



## The Purpose and Plan of God

**1** Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, again we want to commend ourselves unto You and Your grace, this evening hour, knowing Lord, weâ€™re here to hear Your Word, and this Word we know is the conduit of eternal life; because the gospel of grace is what is preached for men to believe. So Father, we pray that we have understanding tonight, with joy in our hearts, to build us up in the most holy faith, to worship You in spirit and in truth. To know You correctly according to the revelation of Scripture; and who You are, that we might worship You in that respect. Thereby know that we might have salvation. Oh God, impress our hearts and our minds with the beauty of Your Word tonight. Help us to understand and have fellowship with You and Yours, in the light. In Jesusâ€™ Name we pray, Amen.

You may be seated.

Now this is Number 16, of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed as preached by Bro. Branham, many years back now. And I just want to say a little preamble, some thoughts.

**2** It is to me unbelievable that a Supreme Being Who is both omniscient and omnipotent, would not have a plan and a purpose that would both express, and be worthy of, His glorious essential Being. Now thatâ€™s pretty well the way I wanted to say that, because that is the truth. Itâ€™s absolutely unbelievable that a Supreme Being, (and thatâ€™s God) who is both omniscient and omnipotent, would not have a plan and a purpose, that would both express and be worthy of His glorious essential Being. If He conceived a purpose below His wisdom, and administered it less than His prudence, He could not evoke from Himself a worthy estimation of His majestyâ€”let alone expect it from His creationâ€”unless He were a capricious God. Now that goes without saying; but there are those who feel that God is a capricious person.

**3** And we find that over in the Book of Matthew, and this is at the White Throne judgment (or pretty well in that area) and it has to do with the handing over the talents till the Lord comes back. And it says:

Matthew 25:24

(24) Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, (Thatâ€™s an austere man.) reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not winnowed: (In other words, one coming in, and with all authority and power can do exactly what he wants to do.)

**4** But this man has a wrong idea, because God is not capricious. He is a God of mercy and righteousness; but also is a God of judgment. As Bro. Branham said, â€œThis idea of an old bearded man, a doty old grandfather, is not God; but He is also a God of justice, even though He is a God of love.â€•

So, there is no place for anyone to believe in a capricious God, a vacillating God, a God who changes His mind. A God who does not have a purpose which is worthy of His essential Being, His innate majesty and gloryâ€”who does not have a plan which He will carefully consummate. He is not

a capricious God. God's own testimony of Himself covers the true evaluation of His majestic, glorious, Person; as to His purposeful plan that only He could perform. (So let me say that again; God's own testimony of Himself.)

**5** I said, "He couldn't assess Himself to be very glorious, if He didn't have a plan worthy of His own expectations and His own ability; but His own testimony covers the true evaluation of His majestic, glorious, Person" as to His purposeful plan that only He could perform.

Now, we're going to read extensively concerning that. That's why I said we're going to take our time tonight, as usual, and we read first:

Isaiah 46:5-11

(5) To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

(6) They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and make it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

(7) They bear him upon their shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he

not remove: yea, one shall carry to him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his troubles. (In other words he can't move, if you want him to come.)

**6** Take a hacksaw and hack him in two, or melt him down; what's he going to do about it? Why you say, "Well, that's just an image." But it would be a pretty stupid god if he couldn't back up his image. What kind of a god is that? I hope you're thinking now, (some of your church's backgrounds, talking to saints and things) what church is going to pull you out with its idolatries; council of churches?

(8) Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.

(9) Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, there is none like me,

(10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

(11) Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: (I don't know exactly what that means. That could be thinking in terms of Nebuchadnezzar, coming into prophecy.) yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, and I will also do it. (See? All right, let's go to Isaiah)

Isaiah 40:13-14 and 25-28

(13) Who hath directed the spirit of the LORD, or who being his counsellor hath taught him?

(14) With whom took he not counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

(25) To whom will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

(26) Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for he is strong in power; not one faileth. (He does not only create; He maintains.)

(27) Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, my way

is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

(28) Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. (Okay, back to Genesis)

Genesis 1:31 – 2:1-8 (He’s a creator.)

(31) And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

(1) Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

(2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

(3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all of his work which God created and made.

(4) These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

(5) And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

(6) But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

(7) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

(8) And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man which he had formed.

**7** Okay, He starts out in the Garden. We’re just going to drop everything off as it was in the Garden, and go back to Revelation:

Revelation 21:1-11 and 22-27

(1) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (See, it’s re-created.)

(2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (All right, there you are again. You’ve got a husband and a wife, in a very nice place.)

(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. (And that was disrupted back there in the Garden.)

(4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Now there was nothing until that time of sin. Now notice what weâ€™ve got again.)

(5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.

(6) And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, (Iâ€™m going to take them right back to the beginning) the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

(7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (Now remember, that promise right there is in Revelation, the 3rd Chapter)

(8) But the fearful, and abominable, andâ€™(unbelievers and so on) will go into the second deathâ€™

(9) And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lambâ€™s wife. (Itâ€™s not Adam anymore, and a bride; itâ€™s another Adam.)

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

(Now remember, the others come up out of the earth. This is all descending from God.)

(11) Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystalâ€™

#### Revelation 1:22-27

(22) And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

(23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

(24) And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. (Itâ€™s the same light weâ€™re walking in by the way; thereâ€™s no difference, light is light, God is God.)

(25) And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. (No gates to be shut because there will be no night. Thereâ€™s nothing can harm.)

(26) And they shall bring the glory and honour of all the nations into it.

(27) And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lambâ€™s book of life.

#### Revelation 22:1-19

(1) And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

(2) In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

(3) And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

(4) And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

(5) And there shall be no night there; they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

(6) And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his messenger to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass.

(7) Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

(8) And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

(9) Then he saith unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

**8** Now, you notice in there that he didn't say he's necessarily going to fall down and worship this man, though that seems quite implied; (I think the prophet did say that.) but he does say here, "Don't you worship, this type of worship." In other words, you cannot come through me; you've got to go directly. And there are so many people that want to come through some kind of form, or rigmarole, or church membership, or some priest, or orthodoxy, or God knows what; it won't work.

(10) And he said, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. (What time is that? That's the time of immortality. The time's all gone by now. Just keep these things in mind.)

(11) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: he that is filthy, be filthy still: he that is righteous, be righteous still: and he that is holy, be holy still.

(12) And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(13) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end,

**9** And this is the beginning of the end; this is the end of it. This is where we come right back, because you make this in this hour, where the Seals are open "the Book is open" and remember there's only one person can open that Book.

Remember, the One that was in human flesh, opened the Book of Isaiah, and closed it. He's the only One that's got authority. In Revelation 5 you see Him take the Book, and open the Book, and hand it back to the One on the throne. In Revelation 10 it says; the One on the throne

comes down here with the Book, and the Thunders are on earth; which are the opening of the Seals.

Now what pope, what president, what one of you, what one of us all together, is going to open that Book? You better know who is going to open that Book; and God had better tell us somewhere, where the Book is going to be open. Now notice what it said back here:

Revelation 22:10

(10) Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

**10** So therefore, between Revelation 10:4 where it says, "Seal up the sayings," and to this period "the Book is opened" the Seals are torn off, and the Book cannot be shut. That's what God says, "Whatever I shut, nobody opens. What I open, nobody shuts. I am the beginning and I am the end."

