So it would be better to say “the message, the truth of the message, the revelation of the message or the purity of the message.” Yes, let us address it that way.

So, we cannot change people around the world, but then they must apply scriptures. Instead of saying to bring them to Bethel patterns, I would say that they must adopt **church order** as laid down by Malachi 4:5&6. Every message believer must adopt church order as laid down by the prophet in “God in simplicity”.

There is a big reason for church order and that is to have the free flow of the Spirit. That is the whole effort, not a custom, not a certain way, but that is to keep out interruptions from the service that the Spirit of the Lord will flow.

For instance, a lot of people who keep services in India, I notice them sitting on the floor: musicians, women and men sit on the floor. Now I could not change that policy and tell them to adopt Bethel principles and sit down on chairs. No, that would be **going too far**. If that is their custom and they feel comfortable that way and they take off their shoes by the door and then walk in there for their service, I am in full agreement, and if I go there, I will take off my shoes and I will sit on the floor also. There are certain things that you cannot re-adjust.

You go to India and they would be playing certain instruments, and they would be beating a piece of iron with another piece of iron. Now you just cannot go in there and tell them not to do that. You would have to change that whole system. Now I will go there and if I have to emphasize church order, I will try to take enough of the principles of the prophet and Bible to get the Spirit of the Lord flowing in the church. I preached in places where I had to move the dog. A big, strong dog came and was jamming me. I watched it. I am not going to criticize it. After awhile when I think that they seen the message, I said, “Set this church in order! Get these dogs out of here!” And they straightened it up.

So you just cannot change everything, but yet you have to implement everything that the prophet said in order to **woo the Spirit** of the Lord. Yes. You cannot have people just getting up and walking out, right in front of the preacher, somebody feeding a child out there and somebody eating food out there. All those things are unscriptural. They have to wean out the unscriptural things that hinder the Spirit. You see, you just cannot change and say, “Take Bethel’s custom.” That becomes cultish, and from the time people hear that you have to be like Trinidad. No, that does not sound right. Now, you are going to be like Trinidad as far as the Word standard is concerned, if you want the Holy Spirit in your midst, and you want an Outpouring of the Holy Ghost, you have to get the presence of the Lord in the church. You must get the presence of the Lord, because out of that presence of the Lord comes forth the **refreshing**. And you must cut certain things to standard, and the guideline is the prophet’s message. Now Bethel principles are based on the prophet’s message, throughout.

So sometimes, you even have to let certain things go until people catch a vision of that outpouring. Now you go to a certain place, and you want to bend things here and bend things there, before the people see the Word. You are going to get into **trouble**. Let the people see the Outpouring. Let them see what you are saying, and then they would see the need to adjust.

Now Bethel standards and policies and the flowing of the Spirit did not happen in a day. It took some time. It took several years (if this is not saying too much), that it wooed the Spirit of the Lord and we have a little heaven on earth here, where the Holy Spirit comes and fellowships with us, and those that come and those that see the streaming and the video, wonder how we can have a church like that, that people hardly get up, to go to spit outside and sit down there for three hours. It took the guidance of the Lord. It takes a little time to do that.

“Should we just go on and preach E.O.D.H.” Yes, go on and preach the Truth. You have to cut that thing and bring it in order if you want the Holy Spirit in there. So you got to balance this thing.

Question # 784: “The prophet said as Gabriel brought the message in His first coming, so Gabriel will bring the message in His second coming. Please explain how Gabriel will bring the message?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

GABRIEL ANNOUNCES THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS

Quote W.M.B.: *E-32 Now, these minor Angels comes, perhaps, it's Angels with us, or comes to your-- your humble servant. And that's probably a minor Angel. But when Gabriel comes, brother, there's something really on the road, something major going to happen. May... Gabriel announced the first coming of the Lord Jesus, and Gabriel will announce the second coming of the Lord Jesus. Amen. (About Jesus 55-0612).*

The prophet of God said perhaps it is those minor angels that come to me. Now I do not believe that. Now that is the humility of the prophet and it is very simple to understand. He said **Gabriel announced** the first coming of the Lord; he will announce the second coming of the Lord. Who is the man that announced the second coming of the Lord? Was it not William Branham? The angel said you will forerun the second coming of the Lord. Was not Gabriel associated with John the Baptist? Well then Gabriel was associated with Brother Branham, who announced the second coming of the Lord.

GOD SENDS A MESSENGER ANOINTED BY AN ANGEL

Quote W.M.B.: *E-31 Notice. Now, when anything's going to happen on the earth, first, God sends a messenger. And that messenger is **anoined by an Angel**. Now, sometimes minor Angels comes. There's minor Angels and major Angels. Now, this Angel that came was Gabriel, Who stands in the Presence of God. That was something major. And He came down. And when Gabriel comes from heaven, remember, something's going to happen. Gabriel announced the first coming of Jesus, Gabriel will announce the second coming of Jesus. (Believest Thou This? 50-0716).*

Something major is about to happen and that is the coming of the Lord, and Gabriel was with Brother Branham, and he had many other angels with him.

Maybe some never heard this. But Brother Branham was in a certain room, and he was talking to the angel, that always visited him, and his wife held the doorknob to open the door. Something said that she cannot go in there right now, he is speaking.” Yes, the angels of God encamp around those that fear his name.

Quote W.M.B. *E-59 And I looked up, and here came another Angel. This One standing by my side was the same Man that always talks. And here come another One from heaven, and He had great oscillating Light turned on...He said, "There's three hundred thousand of those in that Branham meeting." And I pitched forward in the floor...At that time, I had came to, and I heard somebody knocked on the door; it was my wife setting there...she said, "Can I come in?" Oh, I thought, "That's strange. My wife asking me to come in." I said, "Yes." She said, "I started in here three o'clock this morning."...She said, "There's Something told me not to go in there, there was a vision going on." (Africa Trip Report 53-1109).*

I firmly believe that, that was Gabriel who came to the earth and was with the prophet, and Brother Branham had many other angels with him. You remember seven of them picked him up at the event of the seals and took him up into the sky?

Question # 785: “The seventieth week starts right after the Rapture. So within that one week/seven years, what is the Bride’s part in the midst of the sky? In Armageddon war do they fight with blood and flesh? One of the shepherd’s messages says, they will fight. Tell me how?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Now brother, the Bride passed the sky. They are not in the sky. They are up in the seventh heaven, before the throne of God.

Revelation 7:14-15 <And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.>

They are caught up into the seventh heaven, and they are worshipping the Lord and going through different things: planning the war of Armageddon and different **love secrets**, and all kinds of different things and the Lord is revealing secrets to them, concerning this Armageddon war.

So they are comfortable, they are happy, and they are making plans, just like a war general, will draw out all kind of war strategies and different things. Tell them how to face the enemy and different things like that. Another reason why they went up to heaven is to escape the wrath of God.

The Armageddon war, would it be a flesh and blood battle?" Not altogether. It refers to one of my messages which says that they will fight. Yes. "Tell me how?" When the Lord comes back in the Armageddon battle, that is Revelation 19, we are spirit beings, we already received our redeemed bodies and our theophanies, and we are coming back to the earth for war, to fight against flesh and blood, because the people here on earth are all mortals, but they are a great army that is coming to attack Israel, and *Daniel 12:1* says,

<And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.>

So now that is the time, because they are going to conquer Israel, and Israel has no hope. God always stood for Israel when there was no hope for them in the Old Testament. So here the skies open up, a big hole opens up in the sky and then an army rides, coming to save Israel from this great destruction, and fear fills the earth.

Now "how will we be fighting?" Look and see how our captain fought. Our captain fought in a certain way. *Revelation 19:15, 21 <And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: ...And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.>*

So now if that is how the **captain's sword** is going to be used, then that is how the army is going to fight. Do not forget that we have already received the spoken word, third pull ministry here.