(14) Blessed are they that wash their robes, (Not do his commandments that wash their robes. I don't know where they got that miserable translation from.) that they may have the right to the tree of life, (We'll get to that but not tonight.) that they may enter in through the gates into the city.

This is that hour. This is that time at hand that was stopped in the Garden of Eden. Don't let them touch. Now you got to touch, or you miss it all. Before you couldn't touch, now you got to touch. Like Bro. Branham said, "Once you could not enter behind the veil to the Holy of holies, it was death but now it's death not to enter into it."

(15) For without are dogs, (Male prostitutes, that tells you flat what they are. They are so-called Christians that take you from the Word.) and sorcerers!

**11** That's your apothecary, that's your druggist. He whips up your concoctions to feed you a wrong word, that opiates you or peps you up but it will never get you there; it's sterile.

!whoremongers, (that's your idolaters) and murderers, (bring you a wrong word) and idolaters, (same thing) and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

(16) I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. (And this has been going on for seven solid Church Ages.) I am the root and the offspring of David, (I'm the One they looked for back there. I'm the One they're looking for now.)

(17) And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

(18) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

(19) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things written in this book.

Now, it doesn't say take his name out of the Lamb's Book of Life; uh, uh, it says the "Book of Life" because by the time this is done the Lamb's Book of Life has been completely filled and there's no way that any one of those can escape they are the predestinated Elect of Almighty God.

**12** Now, let's just reread page 58, paragraphs 3 and part of 4, (and what I have read in the Scriptures in Isaiah, Genesis, and Revelation; with these two paragraphs) will spell out perfectly Bro. Branham's title "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" because you can see what we laid out here in the Bible as His great purpose and plan that God had; and it's all consummated in Christ.

[58-2] Look! What was once God's great secret, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts (of the believers, by the revelation of the Holy Spirit,) that is the Body of Christ. What was once God's great secret in His mind before the foundation of the world is now made manifest. Think of it! Oh, I'm sure we don't get it. Well, I can't see it the way I ought to, and I'm sure you don't either. But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then was given out down to His Church. What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ.

**13** That's why I read what I did in Genesis, then took you back and showed you that great purposeful plan that God had that He admitted on His own testimony He had, without any counsel that He had started and He would bring it to pass and nothing is going to stop Him anyway shape and form. All right, let us recall that God was bringing an Old Testament Bride, which by revelation looked forward to God manifest in Messiah, and now the New Testament Bride can only look back to Him and nothing else.

Now remember, (if we believe the Word) what they looked forward to procured their complete redemption, and took the Elect Bride somewhere in heaven likely "or some other dimension" and they are there now in glorified bodies. "Now, not all Old Testament people; but an Elect Bride.

**14** Now, if they looked forward to Him to bring about a Resurrection which they have now. (The first half of the first Resurrection is passed.) And we looking to the second part of the first Resurrection "to come to this entire consummation of New Jerusalem" with the purpose and plan of God (what He purposed and planned) continuing; then we'll look back to the same one who brought them to the place where we want to be. Where together we'll all be in this new dimension, this new kingdom. Do you follow? Okay.

Now, the Old Testament Bride looked forward to that perfect One and we look back to the same perfect One. Now remember, God revealed Himself in various forms, and signs and wonders, and especially in and through the prophets which did manifest God Himself "until God Himself was fully revealed in the virgin-born body of Jesus, Messiah.

Then He took up the body, after the death and resurrection, into heaven. And now God is again revealing Himself by the anointing spirit in a virgin Bride "born of the Word" until once more He will take on the virgin-born body that is now seated on the throne of the Father. As Bro. Branham said,

"When that Spirit that's in our midst becomes incarnate to us we'll crown Him the King of kings, and Lord of lords," (And that's in)

Revelation 3:21

(21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

**15** And that is not said till the seventh Church Age when the Lamb rips the Seals off the Book, and hands It back to the One on the throne; and the One on the throne leaves the throne and comes down here. Then who's up there? "The body; but He's got all authority and power. It

doesn't matter now; that body is going to be reincarnated at the time of the Rapture" which is not the Appearing" don't ever think that is. Get those fallacious statements out of your minds. The great Father, God, Holy Spirit, once moved to bring His entire fullness into a single body " Jesus, virgin-born " to give Himself a vehicle for the outworking of His purpose and plan.

He is now bringing the last stages of that progressive purpose, into revelation, so that the virgin-born body will assume its Headship. (That's at the Rapture.) And then God will be fully manifested in that flesh-headship again, for Alpha is Omega. He was once; He'll do it again. For almost two thousand years He has manifested in a Bride-body of many members, through Himself" which is the Holy Spirit. Jesus came back as the Holy Ghost.

**16** We showed you that in Ephesians 4, every Trinitarian knows it, but he can't figure out why there's still not three gods; He said three gods. How can they get three when you got Him down to two? Now how are you going to get two when there's only one? Because the Bible said,

"There is one mediator between God and man; the man Christ Jesus."

Well, God must be stupid to call a man, a man; when he's a God. Now if I was God, and God called me a man, I'd say, "Hey Pop, hey Father." (I'm getting irreverent now and vulgar which I shouldn't.) I'd have a little showdown. Brother/sister, you got this thing all wrong. There's millions and millions that got it all wrong" roughly a billion people got it all wrong. There's one God" He's Holy Spirit" He's Spirit. They just forget that that Spirit can do whatever it wants to do under any condition it wants.

But God has already limited and bound Himself to His Word. The word "El Eloh" absolutely means "from the beginning." The strong one bound by an oath" God bound by His Own Word. And He said,

"I am one God, there is none beside Me." [Isaiah 45]

But they can't understand the Son. Then they use the word "Eternal Son" The word "eternal" says there's no beginning. Sons are not eternal; they've got a beginning. We'll get more and more into this. We'll see more. See?

**17** For almost two thousand years He has manifested in a bride-body of many members, through Himself which is Holy Spirit. And at the end He appears to the Gentiles in Revelation 10:1-7 fulfilling Matthew 12 (that said He would do it) bringing to pass the mystery of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout," which is "a military command" " which has not just the connotation, but the intrinsic, absolute meaning, of setting something in order " which is brought out so clearly in Peter; which is a stratagem at the time of an epochal season, [pertaining to a particular period of time marked by distinctive features; events.] a strategic, epochal season; and God works a stratagem. And the stratagem has to do with the fact that He said:

"Behold, I will destroy everything if I don't send Elijah."

So Elijah is part of the stratagem. You'll begin to see more as we go along" whether it's believed or not by anyone else" we have today a repeat of number four, Elijah. Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist, and William Branham" number four. Let's go to Isaiah 40 and let's begin to read. I always get gloriously steamed up when I talk about the prophet and the things that God has done. I have no trouble at all. It's all a beautiful, beautiful, situation.

Isaiah 40:1-17

- (1) Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith the LORD, saith your God.
- (2) Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
- 18** The word "double" is very simple. (Here, I've got a piece of paper I can use.) Now the ancient way, over there in the East, is they write all the sins and the transgressions and the debts owed by people. Like I might be a wealthy person and you owe me money, and you've done despicable things, and you won't do a thing about it. So I write all these things down one day, and I put it on the wall right out here before everybody in public. They run by it and say, "Hey, that person is horrible, look what he did." One day I get a change of heart, I get very sorry for you and I just do this to the paper [Bro. Vayle folds the paper.] and nobody can see a thing anymore; it's all gone. That's what it means to double. Okay:
- (2) "for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
- (3) The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- (4) Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
- (5) And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
- (6) And the voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
- (7) The grass withereth, the flower fades: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.
- (8) The grass withereth, the flower fades: but the word of God shall stand for ever.
- (9) O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; and say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
- (10) Behold, the Lord will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. (Now right there you'll notice that that's showing something down the road that didn't take place in the actual ministry of Jesus Christ when he was on earth.)
- (11) He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather his lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. (Now you know that didn't happen. That happened down the road. It's been happening.)
- (12) Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in balance?
- (13) Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

(14) With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed him the way of understanding?

(15) Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very small thing.

(16) And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

(17) All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted as less than nothing, and vanity. (All right.)

**19** You have here where John the Baptist literally foreran Almighty God in the form of human flesh because it says over here in Luke, (weâ€™re all very conversant with it) concerning John the Baptist:

Luke 1:16-17

(16) (That heâ€™s going to turn) many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

(17) And John shall go before the Lord their God in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, even the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Isaiah 40:10-11

(10) Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him:

Now, that did not take place, but it does not break the understanding: â€œThe Lord God will come with strong hand,â€• and he did. And it says here, â€œJohn went before the Lord God of Israel,â€• which was the One who is doing all of these things.

(10)â€!and behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. (Now his reward with him at that particular time would be for the redemption of Israel.)

**20** But that does not cover the whole scope, because the scope is covered when Jesus himself tells exactly what is going to happen and we read of the appearing to the Gentiles over there in Matthew 12 but now look again:

(10) Behold, the Lord will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

(11) And he shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather those in his bosom, (and so on; and this is the One that we recognize as to be the Lord God, the Creator Himself.)

Now, this Elijah of this hour has literally the same ministry that the other Elijah had, which was the forerunning of God Himself to Israel; and of course, that was in a human form. So therefore, now at the end-time we have the Message that God gave through Bro. Branham. â€œAs John the Baptist foreran the first coming of Christ so your Message will forerun the second coming of Christ.â€•

**21** And the words that I think here that are so important with me, are the fact of the authority and the governmentâ€”that God Almighty has always signifiedâ€”would take place through Christ. Now this is not physical Christ at this time. This is the anointing which would come to the Church through

the form of the Holy Spirit at this particular time. We see this over here in:

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

(20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

(21) For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

(22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

**22** Now, you know that it's the out-resurrection from among the dead because, "As in Adam all die. Every person is not made alive; it's only those in Christ which were originally in Adam.

(23) But every man in his own order...(That tells you about the order. There are orders of resurrections.) Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his Appearing. (That's His Parousia, that word "Presence" there.)

(24) Then cometh the end, (Notice!) when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God!

Now it tells you, between that time, there is a place in there in this

particular area, at the epochal season of the Resurrection; that the Kingdom has to come finally to a place where "All authority and all power is put down." For it says:

(25) For he must reign, until he hath put all enemies under his feet. (Now watch that language.)

(26) And the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

(27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he says all things are put under him, it is (absolutely) evident that (he is putting all things under this person's feet.)

(28) And when all things shall be subdued unto him (Put under him. That is brought into a divine order; that is the same word "kaluesma" as in, "The Lord shall descend with a shout.") then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that shall put all things under him, that God may be all and in all.

**23** So, what you see here is what we've been talking about. This great purpose and plan of Almighty God, absolutely depends upon a second half of the first Resurrection as did the other the first half of the first Resurrection. Now, if you're going to have a perfect sequence that you can follow, (where Alpha is Omega) there had to be positively a forerunner before that Resurrection. Now let's get the picture so you'll understand what I'm talking about.

God put man in a garden, where man was supposed to be living in a sort of immortal condition with Him "immortal" under mortal conditions. Now man goes astray and separation takes him by death; but the promise of God and the plan of God was to have that man there. So therefore, now God has to make a way to get that man out, which God knew He'd make a way to get the man out because, "God being a Savior He had to predestinate a sinner to give Himself a reason and purpose of being." (Now, let's just keep listening.) so therefore, the main conclusion and understanding is "what is this purpose and plan of God? (Now, just hold that thought right there in your minds.)

We're going to go to:

## Ephesians 1:3-20

- (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places;
- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the (Garden of Eden ever came into being, Adam and Eve or anybody else was there, or one speck of stardust,)â€™before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, (who did all these things) according to the good pleasure of his will,
- (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (Now thatâ€™s exactly the plan of God, period; and everything with it.)

**24** Then,â€™ it said, â€™Blood came on the scene to get you there.â€™ So whatâ€™s the purpose and plan of God in this hour? â€™To get us into that Resurrection. All right then, there was a forerunner back thereâ€™to receive Christâ€™who would die to bring a Resurrection; but heâ€™s not going to die again, we just need to get Him here, then weâ€™ll get a Resurrection. Thatâ€™s why He said, â€™Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet and he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers,â€™ and thereâ€™s no mention of the atonement. What is there a mention of?

Letâ€™s keep reading back in Ephesians again:

- (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- (8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; (Thatâ€™s part of His wisdom and prudence, and He couldnâ€™t get the full cup of glory worthy of His own essential being, until all this is come through redemption.)
- (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- (10) That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (Notice what Heâ€™s doing.)
- (11) In whom we have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

**25** You notice thereâ€™s no blood mentioned there except in one little verseâ€™no blood at all mentioned. So donâ€™t get carried away with the wrong principles, get to understand; God had this plan, and Heâ€™s going to get it to pass. Heâ€™s going to get this plan perfectly functional, and Heâ€™s going to get us back exactly where He wanted us.

Now, sin entered and death by sin so God brings about the atonement. Thatâ€™s once and for all. Now youâ€™re dealing apart from sin directly with Almighty God; what He accomplished through grace by the Holy Ghost. Letâ€™s keep reading and prove it:

- (12) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

(13) In whom ye also hoped, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom—after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

(14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance (The very thing God wanted for us. The blood had to be shed to get back to it.) until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (What did God do? Redeemed our bodies; going to get us out of the ground. Listen!)

(15) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

(16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

(17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (Now another spirit comes on the scene.)

(18) That the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, (You™re going to get to know something at the end-time, whenever this Spirit comes, that has to do with His calling, not ours.) and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**26** And he, Jesus, worked through every single thing. What did He inherit? —“The Name! And it says it™s the name that the Gentiles trust, because the man himself isn™t there, but the God of that man is there.

And notice:

(19) Even what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

(20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand—(When that spirit comes, the Resurrection is about to take place.)