Now that is not coming to an end after the rapture. No, we go into heaven and come back down with the third pull, and that third pull goes through the millennium and possibly through eternity, because Adam had that power to control nature by the spoken word. Even after the rapture, in the millennium, we have these manifested sons of God, and the spoken word is our power. So now the same way that our Lord's sword went out of his mouth, is the same way the spoken word ministry will operate, to slay our enemies, and they will be conquered.

Question # 786: "The prophet preached a message called 'Super sign'. It speaks about three curtains: iron curtain, bamboo curtain and purple curtain. The iron curtain is Russia, the bamboo is China and the purple curtain is Rome. In what way is China the bamboo curtain?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

Quote W.M.B.: *E-39 There's three curtains...One of them's called the iron curtain, one of them the bamboo curtain (China and so forth, eastern). And then there's a purple curtain. Don't fear the bamboo curtain or the iron curtain; but be careful of that purple one. Better be careful. The antichrist shall be so close to deceive the very elected. (Take On The Whole Armor Of God 62-0701).*

BAMBOO CURTAIN – RED CHINA

Quote W.M.B. 177 *As I've told you many years ago, "Watch Russia."... There's three curtains; remember this. There is the iron curtain. There is the bamboo curtain (Red China and so). And there's a purple curtain; you watch that curtain; that's the deceiver. (Pergamean Church Age 60-1207).*

Quote: *E-62 I predict three curtains. In the Name of the Lord, there's one called the Iron Curtain, which will be Russia. Watch Red China. That'll be the Bamboo Curtain. They're horrible, but watch that Purple Curtain that's rising in the United States and over the world, the Roman Empire, the cruelest of all of them.*

Remember in the Name of the Lord. Get away from it. Come away from anything that's attached to it. Flee to the Rock. The coming of the Lord is at hand. We need a conference. I need a conference to talk these things over with God. The church is at the end of her road. Let us pray. (Conference 60-1125).

Now the brother knows that Russia is the Iron Curtain and Rome the Purple Curtain, but could not associate why Brother Branham would say that China has the Bamboo Curtain. Now he was not speaking of all China, but Red China, which Red China is also Communism. Watch Communism in Russia. An angel of the Lord told him in 1933:

WATCH RUSSIA THE KING OF THE NORTH

Quote W.M.B.: *44 But the Lord showed me a vision of the great powerful woman, in '33, 1933, it's on paper...And how that then the three isms (Nazism, Fascism, and Communism) would all wind up in Communism. And how many in here remembers me just keep having you stand, and say it over like that, "Watch Russia. Watch Russia, the king of the north...See, what he would do, for all those isms will heap up into Russia."* (Laodicean Church Age 60-1211e).

So you find that the worst out of all of them is Rome. So when he said, "China, Bamboo Curtain", he is talking about **Communism in China**, because he specified and Red China. Red China has to do with Communism.

Question # 787: "What is the difference between Millennium life and New Jerusalem city dwelling life?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: In the millennium there are mortals that are living outside of Jerusalem. There are mortals that did not die from the fires of God. One third of the earth will be burnt, and there are mortals that will be spared and likely it would be China and Russia, because they are the ones that burn the earth, and burn Rome, and different things like that.

So there will be people in God's economy, that **will be spared**, and that will be two thirds of the earth, and then Jerusalem's area will be cleansed and sanctified with fire, and then the New Jerusalem would not be in the millennium. It is what you call the camp of the saints.

Revelation 20:7-9 <And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

*And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the **camp of the saints** about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.>*

Not New Jerusalem. They came at the camp. So there is a camp of the saints, that the saints are going to set up, in the millennium, and they will have a temple there, just like the Old Testament temple, and they spend the millennium for a thousand years and we will build houses and inhabit them (*Isaiah 65:21*).

Isaiah 65:19-20 < And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days...>

That means that a child would not die.

<... nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.>

The sinners are going to die, but not under a hundred years old. So men will go back and start living for five, six, eight hundred, nine hundred years, nine hundred and ninety-nine years, but they cannot fulfill the thousand years. So now it is going to be restored like that, and outside of the city there is death, there are burials, and there is sin. Now if that is not so then tell me where those people came from, as the sand of the sea, with the same intention to destroy the saints? Wicked enough, to come up there now. They had to live under the law.

Satan was loosed after the thousand years, and went out to gather his subjects, from Gog and Magog, as the sand of the sea, and then they formed this great army and came up to destroy these eternal people, *and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.>* (*Revelation 20:9*).

So now it will be a wonderful time in the millennium. Now that is the millennium. The New Jerusalem did not come down as yet. Read 'Future Home'. At the end of the thousand years, then comes down New Jerusalem and then that is the full cleansing of the earth before New Jerusalem comes; the full cleansing of all sinners and the two thirds of the earth is burnt, and then after that, the New Jerusalem that Jesus went to prepare for us, now adorned as a bride for her husband, slowly descends upon the earth. By that time the volcanic eruptions and everything will send up something like a cone pyramid and then it eases down, maybe one inch in twenty four hours, and keeps

coming down. If it only shake it will break. And after it sits upon this coned shaped mountain, it is going to be an eternal pyramid. No more breaking. No more shaking, and every one of us in the Bride has a part in that pyramid, and we live in the city, but the foolish virgins live outside the city along with and all those that are redeemed. And the Jews will live outside of the city, but near Jerusalem. They will also be in the millennium, with King David (Christ) ruling in the millennium. So their promise is fulfilled.

FUTURE HOME OF THE BRIDE – WHERE WE ARE GOING TO LIVE

Quote W.M.B.: 4-3 Now, I'm speaking this morning on the "Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride": where they're going to live. (Future Home 64-0802).

CHRIST IS IN HEAVEN TODAY PREPARING THE NEW JERUSALEM

Quote: 42-3 And in the new earth, there is a new Cit... Jesus said in John 14... I'm going to prepare a place for you. In My Father's house is many mansions. In My Father's Kingdom is many palaces." Christ is there under the construction of this New Jerusalem now...Christ is in heaven today preparing the New Jerusalem...And Christ is gone and is preparing a place (that's been on its construction for many, many thousands of years), preparing a place. "And if I go and prepare a place, I will come again, and receive you, that wherever I am, there you may be also." Notice, the Redeemer and the redeemed. (Future Home 64-0802).

THE DIVINE ARCHITECT WILL LIVE WITH HIS BRIDE IN THAT CITY

Quote: 43-4 Now, the Divine Architect has designed a new City where He will live with His Bride, just to Her touch. (Future Home 64-0802).

THIS IS THE CITY THAT ABRAHAM WAS LOOKING FOR

Quote: 58-1 Truly, this is the City that Abraham was looking for. See? Being a prophet he knowed that City was somewhere; the Bible said so. And he forsook the city he lived, and he went over--and look where he went. Exactly where it will be. See? He was looking for a City whose Builder and Maker was God, (see?) being a prophet... John saw it coming down, but Abraham thought it must be on earth right then. Why? He met Melchizedek, the King of It... and they took communion (Amen.) right on the literal spot where the City will be raised up, the holy mountain of the Lord where the redeemed'll live ... There will be streets of transparent gold, avenues, and houses, and parks. (Future Home 64-0802).

Quote: 68-3 The future home of the Groom and Bride, He's coming back... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... me to the wedding supper, it's going to be three and a half days. Then return again in the millennium on our honeymoon, and then He's going to bring the City into view, like the Bridegroom taking the Bride to Her surprise. How the little Bride stands there in awe as She looks at Her future home. And by faith today, Lord, we see it yonder. It'll be right here on this earth. (Future Home 64-0802).

Quote: 56-4 The City, it's not just a flat cube like this (See?), but it leans up so it can be seen. And upon this holy mountain of the Lord, the Lord shall descend upon top of His mountain. Here He is. That's the reason the Capstone wasn't put on by Enoch. See? That's the reason the **Capstone has to come now**. And the mountain will be pushed up and it'll be the mount of the Lord and in here will dwell the redeemed.