So, therefore, you can see that this is what that Shout is all about. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 —“The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,• and after the Shout is over he takes us up and we meet the Lord in the air.

—“As the LORD said to my lord, —“Sit on my right hand.•

**27** As God said to Adonai; God said, —“Thou God, Your throne is forever.• (Is this God speaking to God?) No! God—“Elohim—“is speaking to Adonai—“the respected one, the great one—“because Adonai can be Mister; a title of authority, prestige.

Well, you talk about —“El Elohim, Jehovah,• Jehovah said to Adonai. That™s two different things. It was not Adonai that stood before Abraham. No sir, not in the unfolding of the drama. That was Elohim.

All right, thus this is Elijah before the literal second-coming in flesh, and is known as the Appearing. And we have to watch what it is doing, and that is over here in 1 Corinthians 15 where he™s bringing the church into divine order. It™s the same thing that John did, to make ready the people prepared, see, there has to be a return ministry:

Malachi 4:5-6

(5) Behold, I send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the

Lord,

(6) and he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers, lest I shall destroy utterly the earth with a curse.â€•

**28** And why is the earth cursed? â€“Because of its abominations. Now hear me carefully; you missed that word, you werenâ€™t paying attention. Abominations is a key word for down the road, because a curse is on the land and on the people, and the land forces the people out. God takes the people out; then the Tribulation comes and the people are forced out by what happens upon the land. The earth goes into cataclysmic eruptions. So now, all right. But as we continue in Bro. Branhamâ€™s message, we find in this hour of the Exodus; the revelation of God will be rejected.

And as we all know that only the Elect can receive it and follow it, so we are not greatly surprised; but we can sorrow as did the Apostle Paul.

[59-1] And these men resisted itâ€!

**29** They are resisting, it actually should be in the present-tense but heâ€™s speaking of the Pharisees, that they resisted Jesus, as Jannes and Jambres resisted Mosesâ€”but this Scripture is written for this hourâ€”so Iâ€™ll read it again:

2 Timothy 3:1-8

(1) Know this also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (What are the perilous times?)

(2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

(3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

(4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (Now this is the church, not a bunch of rowdies out there, like the Mafia cutting up people.)

(5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereofâ€!

**30** In other words, they take to themselves the right to authenticate what exactly they want according to church, but they donâ€™t have the authority of God behind themâ€”they donâ€™t have the Wordâ€”theyâ€™ve got their own creeds and dogmas.

(6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, (Notice, you can see them just oozing inâ€! yuk, okay,)

(7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (Thereâ€™s got to be somebody that gets it though, because heâ€™s warning the people down here about perilous times. Somebodyâ€™s going to take a warning.)

(8) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

**31** Now, Jannes and Jambres had signs and wonders; the only church that really had them was Pentecost, and thatâ€™s where they are. Now the Roman Catholics, Methodist, Baptist, everybodyâ€™s got them [signs and wonders] in their own little nucleus. So theyâ€™re all

identified, as Bro. Branham said, "The Baptists want the Methodists, and the Methodists want the Baptists, but the Pentecostals got them all." All right, as they resisted Moses:

[59-1] They are able to produce a church—a group of people! But their folly will be made manifest when Jesus takes His Bride and sets Her up here and says, "This is She," and goes away with Her. That's right. Their folly will be made known. (In other words, I said the other day, they learn after the fact; that's always the trouble.)

He is constantly pointing to the Scripture, to the Alpha and Omega principle. Let us realize the secret of God in flesh two thousand years ago, is now going on in this age to climax the complete revelation; as the Scripture says, "When that which is perfect is come." Now let's take a look at it:

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

(8) Charity (love) never fails: prophecies, they shall fail; tongues, shall cease; knowledge, shall vanish away.

(9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

(10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

**32** Now he's talking about parts. That's exactly Hebrews 1, "God in sundry times and divers manners, (in many parts, in many ways) Seven Church Ages, seven joints, seven measures of the Holy Spirit by the Word poured out, and then it's all over; no more to go.

All right, now, when that which is perfect is come—"conclusion, fulfillment, finalization"—it's over. The Seals are open, the Thunders been out, Elijah's come "The Perfect is come. Now what did God say that would be? "Restored Word (Acts 3) let's go back and see it.

Look, don't you see that's what John did? "The restored Word is a revelation of the Word for that hour. They had the Word but they were wrong in their revelation, so John came and turned the hearts back to God. He turned the prophetic Word to the people. The prophetic Word was against the people, because they had gone from God. But he turned the prophetic Word to the people of God—"God currying favor"—manifesting Himself to the people, to gain their attention.

Acts 3:19-23

(19) "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

(20) even he shall send Jesus Christ, which (was appointed or proclaimed in advance) unto you:

**33** Now, it says there's got to come a certain time of refreshing, a great revival. That word "refreshing" means like a breath of fresh air coming. Now you know that's a spirit; the Spirit breathing a revelation at that time. Now, it says Christ is going to come physically, but He can't.

(21) "for the heavens must retain Him until the times of restoration of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. (What restoration is that? "To get the people to a place where God can work what He wants worked.)

He got the Old Testament out of the ground. He's got to get this out of the ground. He's got to change us here, and get us out of here. That's what's got to be changed. The earth

doesn't get changed. He's got to bring us to a place of what? "Faith! Faith is a revelation:

(21) "which God has spoken by the mouth of all (the) holy prophets"

**34** In other words, at this time, (as Moses came on the scene, as a historian and a giver of the Word) you're going to have the same type of fellow come on the scene. He's got to recap to the beginning; which is what? "Calvary and Pentecost. We can't be what he's supposed to be" this has to be continuity brother/sister "because Moses is in here.

(22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. (Now listen!)

(23) And it will come to pass, that every soul, that will not hear that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

That did not happen when he was on earth. He said, "I forgive you, I take the pressure off of you; but when that One comes and you call Him the devil" Israel called him the devil then. They don't call Him the devil now.

Oh, they said, "We made a mistake, he's a prophet."

Now He comes on the scene in William Branham "behind the scene all right, we know the picture, [Bro Vayle points to the Pillar of Fire] we see the mighty works of a prophet.

They say, "That's the devil."

Be my guest. Go ahead, blaspheme, that's fine by me.

**35** Look, I'm not here to worry about you or me. I mean that with all my heart, (now in a limited way I've got to watch what I say of course) but the main thrust of my message, is not whether you and I are right. If I'm to preach to you in a certain way, (you like it, and you like me a certain way) that's got nothing to do with it "is this the truth of God or isn't it? That's the thing that counts. And we're basing it on a man.

Let's find out if we can do that. (Acts 13) You don't have to be sitting here. You don't understand these things I preach all the time on the tape. People sit around and they don't understand it. I talk to some folk after several years, they still don't understand.

Acts 13:38-41

(38) Be it known unto you men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

(39) And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

(40) Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

(41) Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. (That's the trouble right there. Israel said, "I believe in prophets" and turned him down flat.)

## Acts 3:23-26

(23) And it will come to pass, that every soul that will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. (Well, you know that Jesus per se was not the prophet; because God's His own Prophet, and it's God that makes the prophet, God in the man. Then notice,)

(24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

**36** Now Samuel didn't do any speaking; he did discerning. Moses did speaking and adjudicating; he got the Word and interpretation. Samuel followed and he was a discerner. So now you've got Moses in there and you've got Samuel in there. In fact you've got all the prophets in there.

(25) Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Now, the Gentiles are brought in there, because all kindreds are in there. They weren't before, brother/ sister, not till 53 AD, or right around that area. Now listen!

(26) Unto you first God, having raised up his Son sent him to bless you!

Then if there's a first raising when's the second raising? "The duo; Matthew 12 what he did to Israel he's obligated to do now, (outside of his flesh, in the form of the Holy Ghost amongst the people) in the flesh of somebody else" or through the flesh "because he's got to work through a Bride, and manifest through a Bride. There's your perfect picture. See? "Once more God in flesh " the flesh of the Bride " but working through the prophet.

[59-2] Look at it. Having the revelation of this secret made known to them by grace. (It's all by grace.) "when this great revelation revealed mystery is made known to you, then you denounce the things of the world. (You denounce the religion of men and what conduct it brings with it; for all religion produces responses.)

**37** If you're taught to confess to a priest, you'll confess to a priest; that will do you good. If you're taught to shake the preacher's hand, that's great. We were taught when I was a kid and I turned it down a hundred percent; we were to come to church and join the church and shake the preacher's hand, and stand up here and take communion; and I didn't want it, my mother forced me. Well, I was an obedient boy to a point. I prayed in my heart the day would never come that preacher would put that communion on. I never took communion in that church in that condition. After I got saved I could take communion. God spared me.

That fellow back there was an antichrist reprobate if there ever was one; fine intellectual gentleman. When he went through the seminary he got the coveted prize for being the most courteous man out of hundreds of theological seminaries. They sure did exactly right; they gave him a beer stein, never mind the communion cup. [Congregation laughs.] He taught that the Book of Genesis was a Christian fable and he came out of a Holiness church called the Nazarenes. What were the Nazarenes producing way back there then? "God, what a mess. That's religion; it gets a response to it. What did Paul say about that?

## Philippians 3:4-9

(4) Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any man thinks that he hath whereof he

might trust in the flesh, I more:

(5) Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

(6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

(7) But what things were gain to me, those I counted a loss for Christ.

(8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but manure, that I may win Christ,

(9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

**38** Notice, thereâ€™s two faiths in there; the faith of Christ and the faith that you have toward him. And the faith of Christ is absolutely the truly revealed Word of God that He alone can give you. And you believe it; so there youâ€™re looking at it.

â€œNow,â€• he says, â€œand this is by grace.â€•

[59-3] Now, Iâ€™m going to come back once again. (Now here weâ€™re going to get real tough.) I was not going to say it; Iâ€™m pointing to itâ€™the tapes say it. This tape goes across the world. See?

Now remember, I said every religion brings itsâ€™ responses.

Every creed and dogma has its little nest in your heart; (where the wormies are, and the things youâ€™ve got to watch) so listen carefully.

And Iâ€™m not being critical of you, Iâ€™m watching myself, Iâ€™m watching every single person and I will not be rough with this. Iâ€™ll simply bring out the truth.

[59-3] This tape goes across the world. See? You women that claim youâ€™ve got the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and do not have the audacity, (thatâ€™s the real get-up-and-go about you; fearlessness) to let your hair grow out! when the Bible condemns it and said to the womanâ€™a manâ€™s got a right to put away his wife in divorce if she bobs her hairâ€™honored before God to do so! The Bible says if she cuts her hair, she dishonors her head, â€™itâ€™s not just any old commonly accepted thingâ€™for a woman to even pray with bobbed hair. (Or to let a woman pray with bobbed hair.)

**39** Now, let me tell you something, it may be commonly accepted but it is not common to the Bride, and weâ€™re dealing with Scripture that distinctly says this, God says, â€œIf you turn your ear away from hearing My Word, I will turn my ear away from hearing your prayer.â€• Now thatâ€™s blank statement of the Word of God. Now, you keep listening:

[59-3] See? Wearing shorts and these slacks and things. The Bible said any womanâ€™that puts on a garment that pertains to a man, â€™is an abomination to God (Thatâ€™s exactly right. Thatâ€™s the Scripture.) filthy, (Now listen, to what he says,) filthy, dirty, like an old stinking bathroom somewhere. (Now thatâ€™s the part that we donâ€™t like to read.)

Now, I ask a question. Is this the same spirit of the women in this church when they assess the garments that are wrong for them to wear as did the prophet assess it? Now that's a statement right there and we'll talk about it a little bit. Do the women in our church, and the churches that have been raised up; view the wearing of slacks and shorts as filthy, dirty, like an old stinking bathroom somewhere?

**40** To get you to understand what we're saying we're going to go to the Book of Ezekiel. Now I want you to be careful with this because this is something we must understand and not something Reverend Branham just brought us as a passing fancy.

Ezekiel 8:1-2 and 5-14 and 16-18

(1) And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the LORD God fell upon me there.

Now, before I read further I want to warn you that this is not the battle of the sexes. I am not a sexist as though I have anything against any woman, so it's not the war of sexism. This is where the church wars against God because we read to you, above these very verses I'm reading, "In the last day there would be trucebreakers."

Now, what is a truce? A truce is an armistice where both lay down their guns. But when the truce is broken, the party that's offended can and will pick up the gun and start war again. So therefore this age is at war with God, (whether they want to admit it or no) because God's at war with them—they've broken the traditions of the truce—they've broken the conditions of the Blood. They now have the formula of obedience to their creeds and dogmas instead of the Word of God.

**41** Now, what breaks a truce? "The breaking of a Word-Covenant which both agree upon. So therefore the breaking of the Word in the Garden started a war in heaven against mankind; separated from God. And there's a war going on right now because in the end-time there is no truce, period; it's been broken—through the abominations which are in the land. Now that's not just women wearing these clothes. For a long time now, women have started to wear men's clothes. The church didn't like it to begin with; they knew it just wasn't the thing to do. But women persisted and persisted until it got to be a mode. Like the cutting of the hair,

Well, what's that?"

Well, then nothing matters anymore. But listen, it wasn't very long ago, and still today, a man wearing women's clothes is looked upon as a dish of puke; and that's what he is. God hates the effeminate. And we had our clothes-closet transvestites, until, recently we got our women mayors, specifically San Francisco, and I think she's Jewish. You've got a bunch of perverts out there, and they're all over the world.

And I guess we got a bunch in Washington too, for all I know and don't know. Men still aren't accepted too happily, wearing women's clothes. Then why are women accepted wearing men's clothes? Now I can look down my nose and I can snarl and abominate men. And women's clothes; what's wrong with women.

**42** I want to test your spirits now. I'm not mad at you, see. Get this flat. I am just putting this out there to let you know where we stand.