These avenues, and big freeways, as it was, parks, and the River of Life will flow, run right through it. And every house will be made of transparent gold, and the streets will be made of gold, and the Trees of Life will be there and will bear twelve manners of fruit. (Future Home 64-0802).

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

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To: The Ministers, Deacons & Saints of Cameroon and all Africa.

Greetings from all saints, ministers & elders of Bethel {The House Of God}, the Caribbean, South America and USA. Peace be multiplied unto you from God our father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Praises, honor and glory be unto God who has called us with a heavenly calling unto the message of Malachi 4:5-6 to inherit eternal life and save us from the wrath of God that is prophesied to destroy all sinners from the face of the earth.

It is my understanding from fellow-ministers Ruben Sah and Bahoya that your ministers meetings are to be conducted on April 28th-29th 2006. May your endeavors on this blessed day draw you together, as true servants of God. May the sheep of his pasture greatly benefit from such unity, is our prayer.

I was **invited** to be present with you and to be a part of your meeting by pastors Ruben Sah and Bahoya. This I greatly appreciate and would like to have been with you, my fellow-laborers and ministers of the mysteries of Christ. However, I could not be with you in body, but my spirit is with you. By permission of our precious Brother Bahoya, my request was granted to send by literature, this, my **contributions** upon the subjects that will be under discussion at this time.

With great respect, honor and double honor to the elders that rule well, I give my humble contribution based upon the Word of God and the message of Malachi 4:5-6.

I sincerely declare that I do not make this projection as a prophet or 8th messenger. I have no message of my own but am an ardent believer and preacher of the message of Malachi 4:5&6.

However, I presented your questions, for examination, to a group of ministers from USA, South America, Caribbean, India and Africa. We met after seven days in another ministers' meeting and presented my documentation of answers to your questions. I invited them to critically examine them, to add any comments, scripture and quotations of the prophet before my final documentation. This ministers' meeting was also streamed live by video to different ministers abroad. It was recorded on DVD, MP3 and cassettes and is available to you first and to others after completion of your ministers meeting in April 2006. I also gave them the liberty to state any disagreement that they may have to my answers. I wish to state that certain quotations were added and read from the sacred desk, which are inserted here. Nevertheless, all unanimously agreed with answers given to the questions that now follow:

CAMEROON QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION

1. 7th seal/7 thunders revealed or not revealed in 1963 by the prophet.
2. The rapture.
3. Is there another man to come to reveal the 7 thunders since it was not revealed? God always brings His mysteries through a man.
4. Is the black sheep that the prophet had seen in a vision, a man to come on the scene?
5. Is the 7th Church age over?
6. Will Jesus come in 2007 or 2008 according to calculation?

7. How to start a church?

PURPOSE OF QUESTIONS

Some ask questions in support of certain men who claim that ministry which the prophet indicated by several quotations. Several throughout Africa, India, USA, the Caribbean and other countries failed to prove their claims. They have misled many for years. Some were exposed by insanity and death; others were exposed by the written Word and message of Malachi 4:5&6.

I trust that these questions under consideration are for a different purpose. If they are, then contentment, peace and harmony will prevail, since I am about to say only what the prophet said upon each subject.

Quote W.M.B.: 284-5 42 *That's the way the church ages and Seals and all the rest of it. And when anybody thinks that he has those seven thunders, if it don't compare with the rest of the Word, there's something wrong here. See? It's got to come THUS SAITH THE LORD, for this is the Book; this is the revelation of Jesus Christ in its entirety.* (The Fourth Seal 63-0321).

Question # 788: “Was the 7th seal/7 thunders revealed or not revealed in 1963 by the prophet?”

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

WE DON'T KNOW IT-SEVENTH SEAL

Quote W.M.B.: *Everything runs out in this time, at the end of this Seventh Seal... Now, how is He going to do it? That's what we don't know, isn't it? We don't know. It's even the time for all these things, and the ushering in of the millennium. Notice, the breaking of this Seal was so great that heaven was hushed by it in silence for the space of a half hour.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Pages 501 (232) to 502 (238)).

SEVENTH SEAL, NONE OF US KNOWS, TELL YOU MY REVELATION

Quote: 557 (2)...*Why? What is it?*

557 (3) *Now, none of us know; but I'm going to tell you my revelation of it...* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 502 (245) to 503 (247)).

I HAD THE REVELATION THAT REVEALED—IT'S IN A THREEFOLD MANNER MYSTERY LAYING BEHIND SEVEN THUNDERS

Quote: 557 (4) *And now, as certain as I stand in the platform tonight, I had the revelation that revealed—it's in a threefold manner. That, I will speak to you by God's help of a fold of it. And then you... Let's go over there first. Here's the revelation to begin what... I want to tell you what it is. What happens is that those seven thunders that he heard thunder and was forbidden to write, that's what the mystery is laying behind those seven consecutive thunders rolling out.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 503 (248)).

WHAT IS IT? HE DID NOT KNOW IT HIMSELF

Quote: 558-2 255} *Jesus never spoke of it. John couldn't write it. Angels know nothing about it.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 503 (252) to 504 (256)).

Quote: 558 (3) *What is it? It's the thing that Jesus said even the Angels of heaven didn't know nothing about it. See, see? He didn't know it Himself, said only God would know it, but He told us when we begin to see these signs coming up... (Now, you getting somewhere? All right.) Notice, we begin to see these signs coming up. See?...* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 504 (256-257)).

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET, STOP! GO NO FURTHER THAN THIS

Quote: 559 (3) *Now, I don't know what... I know the next step there, but I don't know how to interpret that. It won't be long. I've got it wrote down here when it happened, if you can see here, "STOP! Go no further than this right here."*

559 (4) *I'm not prone to be a fanatic--just telling the truth...* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 504 (261)).

SEVENTH ANGEL WITH SEVENTH SEAL,

Quote: *They were in a constellation--three on a side and one on top. And the one right next to me here, counting from the left to the right, would've been the seventh Angel. He was brighter, meant more to me than the rest of them. You remember, I said he had his chest out like that, and was flying eastward. You remember like that? And I said, "It picked me up, lifted me up." Do you remember that?* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 506 (275)).

Quote: *561 (1) Here it is. The one with the Seventh Seal--the thing that I've wondered all my life. Amen! Them other Seals meant a lot to me, of course, but, oh, you don't know what this has meant! For one time in life...I'd prayed, I'd cried out to God...* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 506 (276-277)).

CHECKED TO STOP, REASON SEVENTH SEAL NOT REVEALED

Quote: *564 (3) Now, I'd better stop right here. See? I just feel checked not to say no more about it. See? So just remember, the Seventh Seal, the reason it was not opened (See?), the reason He did not reveal it, no one should know about it.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 509 (301-302)).

**HE REVEALED ALL SIX SEALS, SAY NOTHING ABOUT SEVENTH SEAL,
IT STARTS IN SECRET**

Quote: *564 (4)...Notice now, for the end of time message (this Seal), after all He's revealed all the six Seals, but it don't say nothing about the Seventh. And the end time Seal, when it starts, will be absolutely a total secret according to the Bible. Before knowing that... And remember, Revelations 10:1, 7 (1-7, chapter 10:1-7) at the end of the seventh angel's message, all the mysteries of God would be known. We're at the end-time--the opening of the Seventh Seal.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 510 (304)).

**WHAT THIS GREAT SECRET IS, I DO NOT KNOW,
I KNOW IT'S THEM SEVEN THUNDERS**

Quote: *567 (1) Now, notice. So help me, by God I tell the truth, that these are spiritually discerned to me (See?), discerned by the Holy Spirit. And by every one of them, has identified his place in the Bible. Now, what this great secret is that lays beneath this Seal, I do not know. I don't know it. I couldn't make it out. I couldn't tell it, just what it said. But I know that it was them seven thunders uttering themselves right close together, just banging seven different times, and it unfolded into something else that I seen.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 512 (322-323)).

**I LOOKED FOR INTERPRETATION, I COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT,
HOUR ISN'T QUITE YET FOR IT**

Quote: *567 (2) Then when I seen that, I looked for the interpretation that flew across there, and I couldn't make it out. That's exactly right, friend. See? The hour isn't quite yet for it, but it's moving into that cycle. See? It's coming up close. So the thing for you to do is to remember that I speak to you in the Name of the Lord: Be prepared, for you don't know what time something can happen.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 510 (323-324)).

Quote: *567 (4) I'm only telling you what I seen and what has been told to me, and now, you do whatever you want to...It may be time. It may be the hour now, that this **great person** that we're expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. Maybe this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation; and if it has, I'll be leaving you for good. There won't be two of us here at the same time. See? If it is, he will increase, I'll decrease. I don't know. But I have been privileged by God to look and see what it was--unfold to that much. Now, that is the truth.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 512 (325) to 513 (328)).

**ONE MYSTERY OF SEAL NOT REVEALED, REASON IS, IT'S THE
SEVEN THUNDERS, I DO NOT KNOW WHEN IT WILL BE**

Quote: *568 (2) "When will it be, Brother Branham?" I cannot tell you. I do not know. But one of these days, if we never meet again on this earth, we're going to meet yonder at the judgment seat of Christ. And you'll find out that in that room, the revelation coming from God (just like all the rest of them has), that them... One of the mysteries of that Seal, the reason it wasn't revealed, it was seven thunders that uttered their voices, and there it is*

perfectly, because nothing knows anything about it; it wasn't even written. So we're at the end-time-- we're here. (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 513 (335-336)).

AS FAR AS IT'S ORDAINED FOR ME TO BEAR

Quote: 573 (2) *"Then, Lord, I pray that You'll help me. I'm beginning to fade away, Lord. I know my days can't be too many more, and I pray that You'll help me. Let me be true, Lord, and honest and sincere that I might be able to bear the message as far as it's ordained for me to bear. And when it comes to the time that I must lay down, when I get down to the river, and the waves begin to come in, O God, may I be able to hand this old Sword over to somebody else that'll be honest with It, Lord, and will pack the truth. Grant it, Lord..."* (Seals Book, New Ed. 518(373)).

HID TO THE WORLD, GOD WILL REVEAL IT

Quote: 574 (1) *...It'll be a good thing that he doesn't know anything about it, because if he did, then he would impersonate that. That's his tricks in doing things. So therefore, God has made it so hid to the whole world, even to heaven, that there is no way of understanding it, only as God will reveal it Himself.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 519 (377-378)).

SEVENTH SEAL THREEFOLD PURPOSE, ONE FOLD SPOKEN, SEVEN THUNDERS WILL UNFOLD MYSTERY AT CHRIST'S COMING

Quote: 575 (5) *Now, do you notice on the opening of this Seventh Seal, it's also in a threefold mystery. This one I have...will speak and have spoke, that it is the mystery of the seven thunders. The seven thunders in heaven will unfold this mystery. It'll be right at the coming of Christ, because Christ said no one knew when He would return.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 520(391)).

SEVEN THUNDERS WILL REVEAL CHRIST'S COMING AT THAT TIME

Quote: 575 (6) *Did you notice when the Jews asked Him that? You know when we compared the Scripture here with Matthew 24 with the six Seals, the Seventh Seal was left out; because (You see?), Christ said only God Himself knowed, not even the Angels. No wonder, it wasn't even written. You see, they hushed; nothing take place then. Angels don't know it; nobody knows when He's coming. But there'll be...seven voices of these thunders that will reveal the great revelation at that time.* (New Ed. Page 520(392-393)).

WE DON'T KNOW IT, BUT IT WILL BE REVEALED IN THAT TIME, HOUR, DAY

Quote: 576 (1) *So I believe... If we don't know it, and it won't be known 'til that time, but it will be revealed in that day, in the hour that it's supposed to be revealed in. So the thing for us to do is to be reverent before God and serve Him, and do all that we know how to do, and live good Christian lives.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 520(393)).

SIXTH SEAL OPENED, SEVENTH SEAL CANNOT BE BROKE TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL THAT HOUR ARRIVES

Quote: 576 (2) *Here now, we find that the Sixth Seal has been opened to us; we see it, and we know that this Seventh Seal cannot be broke to the public until that hour arrives.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 521 (393)).

NO ONE WOULD KNOW HIS COMING, NO ONE KNOWS SEVEN THUNDERS

Quote: 576 (3) *Now, there was some reason that God let this seven voices be thundered, because it must come (See?)...we find that Christ, the Lamb took the Book in His hand, and He opened that Seventh Seal. But you see, it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it. But its right along with what He said: no one would know His coming; they also would not know about this seven thunder mystery. So you see, it's connected together.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 521 (394)).

THE REST OF IT IS NOT UNFOLDED, THAT'S AS FAR AS WE CAN GO

Quote: 576 (4) *That much we have an understanding of it today, because the rest of it is all unfolded, but this is not unfolded. But sitting in my room, and I heard this...not heard it, rather, but seen it unfold to this seven thunders. Now, that's as far as we can go right there. And now I trust that each and every one of you will serve God,*

and do that which is right, and love Him all your life and serve Him, and God will take care of the rest. (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 521 (395-396)).

**IN COMPLETION SIX SEALS, WE UNDERSTAND
SEVENTH SEAL NOT TO THE PUBLIC**

Quote: 576 (5) Now, we have in the completion here now, by the grace of God, all the mysteries of the six Seals that's been sealed up, and we understand and know here that the Seventh Seal is not to be known to the public. (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 521 (397)).

**HOUR IS NOT YET FOR THIS MYSTERY TO BE KNOWN,
THE REST KNOWN AROUND TIME JESUS APPEARS**

Quote: 576 (7) You see Israel's gathering in its own homeland. But you notice, He omitted the revelation of this Seventh Seal. And here when the Seventh Seal, when He opened it, He also omitted it again. See? So we see that it is a complete mystery, therefore, the hour is not yet for this mystery to be known, therefore, we're this far and the rest of it will be known right around about the time that Jesus appears on earth again for His Bride, or whatever takes place at that time. (Seventh Seal 63-0324e).

Quote: 577 (1) Now, until that time, let's just all pray and live good straight Christian lives, looking forward for His coming. (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 521 (398-399)).

**MAKE NO ISM – TO THIS TIME IT ISN'T OPENED,
PROMISED IT WOULD BE OPENED**

Quote: 577 (2) And now, if this tape would happen to fall into the hands of some persons somewhere, don't try to make any kind of an "ism" out of it. The only thing you do, you just continue serving God, because this great secret is so great that God wouldn't even let John write it. It thundered out, but He... knowing that... promising us that it would be opened, but to this time, it isn't opened. (Seals Book, New Ed. Pages 521 (400)).

**WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS AS YET, BECAUSE
IT'S NOT PERMITTED TO BE BROKEN – NOTABLE ANGEL**

Quote: 578 (3) Now, the Angel was to my left, would really be the last, or seventh Angel, if we would count them from left to right, because he was on my left, me looking to him towards the west, him coming towards the east would be on the left side, so that would be the **last angel's message:** very notable. You remember how I said he had his head back, and his great sharp wings, and how he flew right to me. Now, that is this Seventh Seal. It still is a notable thing. And we...don't know what it is as yet, because it's not permitted to be broken. (Seals Book, New Ed. Pages 523 (407)).

**SILENCE HALF HOUR, SEVEN THUNDERS, HOW HE IS COMING
HE HASN'T REVEALED YET**

Quote: 17-3 057 Jesus, when He was on earth, they wanted to know when He would come. He said, " Even the Son Himself don't know when it's going to happen." See, God has this all to Himself. It's a secret. And that's the reason there was silence in heaven for a space of a half hour. And Seven Thunders uttered their voices, and John was even forbidden to write it (See?)--the coming of the Lord. That's one thing He hasn't revealed yet, of how He will come, and when He will come. It's a good thing that He doesn't. No. He has showed or revealed it in every type that's in the Bible. (Christ Is The Mystery 63-0728).