We're standing on dangerous ground because our spirits are kooked up. They're

messed up, theyâ€™re gonged up as Bro. Branham saysâ€™theyâ€™re hybridizedâ€™we donâ€™t have a true spirit of God yet. Weâ€™re not circumcised; weâ€™re playing, until you get that in your heart. Not hating people; I feel sorry.

My boys used to talk about getting these poor perverts aside. These â€˜eensy-weensyâ€™ guys; oh God, walking like a woman, acting like a woman. Women are pretty enough, and nice enough to act like them if youâ€™re a woman but it doesnâ€™t work for a man. Theyâ€™d say theyâ€™d beat them. Iâ€™d say, â€œDonâ€™t do that. Donâ€™t ever let me hear of you touching anybody,â€™ I said, â€œMaybe thatâ€™s one of those guys that canâ€™t help it; heâ€™s born wrong.â€™

Not these birds that can help it. I wouldnâ€™t care if you took them and dumped them out in the lake or the sewer where they belong, or something like that. Well, we shouldnâ€™t do that, and we donâ€™t mean that offensively, as though they donâ€™t have a chance of salvation. They can be saved, because Paul said, â€œSuch were some of you.â€™ See?

**43** But thereâ€™s a time when they donâ€™t give a rip. And the church has opened its doors to the slacks, and the shorts, and now the men have gotten messed up; so theyâ€™ve got to open the doors to the men, where men marry men. Good thing God gave them a little aid. [Congregation laughs.] I tell you what may God have pity. You think that AIDS is going to be cured? Maybe amongst a few recipients, theyâ€™ll cure it, theyâ€™ll knock it out. It will only come back worse than ever because thatâ€™s all that the world can do. Itâ€™s sickening.

(2) Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins outward, fire; and visions of God,

(5) â€™Son of man, lift up thine eyes now toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, (out of the north thereâ€™s an) altar of image of jealousy in the entry.

**44** Now notice, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. Whatâ€™s jealousy signify? The husband thinks his wife is fooling around but he hasnâ€™t got the proof yet.

(6) He said furthermore, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? (He said I am getting out because of what theyâ€™re doing.) but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

(7) And he brought me to the door of the court; and I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

(8) And he said, Son of man, dig now in the wall: I digged in the wall, behold a door.

(9) And he said Go in, and behold the abominations that they do here. (In other words, you got to get below the surface of whatâ€™s going on, to see whatâ€™s going on. And people arenâ€™t interested in getting below the surface.)

(10) So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping thing, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.

(11) And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, (The seventy is the Sanhedrin.) with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. (Theyâ€™re worshipping.)

(12) Then said he unto me, Son of man, thou hast seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chamber of his imagery? (They didn't get this from God. They think this up themselves. They pulled this deal themselves.) If for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

(13) And He said, Turn again, and I will show you greater abominations!

(14) Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. (That's the Greek, Adonis)

**45** What were they doing? "Showing forth the lust that is risen in them. Years ago men ran off after women, and more men ran off after women and left their families than women ever did. Today it's reversed. Women are running after men and leaving their kids at home with their husbands. When Bro. Branham made that little statement many years back, I kind of laughed at it,

"Oh, come on, Bill, that's not the way it is."

He prophesied; literally prophesying it was going to happen, he said, "The man crying because the woman has run off." She's chasing somebody else now; broken up the marriage, broke up the home. Just as she did in the beginning, she's got to do again. She's the one who broke up the lovely home in the Garden. She's the one that messed the whole thing up, and the woman's got to do it again, and this time it's not a female, it's the church; so you got to watch that.

(16) And he brought me into the LORD's house, (the inner court) and behold, the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, there were about five and twenty men, and their backs were toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; (You don't get your face toward the east; your face is toward the west. The sun is setting today.)

**46** It's the same sun. Ezekiel's temple is still the same temple. Today this is the church; you know, you could read this and know this is Revelation, Chapter 17 and 18. It's the Book of Revelation.

(17) "he said 'son of man? (You've seen this, he said,) Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations that they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to the nose. (They thumb their nose at God.)

(18) Therefore will I deal in my fury: mine eye shall not spare, though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet I will not hear them. (That's yet to come. Why? You notice what they've done? "They've filled the land with violence.)

**47** Women wearing shorts, (exposing themselves) women lewdly exposing themselves, arouse up the passions in men, because that's exactly the way Eve was in the Garden. She went and aroused the passions of Adam, by no doubt getting him to fondle her and everything else, getting very excited and so he got involved in a sex act. Now, I'm telling you what happened. We've got the same thing happened in our land over this last generation.

I've come from the day, (When I was a kid about five years old, I wasn't even going to school.) that they put the long pants on and dressed like a man. The woman that did it in our town, (she was a prostitute, yes, she was) and she wore regular man-ish suits "so don't tell me your slacks are patterned after women's clothes, because you're lying" I'm not lying, I know what I'm talking about; but you'd be lying if you try to second guess me, or try to make

yourself ahead of me. She was thin and wore this black suit, I think there was a chain across like a man wearing a watch, a little type of nifty hat. And some women are wearing hats, but you better not wear men's clothes.

**48** And I was twenty some years of age when the women began to taking off their skirts and putting on these shorts. The Baptist preacher in Red Deer and his wife would go bicycling and she was riding, using her shorts, and the town was in an uproar over it, "Oh that was fine they came from the States." See what Bro. Branham said, "Hollywood, come out of the States, never mind Europe anymore and France?"

Now violence fills the land. Where is the crime coming from? "Coming from the fact that men are being torn up over sexual powers that lie in their bodies and women ready to gratify all right, but standing there not gratifying, because they expose themselves; exactly. Now what do you think you're going to do to the man when you expose yourselves? Now married women ought to expose themselves and that's where it belongs, in the privacy of the home.

Now, you women don't do that here, but I'm just telling you what's going on, so you'll understand why the prophet said what he said, "A stinking bathroom." But we think, "Well, you know..." "None of that nonsense. That is an abomination for the woman to wear it. She mustn't do it.

Ezekiel 9:1-7

(1) He cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

(2) And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, (he's different) with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood (by) the brasen altar. (That's judgment.)

(3) And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherubim whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. (Now God's pulling out. The Holy Spirit has left the church, the Word of God's gone; He's outside trying to get back in a Bride.) And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

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

(5) And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have pity:

(6) Slay utterly the old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

(7) And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go forth. And they went forth.

**49** Now, my thought on this here, why I read this is to let you know: are we really sighing and crying over the abominations and the sins that are in the land? or are we a part of that spirit that's live and let live and who gives a rip because they're doing it anyway; just one of the

crowd? Now this is where we have trouble with kids going to school, the peer pressure. How much is the home doing for the kids?

Now, let me tell you why what's wrong today. Read your Reader's Digest and read that synopsis in the book at the back, where this man tells about teaching; and the counselor who is a psychologist said, "The trouble is the parenting has fallen back on the teachers." I said that almost fifty years ago when I was teaching. That was the days when twelve hundred dollars was twelve hundred dollars. And I wasn't happy, because I needed a whole lot more than that. And I said, "What do they think they're doing, (this school board) that they think that I'm going to teach school, to be a teacher, and I'm going to help the kids with their morals, like a preacher, and I'm going to help the kids out of the homes, like the parents?" "If I've got to be teacher and preacher and parent I want at least thirty-six hundred dollars and I'm not getting it, I'm quitting; I've had it, and I quit."