**HE HID SEVENTH SEAL FROM US – NO ONE KNEW –COMING OF THE LORD - SEVENTH SEAL–HE WOULDN'T PERMIT
US TO KNOW**

Quote: 33-3 The Lamb took His Book when the Seventh Seal, just ready for it to be opened--the Sixth Seal. Remember, He hid the Seventh Seal from us. He wouldn't do it. When the Angel stood day by day telling it, but then He wouldn't do it on that one. Said, "There's silence in heaven." No one knew. It was the coming of the Lord. (Souls In Prison Now 63-1110M).

Quote: 23-4 076 Now we see these things. Remember the Seven Seals is finished. And when those seven revealed truths... **One of them He wouldn't permit us to know.** How many was here at the Seven Seals? Just about all of you, I guess. See? **The Seventh Seal, He wouldn't permit it.** (Souls In Prison Now 63-1110M).

Quote: 182 *This Book's already opened (That's right) just waiting for the Seventh Seal to be identified with the coming of Christ. (What Shall I Do With Jesus 63-1124M).*

✂ Anybody that preaches the seventh seal, they will be preaching the coming of Christ, because the coming of Christ identifies the seventh seal.

✂ **The seventh seal** goes along with the coming of Christ. If you're preaching the seventh seal, you have to know the **ins and outs about the coming of Christ**, because the coming of Christ identifies the seventh seal.

SEVENTH SEAL HASN'T OPENED YET – THAT'S HIS COMING

Quote W.M.B.: 26-4 *That Seventh Seal hasn't opened yet, you know; that's His coming. (Feast of the Trumpets 64-0719M).*

HE OPENED THE SIX SEALS

Quote: 26-5 *You think that little noise out here in Tucson was something, when He opened the six seals, that shook the country around about and caused the talk, wait till this earth receives her baptism! (Future Home 64-0802).*

SEVENTH ANGEL WAS TO OPEN SIX-SEAL MYSTERY

Quote: 270 *"The seventh angel was to open the six-seal mystery. It's all to be gathered up in the Son of man, His fullness of time has come to the Fullness of His Word to manifest the fullness of His Body." (Proving His Word 64-0816).*

TEACHING LAST SEVEN THUNDERS – COULDN'T GET ROOM TO DO IT

Quote: 16 *Now, in doing this, I have come here for the purpose of teaching the last vials, last seven vials, and the last seven trumpets, and the last seven thunders of the Book of Revelations, tying them together in this hour that we're now living to follow the opening of the Seven Seals, the Seven Church Ages. So we couldn't get room to do it. (God Of This Evil Age 65-0801M).*

WAIT TILL WE GET IN TO OPEN THEM SEVEN THUNDERS

Quote: 22-5 *Just wait till we get in to open those plagues and seals and them seven thunders. Watch what takes place. Oh, brother, you better get to Goshen while there's time to get to Goshen. Don't pay any attention to this outside. (Knoweth It Not 65-0815).*

What you ministers sanctioned tonight everybody believed and sanctioned the same, for ten years after the seals in 1963, that the 7th seal/7thunders was not revealed. The things that we have sanctioned are what the prophet said. I was in their midst, **none preached on the thunders** until this heresy came from New York. Then everybody had a thunders fever. They based their thoughts upon two quotations of Church Ages page 327 and Q&A-1964.

Quote W.M.B.: 327-1 *Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: **He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10 which are the revelations contained in the seven seals.** It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers. Exactly so." (Laodicean Church Age page 327).*

Nowhere on the Church Ages tapes states that the 7 thunders are revealed. This projection is saying what the ministry is supposed to do: "reveal the mystery of the 7 thunders, and that it was contained in the 7 seals." Brother Branham said differently to this statement on the church ages.

Quote W.M.B.: 75 (3-4) *“The Book is absolutely a sealed Book until the Seven Seals are broken. It is sealed up with Seven Seals. Now, that's different from the Seven Thunders.”* (The Breach 17/3/63). (New Ed. Page 66(49)).

I am verifying by the words of the prophet that the mystery of the 7 thunders is **different** from the 7 seals. Something is wrong with that statement on the edited church ages book. Therefore, I am saying to the whole world and all the ministers that this is the projection of Dr. Lee Vayle which he **injected** into the church ages book. Nowhere on the church age tapes did brother Branham say that the 7 thunders are the 7 seals. Dr. Vayle should have stayed with the church Age tapes preached in 1960. Brother Branham did not, and could not be dealing with the 7 thunders in the church ages messages in 1960.

Dr. Lee Vayle overstepped his bounds and went dealing with the subject of the seals. He had no business doing that. Here we have **two different** statements in contradiction to each other: Lee Vayle saying that the thunders is the seals and Brother Branham saying it is not and it's different from the 7 seals.

I am saying to the ministers present and those who will hear or read this, that we believe Malachi 4:5&6. **We reject the statement of Dr. Lee Vayle**, who believed contrary to Brother Branham on other items. He was only baptized after the seals in 1963. He could not know more about the seals and 7 thunders than the prophet. He has mixed up a lot of people around the message. People lay down their very souls upon his words. **We reject** this doctrine, it is not right.

A statement of the prophet on Question and Answers 1964, resembles Dr. Vayle's statement, when asked whether the seven thunders are revealed. The prophet answer was “No!”, and repeated what the question asked.

Quote W.M.B.: 1161-Q-395 *“Have the seven thunders which equals seven mysteries already been revealed? Were they revealed in the seven Seals, but are yet not known to us as the thunders yet? No, they were revealed in the seven Seals; that's what the thunders was about. The seven thunders that had uttered their voices and no one could make out what it was... John knew what it was, but he was forbidden to write it. He said, "But the seventh angel, in the days of his sounding, the seven mysteries of the seven thunders would be revealed.”* (COD Questions & Answers 64-0830).

The prophet lived in anticipation and expectation of receiving the 7 thunders but he concluded at the event of the seals that it was not revealed to him.

**WHAT THIS GREAT SECRET IS, I DO NOT KNOW,
I KNOW IT'S THEM SEVEN THUNDERS**

Quote W.M.B.: 567 (1) *Now, notice. So help me, by God I tell the truth, that these are spiritually discerned to me (See?), discerned by the Holy Spirit. And by every one of them, has identified his place in the Bible. Now, what this great secret is that lays beneath this Seal, I do not know. I don't know it. I couldn't make it out. I couldn't tell it, just what it said. But I know that it was them seven thunders uttering themselves right close together, just banging seven different times, and it unfolded into something else that I seen.* (Seals Book, New Ed. Page 512 (322-323)).

People who want to go on with the error that the **7th seal/7 thunders are revealed** take the very quotations that are above which emphasized that it's not revealed, bend and twist it out of context and ignore all the preaching of the prophet which says that it is not revealed.

Our stand as ministers of Bethel and from around the world, declares that it was not revealed but will be revealed before the coming of the Lord for the Bride.

Question # 789: “The Rapture: tell us more about it please.”

E.O.D.H. Contribution: There are many heresies associated with the rapture, many of which were undeniably exposed by the Word and message of the prophet.

The most effective exposition is based upon the fact that the 1st resurrection, the changed body and the rapture are 3 separate events and works of grace. The rapture happens after the 1st resurrection and changed body. The changed body takes place in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, thus heresies which stated that it is a

progressive event and started in 1963, are wrong. It happens only after the 1st resurrection and changed body. Rapture heresies are as follows:

HERESIES BASED ON THE RAPTURE

- **D**ates set for the rapture.
- It is in 3 stages, the first which started in 1963.
- All is over, the church is just to wait upon the rapture.
- The bride will be raptured twice.
- The bride will be raptured within 1500 miles of the desert of Arizona.
- All preachers lead their flocks to the rapture regardless of their doctrine.
- The rapture is a progressive event which started in 1963.
- The bride has enough power now for the rapture.
- The rapture will take members from all organizations who are sincere.
- The revelation of the rapture is the 7 thunders from New York.
- Neal Frisby of Arizona USA and 8th messenger after Malachi 4 must live until the rapture. However he died early this year.
- The rapture has already taken place.