**50** Our children's problems have fallen back upon the school teacher and the schools; and now people like you and me have to suffer, because our kids are getting a bum break in school. There are problems; but you see where it is? You didn't think such a big thing could grow out of such a little thing. Eve listened; such a little thing, just one little word off. That's all it took to get her into bondage. That's all it takes for people to get off the Word. And dress is an important thing.

Your shoes are important, whether you think they're not; and if you think you're better off with the high heels than low heels "you're kidding yourself" because you're not. And you might go to some doctor, (who's a seducer in the first place; he doesn't give a rip, or he wants your business) it'll cost you four hundred bucks to get a spur off your toe, (that you get by putting your stupid slippers on; there's no spur there in the first place) he just takes your money. We've had that experience; I'll be honest with you. My wife had bad corns, but the doctor didn't do one thing for her, he just lied. The whole thing is a stinking mess; they'll take out your gall bladder and everything else too, if they can get away with it, unless you get somebody really honest. "A lot has to do with these things"

**51** So, I'm not fussing at any women here, but I have to read this; I'm just telling you, laying it out here, these tapes go all around the country.

[59-3] Oh my! The filth in God's nostrils! And then you try to pray or offer up prayers in such a thing as that! God refuses it, turns it away. That's right.

"He that turns his ear from hearing My Word, I also, will turn from hearing his prayer." [Proverbs 28:7] That's exactly right. Okay:

[59-4] "Well, you say, "now wait a minute, Brother Branham, you're talking about the Old Testament." He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. It's the full revelation of God. If God ever says anything, He can never change it. He always magnifies it, not changes it. The law was magnified!

What happened then? "It became greater in scope, greater in understanding, greater in dominion, more pervasive and especially at the last day. Why? "Because we've got a restored Word. See?

"The law was magnified, not changed"but magnified."

**52** Let me talk about this magnified law. The other day, I tuned into a radio program as I was going to see the doctor for a good chiropractic adjustment; which I think is good, very symbolical of the

hour in which we live. We need a good adjustment in the neck, get our heads screwed on right, scripturally speaking, physically also.

And I hear Dr. McGee. Now I'm not against Dr. McGee, (he sounds like a good old farmer boy, with that Georgia drawl, and he's a pretty good guy, says a lot of good things) but he said tithing was under the law and wasn't New Testament. Well, let's just find out if Dr. McGee knows his Bible. I don't know much about the Bible alongside these "savants" these great men; and I'm not being too sarcastic, but the truth of the matter is:

Hebrews 7:4-8

(4) Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. (Now who is this man? "This was Melchisedec, God in a human form, a theophany.)

(5) And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

(6) But he whose descent is not counted from them that received tithes of Abraham, blessed him that had the promises. (What did he bless them for? He gave them tithes.)

(7) And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. (Now listen!)

(8) And here men that die receive tithes; (He didn't say they didn't receive tithes; he said they do receive tithes.) but there he receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. (The same One back there that got tithes in Melchisedec is the same One now living that still gets tithes, because the tithe is the Lord's.)

**53** So Bro. McGee is wrong, and he's teaching the people wrong. That's where your soup-suppers and all this junk came in. We don't have any suppers here. Our money comes in here, bless God, we put on suppers for people. We don't have to have little soup gatherings and this stupid thing and that thing.

You've never asked about money. I'm going to explain money one of these days to let you know because I've got to, as a servant of God, tell you these things. I've got to explain about money-relationship, so you'll know the truth because you don't know the truth, at this point. And I want you to know the truth because it will do something for you.

I'm not here to preach something that's not going to do something for you, and you know I don't want your money, forget it. There's no way I've done anybody for bucks, never; and I won't do it. I haven't done it. Just won't do it. And you know me that well, to know I'm telling you the truth. This man's wrong; a word of lies. Well, we'll find out about that. You magnify the law, and you just give more.

[60-1] "Whosoever commits adultery shall be guilty of death, but whosoever looks on a woman (See, it's magnified.) to lust after her! He never changed the commandment, He magnified it. (Now this explains the causative. This is the causative that he's talking about. See, what it's all about.) He never changed the commandment, He magnified it.

**54** So when he says, "Man looking on a woman to lust after her," he's bringing why people commit adultery, see, they stretch it from lust which is a pleasure. (Which, sexual intercourse is pleasurable, that is true. Without it there wouldn't be children born. We're not going to

fight that and deny it for one minute.) But as I've said before"sex is not simply recreational it's procreational. And when people try to make it simply recreational " that's why you've got men the way they are " and women the way they are. You got these homos; complete perverts. See? And remember, Bro. Branham talked about women not wanting to have children, but the mother instinct's there; so they've got to mother something. So they go to dogs and cats and God knows what.

Then he goes on:

[60-1] "Remember the Sabbath day; and keep it holy." One day in the week!

**55** But how did He magnify that? It does the same thing. He magnified it from one day to seven days. Every day now, because it's not just sit down on the job and rest and act something out"it's a Life that comes in you that gives you rest with God. And he reads this:

[60-2] The rest comes from keeping the Spirit of God. (From keeping; which means to receive the Holy Ghost, keeping Him in your life.) "Precept upon precept"line upon line, here a little and there a little; hold fast to that which's good, for with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people."

"And yet for all that will ye not hear me," saith the Lord, "this is the rest where ye may cause the weary to rest." [Isaiah 28:10-12]

This is that refreshing; so there is a baptism with the Holy Ghost.

And he said:

[60-2] That's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord.

**56** That's the Seventh Seal. We're in that hour right now, "When the Lord himself descends from heaven with a shout," and proves that He is amongst us"not in us by a little bit of His Spirit"no, see that's the begetting of God. We're talking now of God Himself, the great Begetter"that's the refreshing"the Seventh Seal.

[60-2] And yet they would not hear it and wagged their heads and walked away to their denominations. This is the refreshing (see?)"magnifying the seventh day"to you Sabbatarians and so forth. Oh my! He doesn't change; He magnifies it. Hell has spread her gate to receive them. (Now what are we looking at here?)

**57** We're looking at a fact that this is part of Ezekiel's vision; what's taken place"because they've gone to their creeds and dogmas and all these things that don't obtain. And they don't realize that this is that rest spoken of in 2 Thessalonians. Now let's look at it. I've gone over this many times with you.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

(7) And to you who are troubled rest with us, (Relax, come into a state of rest. When?) when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

Now, come on. That doesn't signify an instant of the Rapture; it signifies at the time of that event, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed (that's a revelation) from heaven with His mighty angels: we believe that's a picture right there. [The Cloud Picture] You say, "I don't believe it." Fine, don't believe it; no problem. I believe it. Now:

(8) In flaming fire taking vengeance (Now what are those angels? They're flames of spirits that minister; so it tells you "ministering angels.")