POWER FOR FIRST RESURRECTION, BEFORE RAPTURE

Before the rapture takes place we must have the **resurrection** of the dead saints! There must of necessity be a resurrection of the saints. (*I Corinthians 15:51-52*) What follows after that resurrection is the changing of the bodies of the living saints? Now a changed body is **different** from the rapture. The Lord will resurrect the bodies of the saints of God from the seven Church Ages. Only after they are resurrected, the living saints of God have a changed body. After the resurrection and the changed body, then comes the catching away of the Bride.

To bring the dead from the grave, change the bride's body, and go in the rapture, we need Power in such a measure as we do **not** have now. "*There must of necessity be a return of dynamic power.*" That is what we are contending for.

CHANGED BODY AND RAPTURE ARE DIFFERENT

Jesus received a changed body, and was walking around for forty days. After He walked the face of the earth for forty days and communicated with His disciples, then and only then did He go up in the rapture. This proves that the changed body and the rapture are **two** different articles.

I am not sure how long we will be here with our changed bodies, but I know for sure that there will be a resurrection.

He said that the saints of God will be resurrected in the first resurrection and they will be upon the earth.

THOSE THAT ARE DEAD WILL COME FORTH FIRST

Quote W.M.B.: *715-135 II Thessalonians, 5th chapter... 'the dead in Christ shall rise first,' the privilege of those that are dead will come forth first... 'Then we which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air.'* (Questions And Answers 62-0527).

WE ALL MEET RIGHT HERE TOGETHER

Quote: *115 The going up of the saints in the resurrection. You see, we all meet right here together...for the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; and we shall be caught up together with them*

(Amen.)--with them (here we are, **meeting right here**) to go to meet the Lord in the air. (Seventy Weeks Of Daniel 61-0806).

When Jesus was resurrected from the sepulcher, He stayed upon the earth forty days.

When the time comes, there is a sweep that comes over the bride. Waves of glory and power are going to sweep over them. Then they are changed!

SWEEP OVER US AND YOU'RE CHANGED

Quote W.M.B.: 934 *These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and you're **changed**. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman.* (Questions and Answers 64-0823m).

WAVE AFTER WAVE OF THE SPIRIT – RESURRECTION – I'LL KNOW MY PEOPLE

Quote: 97 *There will be wave after wave of His glory will come across the earth, and the resurrection of the saints shall come...A great wave of that same Spirit... "He that was last will be first, and he that was first will be last."...That's the order of the resurrection...And every generation will come successfully, right as it went down...I'll know my people. The next fellow, my dad will know his people.* (Seven Church Ages 54-0512).

Question # 790: "Is there another man to come to reveal the 7 thunders? Since it was not revealed. God always brings his mysteries through a man."

E.O.D.H. Contribution: The prophet did truly state that he will decrease and another will increase (page 567 seals). Nevertheless, Brother Branham did not say who this great person is. So let us not try to venture out too far in trying to assume who he may be. I do believe, when this person comes on the scene that the elect will recognize him.

John 10:27 <My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.>

All in all, it will be the ministry of Christ. God always uses human agency, but the glory goes to Him.

People try to put everything in Brother Branham until they make a resurrection doctrine, but God's ministry continues and there is a five-fold ministry and God will use other men.

On this question, it is a matter of waiting for that revelation to be made known. However, it starts in secret somewhere and will be broken to the public later. We must wait and see. One sure thing, that ministry will fit the 8 identifications of the Seven Thunders ministry (E.O.D.H Book 8), and it will work within the true program for the Seventh Seal/Seven Thunders (E.O.D.H. book 12).

Quote W.M.B.: 466 (6) *Now, we find out the corruption that hits in the seventh church age... But the Seventh Seal doesn't reveal anything, what's going to happen to it (See?), because at the end of that church age is to come a **prophetic gift** to reveal these things.* (Questions & Answers On The Seals 63-0324M).

Many arose from around the world who claimed to have that ministry to reveal the seventh seal/seven thunders. But their ministry does not dovetail with the word. They contradicted the bible, the written word and the prophet and finally their immoral lives exposed them and their false claims. The prophet in a quotation below clearly stated that such claims must dovetail with the word.

It is heart-rending to hear the claims of preachers even in Africa and India. Many of these claims were exposed on our volumes of E.O.D.H, especially books 8 and 12.

I TOLD YOU WHATEVER WAS TOLD ME, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO

Quote W.M.B.: 567 (3) *Now, when that gets on tape, which it is, that'll probably send ten thousand of my friends away from me, 'cause they're going to say that Brother Branham's trying to put himself and make himself a servant, or a prophet, or something before God. Let me tell you, my brethren, that is an error. **I'm only telling you what I seen and what has been told to me, and now, you do whatever you want to.** I don't know who's going to— what is going to take place. I do not know. I just know that those seven thunders holds that mystery, that heavens was quieted. (Everybody understand?)* (Seventh Seal 63-0324E).

AS FAR AS IT'S ORDAINED FOR ME TO BEAR

Quote: 573 (2) *"Then, Lord, I pray that You'll help me. I'm beginning to fade away, Lord. I know my days can't be too many more, and I pray that You'll help me. Let me be true, Lord, and honest and sincere that I might be able to bear the message as far as it's ordained for me to bear. And when it comes to the time that I must lay down, when I get down to the river, and the waves begin to come in, O God, may I be able to hand this old Sword over to somebody else that'll be honest with It, Lord, and will pack the truth. Grant it, Lord..."* (Seals Book, New Ed. 518(373)).

Quote: 284-5 {42} *"That's the way the church ages and Seals and all the rest of it. And when anybody thinks that he has those seven thunders, if it don't compare with the rest of the Word, there's something wrong here. See? It's got to come THUS SAITH THE LORD, for this is the Book; this is the revelation of Jesus Christ in its entirety".* (The Fourth Seal 63-0321).

Question # 791: "Is the black sheep that the prophet spoke about, a man to come on the scene?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

Quote W.M.B.: *40-3 Oh, Christian, what a opportunity we have. We have opportunities that St. Paul never dreamed of having. We have opportunities that Enoch, and Elijah, and all of them never had, the opportunities we have now. There's one little sheep out yonder somewhere, and He will not be satisfied till that one comes in the fold. By the help of God, and by a vision, and THUS SAITH THE LORD, I'm returning across the sea. That last little sheep **may even be a black one** down there, for all I know, where they don't even think they got a soul, but God knows different. I'm going to seek till the last day of my life to find that one, wherever it is.* (The Easter Seal 65-0410).

The above is the only statement that I was able to find pertinent to the black sheep which Brother Branham spoke about. The statement does not in the least prophecy or indicates that the black sheep would be a man with a special office, prophetic or otherwise.

If we are to look casually into the statement of the prophet without any pre-conceived idea and interpretation, it can be well understood that he is speaking of an elected believer or believers to come into Christ and **not a prophet**.

He longed to reach that sheep and purposed to do so unto the last day of his life. He did not specify that the last little sheep was absolutely in **Africa**, but spoke in suggestive terms that it maybe there or some other place. The great prophetic emphasis was not on the black sheep but on his commission to go to Africa.

The prophet's emphasis of finding the last little sheep is connected with other statements that he made concerning the coming into the body of the **last elected** member of the bride. He longed for that because the Lord would come immediately after they come into the body.

Quote W.M.B.: *But let me say this. Our Lord is not defeated. Men claim to open the door to God and shut that door, but they are liars. All that the Father has given Him will come to Him, and he that cometh to Him in no wise will be cast out; He will lose NONE of them. John 6:37-39. And when that last elected member to the body of Christ comes in, then will our Lord appear.* (Philadelphia Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt.8).

Quote: *179-1{14} Polycarp was a student of Saint John. (That's correct; he was.) I think Irenaeus was a student of--of Polycarp. (That's correct, exactly.) Irenaeus said, 'Jesus will return--will **return** when the last elected member of the body of Christ comes in.'* (The Second Seal 63-0319).

At the ministers meeting pastor Ramnarine read an additional quote:

Quote W.M.B.: *71 As it was like in the days of Noah, when the last member of the family was brought in, God closed the door. And they beat and pounded, but it was too late. Dear God, they had the opportunity. You said, "I am that Door to the sheepfold." And how striking the song from the poet, "Are not ninety and nine enough for Thee? But, no, there was one more." He might be a little black sheep, or he might be a little nobody, might be the little her or he. We don't know where they are, but that last one must come in, and then the door will be closed. O*

God, Who knows all things, search our lives this morning. And send us wherever that we could go, that we might find that last one, that the door would be closed and the Shepherd inside with the sheep. Grant it, Lord. If there be that one here today, if that one that is supposed to come in... "All the Father has given Me will come to Me. And no man can come, except My Father has drawn him." (One In A Million 65-0424).

Question # 792: "Is the 7th Church age over?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution:

REVELATION 10: 1-6

The Angel of Revelation 10:1 swore that time was no longer. Time no longer is Church Ages Time. If Church Ages Time is sworn away, then he must point us to another age. That age is called the **Bride Age**. Time has now crossed over from the Seventh Church Age to the Bride Age or the Eighth Day. The Seventh Church Age is the Laodicean Church Age. The Laodicean **Age continues** for the Gentiles but those who have heard the revelation of the message of Malachi 4:5-6, have stepped out into the Bride Age.

In 1963 Elijah was turned out from the Organizations and Denominations and his Message was rejected. The angel that swore that time is no longer, descended in 1963. The Seals were opened and when the Book became opened it marked the time between Church Ages Time and the Bride Age.

While the seventh day continues, the Bride stepped out into an Eternal Age because she possesses eternal life.

BRIDE AGE

Quote W.M.B. 139 "It's getting harvest time. This is not Luther's age; this is not Pentecost age; this is the **Bride age**. (Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy 65-1206).

Quote: 186 This is not a Pentecostal age; this is the latter-day age, this is the **Bride Age**. (I Have Heard But Now I See 65-1127E).

Quote: 34-6 See, and we're **ending** the seventh church age the Pentecostal age. Do you see it? We're entering the holy convocation. We are entering into that real, genuine eternity, where the Church is called, not to some station, some denomination, but into eternity with their eternal King. See? We don't have it at all. There's no such a thing as days and things and times. You passed into Eternity, where you come from. You was there to begin with. (Future Home 64-0802).

CHURCH AGE OVER- GO INTO ETERNITY

Quote: 35-3 Now, in Ephesians 1:10 it's called (now, if you're putting it down)--Ephesians 1:10 is called, not a dispensation, not the seventh day; it's called the **fullness of time**. And when the fullness of time has come, that's when time has been fulfilled, when there is no more time, then you go into eternity. After the seventh church **age is over** (and it is); Luther's age is over; Methodist age is over; Pentecostal age is over, and now you go into what? **Eternity**." (Future Home 64-0802).

LAODICEAN AGE LAPS OVER INTO ETERNITY

Quote: 318 Now, it'll come a time where, first thing you know, the church will just start cooling. Now, how many people that--that's noticed the cooling off of the church in the last few years? Sure. What's it going into? Laodicea. Where we'll pick up tonight and bring the angel of the Laodicean church out, bring it out there so you can see it, and see his message, and what it'll be, and at the end of the Laodicean church age when she laps over in and spreads out into eternity then. (Ten Virgins 60-1211m).

RESTORATION AGE

Quote: 380-2 *This is the age of apostasy, and this is the age of restoration, it is the age of the finished cycle. With this, it is all over". (A Resume Of The Ages - Church Age Book Cpt.10).*

ANOTHER AGE

Quote: 86 *We are in our journey, are something like Israel was. Israel, in their journey, had to get new manna every day, for new manna fell. We are supposed not to live in the light of Luther, live in the light of--of Wesley, or live in the light of Pentecost. We're in another age: new Manna. What happened if they tried to keep that manna over? It contaminated. It would kill them. That's the reason we got so many spiritual dead, so-called Christians. They're eating a glare of another day. They're eating manna that's already contaminated. Just like the husk upon the wheat, if it doesn't go into the wheat, it goes off of the wheat. And when Light is rejected, there isn't but one thing to do, turned into darkness. Any portion of the night would refuse to see the Light, goes back into darkness. So does it in the Gospel; in every age it's been proven to be so. We're living in that time. (Turn On The Light 64-0125).*

Question # 793: "Will Jesus come in 2007 or 2008 according to calculations?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: Many dates were set for the coming of the Lord and the rapture of the Christian church. This is a spirit and **strategy** of the devil to overthrow the faith of sincere believers. It dates back even to the time of Apostle Paul and he had to correct it for the Thessalonians Christians.

II Thessalonians 2:1-4 <Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.>

II Timothy 2:16-18 <But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

*Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and **overthrow the faith** of some.>*

The above scripture bears record of the existing spirit and damnable heresies, which worked through message ministers whom Paul identified by names, because of how destructive such a heresy was, insomuch that it **overthrew** the faith of some. That is exactly what setting of dates for the coming of the Lord and rapture, have done in modern times and even since the days of the prophet of God. One man thought that the millennium was on and ran hastily and asked where we can find it.

Quote W.M.B.: 516-2 {351} *A man running up here the other day... He said, "Well, where's the millennium at?" I said, "I don't know." He said, "Why... you mean it's going on right here and you don't know it?" And I said, "No, sir, I don't."*

And he said, "Well, glory to God," said, "I got some friends that come, told me," and said, "I quit work;"...Said, "What did... You say your name was, Branham?" I said,... "And you don't know nothing about the millennium?"... He said, "No, it's right now...I said, "Where's it at?" He said, "Jeffersonville, Indiana, right under the bridge." (QA On The Seals 63-0324M).

That heresy of setting dates and time for the rapture prevailed up to the present hour, only that it is done in a more **subtle way**. Instead of saying that it's a revelation and prophecy to be fulfilled; heretics try to imitate the prediction of Brother Branham for 1977. But in truth and in fact, they believe that it's a revelation from the Lord.

Concerning the prediction of Brother Branham of 1977, it was based upon seven major visions given to the prophet in 1933. He said that he predicted that all seven visions will be fulfilled by that year and we will usher into the millennium. He clearly stated that it's a **prediction** and not a prophecy.

Quote W.M.B.: 321-2 *The Laodicean Age began around the turn of the Twentieth Century, perhaps 1906. How long will it last? As a servant of God who has had multitudes of visions, of which NONE has ever failed, let me predict (I did not say prophesy, but predict) that this age will end around 1977. If you will pardon a personal note here, I base this prediction on seven major continuous visions that came to me one Sunday morning in June, 1933. The Lord Jesus spoke to me and said that the coming of the Lord was drawing nigh, but that before He came, seven major events would transpire. I wrote them all down and that morning I gave forth the revelation of the Lord. (Laodicean Church Age Cpt.9).*

There were several **dates set** for the coming of the Lord and rapture by organizations. When such dates failed it **overthrew the faith** of many and several suicides followed. The Millerites now known as Adventists and the Russelites now known as the Jehovah witnesses both set dates which failed, some suicides followed.

Many other dates were set by fanatics throughout the world and, needless to say, all failed. Many message believers did not learn from such fanaticism, because some under the message continued to set dates for the rapture.

A date was set for 1970. This was based upon the Jewish calendar which they said is seven years advanced of the Roman calendar. Heretics subtracted seven years from the prediction of Brother Branham for 1977.

A date was set for 1973 and a half, which was June 1974. This was done by the main thunders cult and its leader from New York. That was based upon the 1977 prediction of the prophet. Heretics again subtracted 3 ½ years based upon the seventieth week of Daniel. Some were influenced by this heresy in the Caribbean insomuch that men **separated** from their wives. They were later reconciled when the rapture did not take place. Some backslid and went into the world.

A date was set for 1976 by some in the USA and Caribbean, based upon the fact that 1976 was 200 years of America's independency from England and that Brother Branham said that no nation ever made it through for 200 years.

Another date was set for 1977. This was based upon the 1977 prediction of Brother Branham. Heretics turned it into a prophecy and revelation of the Lord. This had a great impact upon many in USA and other countries of the world. Many destroyed their spoken word books or gave them away and proclaimed that the message and the **prophet** were proven false.

Quote W.M.B.: 76 *As we see the days darkening, as we see the shadows falling... When I predict it's just a few more turns of the sun this nation's gone. Do you know, yesterday, fourth of July, where Thomas Jefferson had signed the Declaration of Independence, him and the other board that was with him, and the Liberty Bell rang, and we was declared an independence as a nation... According to history there has never been a democracy at any time last over two hundred years. And that was 1776, July the fourth. And we're just eleven years left. Will it make it? No, can't. Eleven years, and if it does, it'll break all history. (The Masterpiece 64-0705).*

Many in the message realized that they could not speak for God and had their mouths shut. They became **silent** for several years though there existed small factions who continued to set dates and time for the coming of the Lord and rapture. **In the year 2000** they came up with another bright idea and many contracted a **Y2K fever** of the computer nonsense. The main propagator of that heresy was the "Indian chief" and the "dove led eagle" of central Trinidad. The Lord also silenced such fanatics throughout USA and the rest of the world. All their revelations proved to be false, presumptuous and heretical.

Another date was subtly set by a heretic from Singapore. He is smart, intellectual and most arrogant and placed his revelation in such a cunning manner with all indications that it's a revelation from the Lord and at the same time left loopholes for its failure. Thus when his prophecy failed he quickly claimed that it was a prediction and cited the 1977 prediction of the prophet to defend himself.

Another date was set by the Puerto Rican Christ and eighth messenger for a public tent ministry **in 2004.** Tents and buildings were erected in several places of South America for the great tent meetings prophesied by Brother Branham. Such fanatical followers believed this man to be "the coming of the Lord who did come since 1974, veiled in human flesh and that the **new name** is that man's first name 'William'." They were not looking for the coming of the Lord but the rapture since William was the very coming of the Lord. Two heretics who often communicated with me concerning this doctrine are now silent since William's prophecy failed. We seldom hear of that great satanic movement here in Trinidad.

All dates that were set for the coming of the Lord and the rapture failed, since the early church, even unto recent years. It overthrew the faith of many and made infidels of some who once believed.

Such dates that were set failed, because there was no specific time period given to the gentiles as seventy weeks of time were given to the Jews (Daniel 9:27). It just stated times of the gentiles (Luke 21). Nothing was left

the Christian church, by prophets, Jesus or the apostles so that they can calculate the date of the Lord's coming and the rapture.

Thus, to set the date for the Lord's coming and the rapture for **2007-2008** is **presumptuous**, unscriptural, heretical and fanatical. Why should we as ministers fall to such unscriptural prophecy or prediction?

In conclusion may I state that the Lord could very well come at anytime, but none has the authority to set a date. We should all learn from the 1977 failed prediction of Brother Branham and understand that if he was Elijah the prophet, Malachi 4:5-6, the most spiritual man that ever walked the face of the earth since the days of the Apostles, and he could not do it, then none of us should.

Matthew 25:13 <Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.>

Question # 794: "How to start a church?"

E.O.D.H. Contribution: It is very easy to start an organization as it is based on political principles. Many have adopted that policy to try to start a Christian church. The church of God never got started under political grounds.

The church began on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was a supernatural affair. Therefore God alone can start a church. He was made flesh in the man 'Jesus.' After being on earth for 30 years, there was no church formed, (Matthew 16:13-18). Then God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. Being moved by the Holy Ghost, He called His disciples. He said to some, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men", and others likewise. All that He supernaturally called followed him. He anointed the 12 apostles (Matthew 10) and then again anointed 70. Thousands of disciples followed him. There was a great mixed multitude in that church yet it was not an organization. God formed that church. It went up to Pentecost with only 120, where it was officially inaugurated.

In consideration of the above, it takes:

- A **true gift** of God resident in Jesus, the Spirit of the Almighty, anointing that gift.
- **The leadership** of the Holy Spirit for the right time and season to call God's children.
- **The word of truth** and a revelation of the message of the hour.
- **The five MUSTS** that Brother Branham emphasized must be obeyed.

The church will be set in order after God has gathered His elect by His voice. (My sheep hear my voice).

The apostle Paul commissioned Timothy (1Timothy 3) and Titus to set the church in order, after he was instrumental in forming the church when he went out on his missionary journeys. He had something that message believers greatly lack, that is demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 2; he said he came to them in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Many churches were formed by the apostle Paul. He fits the description and rules above, time, season and the word of truth. He was anointed for the job and sent by God to accomplish that great task. The book of Acts bears records of many churches that he founded and how it was done. That's the scriptural way. Some under different conditions called together their neighbors and friends and declared the message, which is wonderful. Few are added from time to time and become acquainted with the message of the prophet. Many are destroyed soon after because of a lack of revelation on the message and not having the Spirit. Some survive as mental believers and take the form of organizations and become party groups who are not careful to adhere to all of the message. They dress and live like the world and cannot live the "abc's" of the message because of weak pulpits, void of the spirit. This is evidently manifested when they fight the promise of God, which declares to them a final outpouring of the Holy Ghost before the rapture.

Because of such systems of churches and how they were born, is the **reason for gross heresies** around the world, even since the days of the prophet. Hence the reason for our work, Exposition of Damnable Heresies, and even in this they fight back because they are dominated by the so-called love gospel, forgetting that love is corrective, but God will restore a church like the one He had on the day of Pentecost. He will get it started again by a final outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Having come to the end of presenting my **contribution** for your ministers' meetings, I humbly state that I have endeavored to keep in line with the written Word of God and the message of the prophet. I am not sure how my contributions will be presented to the ministers of God, who will be assembled for the ministers meeting. I entrust this matter into the hands of our brother and pastor Bahoya and his helper Ruben Sah. Copies of this document are available to all ministers by request from Bethel the House of God via email. Our email address is Mountainspring@hotmail.com.

Comments and questions **based** upon the answers given are welcomed, only that I request that we stay on the subject matter of each question. It should not be a presentation of opinions from any source, since I do not recognize nor entertain opinions on subject matters as long as the prophet established a doctrine by the written Word of God. He is right as the major prophet of God, Malachi 4:5&6, and all others are wrong.

Finally, my brethren, servants of God and fellow-ministers of the mysteries of Christ, I close this letter with the deepest love and respect to all who are gathered and to those who will read this document in the future. May the peace that passeth understanding rest and abide upon you and all who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to you ministers of Cameroon Africa for giving us this opportunity to give our contributions to your ministers' meeting by literature and other electronic media.

We declare that we have done so in the sincerity of our hearts, without pride and boastfulness, but with the deepest sincerity of love, that it may be of edification to all who will hear in your ministers' meeting and will greatly benefit the souls of many around the world who follow the message of the hour.

May the good Lord give you light and understanding and may we spend eternity together is our hope and prayer. We have labored tonight from 7:00 pm answering questions that will benefit many around the world. Our meeting is closing here at 12:20 am, yet if there was a need we would have continued. That is the way we think of the souls' salvation of our brothers and sisters around the message.

Our contribution is not presented in **arrogance nor anger** but in the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. Although our voices may be loud sometimes, we want you to understand that it is done in love for the souls of men. May the Lord prosper you ministers and may we be gathered at Jesus' feet is our prayer. Peace be unto thee. *[Praises and worship followed.]*

Ecclesiastes 12:11 <The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.>

Your Servant For Christ Sake, Dalton Bruce.

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