**58** Who ministers? "The Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost in angelic form came down, (the seven spirits before the throne; the seven eyes came down)" revealing Jesus. That's the hour of rest. That's the time in this era, where we're entering into the rest of Almighty God which is the Millennium with the opening of the Seals. Mortality goes to immortality. Paul said so in 1 Corinthians 15.

It's the last Trumpet; the last messenger when he'll begin to sound. The gospel's over. It's running out "we're here. He's magnified it. Hell has spread her gates. See? Let's go to Isaiah 5 that's where you hear about hell spreading her gates. I'll tell you, this prophet's message here "one sermon" you will get the whole Bible thrown at you. I don't even begin to probe these. I probe these as good as my poor, little, old, spirit in me; allows the Spirit of God to have a little bit of a leeway.

Isaiah 5:13-25

(13) Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

(14) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

(15) And the mean man shall be brought low, and the mighty man be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

That's just like John the Baptist's phraseology "high places brought down, low places brought up and so on; all mountains made low.

(16) But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness. (That's in our hour.)

(17) Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

(18) Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

(19) And they say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

In other words, they're putting a challenge to God right there and defying Him. They want their own signs and wonders.

(20) Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;

**59** Now there's what you don't understand what evil really is, unless you understand John. (1st John Chapter 3 and Chapter 5) It's trying to worship God in self-will; in the mis-division of the Word of God.

(20) and put darkness for light, (creeds and dogmas) and light for darkness; and bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

(21) Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

(22) Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

(23) Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous man from him!

(24) Therefore as fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the Holy Lord of Israel.

(25) Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, (Now that's where it tells you when hell is enlarged; the mouth's enlarged.)

It's in this hour; as a result of the abominations in this land that took place at the turn of the Twentieth Century. And in 1906 the latter rain fell, but it's in the time of the latter rain that the former rain comes "when light comes.

**60** So, now you've got the Word vindicated in power; you've got Elijah on the scene. God in the midst of His people "The Holy One" absolutely. John the Baptist foreran the Holy One. So William Branham was standing there when that Pillar of Fire came down. And he was on the scene when the mighty angels came down with the Message of the Seven Seals "the Seven Thunders" which puts the Church in order; brings her the revealed Word of God "reveals Christ" which is by the Word, because He is not here in His personal presence of the physical body.

[60-3] Now, you can see now, the end time Message "why It's rejected. Can't you? Now, no denomination, but the revelation of His mystery. See? No denomination, the revelation. God's not known by denomination. He's known by revelation.

**61** In other words, no denomination is a part of this or has any part in this mystery. And this is the hour of the Seven Seals, because there cannot be a restoration and a revelation of God's Word, unless those Seals are out. Now as I said, even Dr. Bloomfield understood that. He said, "Someone's got to do it. Who's going to do it?"

Bloomfield can't do it. He messed up in too many things already. I think the man's dead, but he's a wonderful man of God, no problem. But you know and I know, someone would have to come vindicated, and God only has one man that He uses, and that is a prophet. And what prophet does the Bible say would come? "There's only one prophet and that's Elijah.

You say, "That's to the Jews." (I beg your pardon.)

I beg your pardon, see, you're missing the boat: "Before the great and dreadful day of the Lord." [Malachi 4:5] And that's the Great Tribulation. He's got to come to get a people ready.

You say, "Well, there's no such thing as a Gentile prophet."

**62** I beg your pardon; I want you to show me the Scripture, not off the top of your head. And don't try to reason, because reason's not in it. And the minute you try to reason, I'll go back and tell you something then, too. And I'll tell you this flat: you show me where Noah was a Jew. You show me Enoch was a Jew. Enoch was a prophet, he prophesied. You show me Abraham

was a Jew. Out of his loins came them, but he himself was literally a Gentile; of the same brand as was good old Noah, good old Enoch.

Donâ€™t go talking Jew and Gentile. The Bible said He had broken down the middle wall of partition, and Heâ€™s made them one. And he gave a ministry to the Gentiles, of prophets, apostles and so on. Who is to say God canâ€™t raise up, or wonâ€™t raise up a Word-Prophet? Luke was a Greek. He wrote both the Acts and the Book of Luke, and Iâ€™m going to tell you, as a physician, (thatâ€™s what he was, not a theologian) he was a scribe. God directed that man so perfectly he could take word by word, and give it by the Holy Ghost. So thereâ€™s your picture coming up. But the gates of hell are open to receive all those that blaspheme the Holy Ghost in this hour. By the grace of God I hope we donâ€™t.

Remember what the Nazarene church and the Missionary Alliance did when Pentecost came on the scene. They said, â€œSpeaking in tongues was of the devil.â€• And they died overnight. Theyâ€™re gone. And tongues is not of the devil, brother/sister, itâ€™s just not the evidence of the Holy Ghost baptism. Thatâ€™s all. Donâ€™t fuss about the things of God. Donâ€™t blaspheme God. Stand in line with the Word. Do you love the Lord tonight? You donâ€™t have to love me, thatâ€™s beside the point.

**63** I love you anyway; youâ€™re so nice and kind and good and I hope nobody misunderstood anything, because I donâ€™t preach in that real soft sweet way. I try to nail things down and Iâ€™m a very poor carpenter. The Lord was the great carpenter. Iâ€™m a lousy carpenter; but I try to nail things down to try to help you, to show you.

Look, these things are important. Thereâ€™s not one thing that is not, and you know yourself, thereâ€™s been an upturn of the Spirit over the years; especially in these meetings here. You can tell something is moving, by the grace of Godâ€™s not a manâ€™s God moving. Heâ€™s going to get a Bride out of here; and if weâ€™re not Bride thereâ€™s going to be a Bride out there somewhere, by the grace of God brother/sister, and by the grace of God we wonâ€™t stand in her way. Letâ€™s rise at this time.

**64** Gracious Eternal Father God, we just thank You again for the time weâ€™ve spent together here, in this little assembly with each other. We love You, Lord, tonight and we know that, though we love Youâ€™we love You nothing compared to Your love for usâ€™we realize that. And Lord, though we try to serve You, we know our service is just almost detrimental to Your cause compared to Your great service to us. How You help us, Lord; how You love us. How You rectify our problems. How You deal with us, so good, Lord, how You just deal with us and lead us around; You lead us around, and pat us around at times; not whip us around, You just pat us around, oh God, with Your tenderness and sweetness. You show us these things. Weâ€™re the ones that work the harm, Lord, and hurt ourselves; Youâ€™ve never done it yet; weâ€™re the ones that do it. Help us to get away from being men-murderersâ€™especially murdering ourselves, Lord, harming ourselves, getting in the way. Help us Father, to just lean upon You as never before with the sweet grace of Your love poured into our hearts and we poured around and abroad to everybody we can reach, oh God, because Thou art worthy of it, Lord.

May we be epistles. We are read and known of all men; but may it be read and known that we are of You, Lord, help us we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Heal the sick among us. Go with us tonight and keep us, protect us. Bring us back again, Lord; help us in all these things. We want it above all, that Your Name be greatly glorified, and we, Lord, somehow manifest that Word of Truth. Now unto the King Immortal, Invisible the only Wise God be all power and honor and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen