



## Restoration of Headship

**1** Shall we pray,

Heavenly Father, again we want to express our gratitude for You, Lord, for the love You've shed abroad in our hearts toward You, for without that there would be just a pretense, Lord, it wouldn't be real. But we know what we have is real toward You, Father, and toward others, and we appreciate that.

We ask You now to bless us in the study of Your Word, Father, we know that It was given to us by Yourself, using another man's voice, so how rich are the depths of It. We cannot plumb it of ourselves. We cannot know what is being said unless You give us the power, Lord, through the Holy Spirit within us, to know the things that You have already set before us.

We pray You'll help us tonight to just see the depths and the beauty of it, but all-in-all the real simplicity, as Lord, we know that everything we're talking is "after the fact" to a great degree; because now we know what the Shout is, and we know it's the Message. So many things, Lord, we have seen laid before us, we understand that much at least, it was laid out there in front of us. Now, we pray You'll give us the ability to understand it; in Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen

You may be seated.

**2**

Now, this is Number 25, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. And in of course, this message of three divisions, where he speaks of Christ, the mystery of God "not that Christ is a mystery" but that God Himself was a mystery. And therefore, shining through, (or using the actual outraying of God) that very expressed image which was Christ; God was able to reveal Himself to us and make Himself known. And, of course, in this three-fold division of revelation, preeminence and restoration, we have been emphasizing greatly the necessary role of the prophet, as God's way of acquainting the people with His operative plan; or what He's doing, has always done, and is doing now.

**3** Now, there'd be no true revelation, preeminence or restoration by God except for His prophet, for God does all of these only by and through His prophet. Now of course, that's something that all hell is against "and we'll show you, (trusting that we will) something about that, as we talk about denominations and this Message. But people simply have a terrible job realizing that God does all three by a prophet. God in the prophet as God was in Christ, (making the prophet, God to the people) is the way God always brings His plan into evidence.

Now, in the third phase of the message, "restored back to Eden" Bro. Branham has been dealing with the restored Headship of Christ the Word, to the church. Now, we look at restoration as "back to Eden" and of course "because we're anxious to get back there, and anxious to have the promise fulfilled to us and in us" we actually forget that that's only part of it; we're looking at our side.

**4** The actual truth of the matter is: Headship is restored back to Eden "which is Christ" see? He was the Headship. He was the Tree of Life, and He became obscured; because man was not

allowed to reach forth and enter into immortalityâ€”which is the Seventh Seal. So we found Him guarded by the cherubim, and of course, the cherubim guarding Him with flaming swords is not so much the cherubimâ€”itâ€™s the flaming sword.

And Bro. Branham speaks of the flaming sword in the hand of the prophetâ€”the flaming sword of revelation. So, therefore, we put that together and we understand then that Christ is hidden in His own Wordâ€”and what happens thenâ€”you see Christ, entirely obscured, though Heâ€™s in the Word. Now, I donâ€™t mean obscured as though He cannot be seen, but Bro. Branham said,

â€œThe smartest person in the world, God just throws him a curve and he canâ€™t understand it. But it takes the wise and the prudent and they are babes such as will learn.â€•

**5** In other words, their minds arenâ€™t cluttered up with thoughts that have been given to them by somebody else. So we find that Headship is restored. And thatâ€™s what Bro. Branham was dealing with as we closed off last Sunday. So, weâ€™re looking back to man being restored to the Gardenâ€”but you understandâ€”Headship must be restored first, before man can be restored. And then you understand also that the fall took place in the Garden of Eden which was Godâ€™s kingdom on earth. And at that particular time then, the kingdom was there in a non-fulfilled manner. Thatâ€™s right.

And now today, getting back, weâ€™ll find ourselves under Headship and Restoration; a kingdom in a non-fulfilled mannerâ€”which in other words it isnâ€™t where itâ€™s going to beâ€”but itâ€™s here, and now.

**6** Now, we want to talk about organization. The church under Satan took a perfect step, by organization, to deny this Headship. And youâ€™ll notice that this Headship always was denied God, particularly at the time when people had the Headship of God and the opportunity to continue under that Headship; and they organized and gave themselves a king. And it was in Canaanâ€™s land, the promised land, (which was the kingdom of God, because Israel was a theocracy with prophets) thatâ€™s when they set the Headship to one side and took themselves a king.

And the king began to take over and legislate what he wanted. And he set the rules of God aside, until you found every single king destroying the very precepts of God; the thing that he was set there to do, and help the people with. Now, he wasnâ€™t a priest, but he was a legislator, and his legislation should have been in line with what was taught by the priests, and by the prophets.

**7** So, at Nicaea also, even as with Israel; we find when Headship was given to the Holy Spirit by the Holy Spirit Himselfâ€”and He had instituted a prophetâ€”youâ€™ll notice how quickly the people turned on the prophet Paul. And it wasnâ€™t too long until they began instituting elders. And this is the thing I simply canâ€™t understand with people; why they want to get back to an elder system, or something which is not in the Bible. Latter rain did it.

But thereâ€™s that great desire to put God to one side and be somebody. Itâ€™s prevalent; itâ€™s all over the place and weâ€™ll see some things of that tonight, (I trust weâ€™ll see them and understand) that are pretty sickening. I mean it will give you a cold feeling to know what could actually go on. I donâ€™t know just how weâ€™ll get to it, but Iâ€™ll try to be very slow tonight, and take our time there. But, you see, they did not want a prophetâ€”they couldnâ€™t take thatâ€”because that is the way that God deals with people. He takes one person; and He doesnâ€™t take a succession of persons by those persons deciding what is going to be doneâ€”it is a continued Word of God.

**8** And thatâ€™s why youâ€™ll see that the churches today cannot stand a prophetâ€”which is Godâ€™s way of doing it; Hebrews 13:8. And so youâ€™ll see that the church finally puts Him out.

And according to 2 Peter, at this particular time of the epochal season, [a point of time distinguished by a particular event or state of affairs; a distinctive period] it says here:

2 Peter 2:1

(1) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you (Now you see, most of these theologians, they're not prophets.)

They couldn't produce well, they couldn't produce anything. They can't even produce a sneeze by tickling their noses; you know, that's about all they got. So they come in with their highfalutin [pompous, bombastic, haughty, pretentious] language, and their great teaching and their comparison of Scripture, (which they know nothing of) and they'll pull a little deal on you.

(1) (But these false teachers) who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (Now you know that's for this hour, because swift destruction isn't two thousand years in taking place.)

So, he's talking about what's in the last days, the epochal season of the Presence of the Lord, the time of the Appearing, the time of the Son of Man, they're going to say, "No, to the Lord. That's when they put Him out.

And then He says, "Come out of her my people."

**9** So, all right then, when you're talking about Restoration and Headship "you've got to talk about Headship at the same time you talk about Restoration. And it's not simply restoration of Adam and Eve" it's restoration of Headship "so that Adam and Eve can come back.

Do you follow now? Okay.

So, Bro. Branham is talking about the church and her adulteries or her organization on the top of page 76, and he says here that the cup of her iniquity, (which she's toasting the world with, and the world is toasting her) is their mutual admiration society of complete blasphemy. When the Protestants and Catholics can get together, it's over. And they've gotten together. And even the finest people we know of have been completely fooled by ecumenism. Now, so he says here:

[76-1] "How do you know the Word is right? (There's nothing but the Word, and that's got to be right.) How do you know it is right? (All right?) The Word is vindicated. He, the Word properly vindicated, is the Headship, the Head of the Church. (Now that's Logos Himself.)

**10** That's the Holy Spirit in a form whereby He is manifesting to the church. And you know the manifestation as to the personal Presence has to be to a very certain kind of a prophet like Moses.

He said, "If I speak to other people I'll do it by dreams and by visions. But with you I will speak face-to-face; even apparently. I will show you myself in a visible form." [Numbers 12:6-8]

Remember, when God did show Himself even to Moses, (Moses wanted another visible form, rather than the Pillar of Fire) God showed him the back of a man, (showing down the road) Even Moses couldn't fully comprehend Christ. He couldn't see Him face-to-face "there's no way he could" so he could see His back. In other words, he could see Him coming up through the ages, and then the face turned and showed exactly Who they're looking at. We have the distinction of seeing Him face-to-face; but they put a veil on his face. Now the veil's got to come off. Okay:

[76-1] He, the Word is vindicated, He, the Word properly vindicated, (Whatâ€™s properly? â€œThe way God does things, through a prophetâ€according to the Wordâ€bringing the Word to pass.)â€Heâ€™s the Head of the Church. He is the Word, the Headship. (Now thatâ€™s Logos.)

But then again itâ€™s not just Logos, itâ€™s Logos manifested according to the Thought-Word; which was in the mind of God and then spoken and written by the prophets, and the scribes that copied it for them.

Heâ€™s properly identified, (thatâ€™s the same thing we said already) vindicated by His own Spirit being in the Church itself (the person), showing forth Himself in vindication is the direct proof to the entire Body. (Now, thatâ€™s not in you and me.)

**11** Thatâ€™s not, â€œChrist in us the hope of glory.â€ Thatâ€™s Christ in the church, (the Person Himself) Elohimâ€™vindicating Himselfâ€™showing exactly who He is. And Heâ€™s got to be here to do it; thatâ€™s how the Lord descended with the Shout. Well, the Lord couldnâ€™t descend any other way. What would be the use of the Pillar of Fire in this room right here? â€œBlazingâ€ Weâ€™d go crazy; so who needs it? Now Iâ€™m a rough talker and I donâ€™t mean to be nasty and I donâ€™t mean to be blasphemous and crude concerning God; but I have to teach this way to get what Iâ€™m driving, across. You tell me, who needs it? You donâ€™t need that.

You canâ€™t handle that, and if you canâ€™t handle it you donâ€™t need it.

Eat cucumbers and they give you indigestion? Okay, eat cucumbers; and get indigestion. Try to face this, [Points to the Pillar of Fire picture] youâ€™ll drop dead. Who wants it?

You say, â€œI want it.â€

Sure, â€œbut not in that form.

But the world out there says, â€œYeah we want it; that form. We want to see.â€ (Go aheadâ€and die. Go ahead; and answer to God for it.) See?

Now, God has got too much mercy to allow that kind of stupidity, because weâ€™re plumb stupid. He wonâ€™t allow it so He sends a prophet. Then men donâ€™t want the prophet. So you see thereâ€™s a problem.

[76-1] â€properly identified (the person), by direct proof to the entire Body. (What is the direct proof, if God cannot deal with you and me personally?)

**12** He descends with the Shout. See? And the Shout is not said to be the very voice of God Himself. God always uses a prophet. See? Iâ€™m going to tell youâ€™thereâ€™s no church that wants Bro. Branhamâ€™no church wants us. Weâ€™re worse than Hoganâ€™s goat in their sight. Bro. Branham stood between the Trinity and the Oneness. We stand there. People think I preach two gods. I donâ€™t preach two gods, I preach one God. They donâ€™t know what weâ€™re talking about.

They donâ€™t know He had a Son. They donâ€™t know Heâ€™s got a Son. Thereâ€™s something wrong somewhere. William Branham was not Oneness in his doctrine; of the religious denominations. He believed in one Godâ€™in a oneness of one Godâ€™the same as we do. Man, stand up in a pulpit and tell you, â€œYou canâ€™t remember anything when you were back there with the sons of God shouting.â€

**13** But Jesus can because heâ€™s in a theophonic form with the former glory; and you tell me that doesnâ€™t designate a person? You better start thinking. The problem is people are too scared to think. Even with the prophet telling us what to think; and I mean that is to, â€œThink upon these things; not to think your own thoughtsâ€”but to think upon these things that are laid out before us.â€• (See?)

[76-1] â€!by direct proof to the entire Body.

You know thatâ€™s Ephesians 1:17 because thatâ€™s to the entire Body. You know itâ€™s also Revelation 10:1-7 (and so on) weâ€™ll get into that.

[76-1] You donâ€™t need creeds then. (Because thereâ€™s no proof in them.) Denominations have perished, (Theyâ€™re twice dead, plucked up by the rootsâ€”leaving neither root nor branch pretty soon.) but the Headship Itself, recognized in the Body by personal identificationsâ€!

**14** because He did in many ways identify Himself. Of which the great ones were Genesis 18 â€“ the man with the back to the tent; and John 4 â€“ the man reading the womanâ€™s heart; the last sign to the church.

â€!proves Headship to the Body.

Not only that but Heâ€™s vindicated Himself in signs and wonders; with THUS SAITH THE LORD. Showing that a manâ€™s voice will not do what the manâ€™s voice said. So therefore, though itâ€™s a manâ€™s voiceâ€”itâ€™s not the manâ€™s wordsâ€”and itâ€™s not the manâ€™s will. See, follow me?

[76-1] â€!proves His identity and His Headship to the Body. Then we are united under One vindicated Headship, that is Christ, the Word of God, not under any church.

If of course, (and Lee Vayle is adding this) you believe whatâ€™s said here. But if you donâ€™t believe whatâ€™s there, youâ€™re not under any Headship of God. See?

â€!Then our Headship is a Kingdom. (Now. It says our Headship is a Kingdom. What is our Headship?)

**15** The indisputableâ€”the indisputably, undisputedâ€”vindicated Christ, fulfilling the Word of this hour, (predicated upon fulfilling every manifestation incumbent upon Him) to prove He was that One fulfilling the Word of this hour. Now, thatâ€™s not a Philadelphia lawyer; thatâ€™s exactly the way I want to say it, and I said it. If you havenâ€™t got it, play the tape back. Itâ€™s simple as ABC.

[76-1] â€!our Headship is a Kingdom. (Now) â€œThe Kingdom of God is within you,â€• (Now weâ€™ll link the two together.)

Luke 17, they said to Jesus, â€œWhen is the Kingdom going to come?â€•

He said, â€œItâ€™s going to come, okay, all right; but you wonâ€™t know when itâ€™s going to get there because it comes without observation.â€•

You canâ€™t just tell. Thatâ€™s the Presence; it always has been that way. Itâ€™s always going to be that way. Do you think for one minute, Elijah that prophet of Godâ€! Hereâ€™s old Elijah, hereâ€™s Moses, hereâ€™s any prophet, you name anyone you want. Somebody, (some great woman, oh yes, especially a woman; some great man, especially several great men) said, â€œLook it, I spot that that is a prophet.â€•

â€œI know heâ€™s going to grow up to be a prophet.â€•

So, they just wander around, looking at himâ€¦day after day, year after year?

**16** John was sent to be a prophet, pointing out Christ. Did they follow him? â€œNo, they didnâ€™t follow him, they cared not two bits; couldnâ€™t even tell when a prophet was on the scene. Suddenly the prophet was thereâ€”a manifestation. Poor old John; wild as a gourd, as a camel got stung by a beeâ€”out there just loafing aroundâ€”and come to that river and preachingâ€”his scum off almost.

â€œWell,â€• they said, â€œthat fellow sure got something. Donâ€™t know what it is; but he could be something.â€• (Why didnâ€™t they look in the records? Theyâ€™d have found out who he was.)

Iâ€™m trying to show you something: always the man is there, and then you recognize something is there; you donâ€™t know about the coming, you canâ€™t trace it. I donâ€™t care what God said about it, you cannot trace it. They knew this woman was going to have a baby, and she said,

â€œIâ€™ll tell you how it is. I donâ€™t know a man. It was the Holy Ghost that did it, creating in my womb.â€•

â€œOh,â€• they said, â€œhogwash.â€•

**17** Now, if anybody would have thought that was the truth, (and evidently her own husband didnâ€™t think too much of it, and nobody else thought too much of it) theyâ€™d have watched and watched and watched. And God had to keep rapping Joseph, (and all the rest of them) all the time sort of. What Iâ€™m trying to show you is this: these things brother/sister are so phenomenal, unless youâ€™re a child in your thinking and let God do something for you, youâ€™re not going to get anything. So hereâ€™s the Kingdom of God amongst them.

He said, â€œIt doesnâ€™t come with observation. It will be there and you wonâ€™t even know it,â€• (And there it is. Everythingâ€™s that way.)

Did William Branhamâ€¦ so what about him? â€œWhen the little light came in the room and hung over his crib, his mother Ella and his father Charles, knew nothing what it meant. I suppose his grandmother might have known a little bit, I donâ€™t know. Sheâ€™s a saved Christian woman. I donâ€™t think she knew too much. His own mother sure didnâ€™t know much and his dad didnâ€™t know anything. Nobody followed him around.

And suddenly it begins to take the peopleâ€™s eye, â€œWhere did this man come from?â€•

â€œWhy, he didnâ€™t come from us; that takes care of him.â€•

(How did that man preach?)

â€œWell, he doesnâ€™t preach too good.â€• (But he sure knows what heâ€™s talking about evidently, because something happens.)

â€œWell, he canâ€™t be too much because after all heâ€™s not with us.â€•

**18** But, you see, always thatâ€™s the way Parousia isâ€”and Presenceâ€”the Lord descending

with a Shout. When He appeared at the river; who knew He was going to appear? “The prophet did not know when He was going to appear, unless it was momentarily.

John the Baptist didn’t know. Just knew something was going to happen. All right, the Kingdom appeared. So we’ve got Headship which signifies the King is here. Bro. Branham said He was here; so the King is here. So that is the setting up of a Kingdom.

Then the Kingdom must be within.

[76-2] We are not a denomination. (Now) We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom (Listen to this carefully!) the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our life, (Not live’s now”our life) bringing to pass every promise in this day as it did in that day when the Word and God was One. (The Kingdom of God was upon earth because that was God’s headquarters.)

“This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased to dwell.”

**19** Headship”completely in a tube”to repeat in Matthew 12; to bring about the promises of this hour. What are the promises of this hour? “The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a Shout, the Voice of an archangel, the Trump of God. “ There’s going to be a Resurrection. “ There’s going to be a change to immortality. See? That is the Scripture we’re relying upon, the promise for this hour.

The Lord descending is Ephesians 1:17 “ The Lord descending is Revelation 10:1. The manifestation to bring about the Resurrection and the change, is the manifestation of Matthew 12. Let’s go to Matthew 12 (It’s Luke 17 and Matthew 12) We want Matthew 12.

**20** And he says here in the end-time, this One who is coming to the Gentiles; “He shall show judgment to the Gentiles.” [v.18] (He shall vindicate the Gentiles at that time in His vindication.) “He shall restore the reed and the smoking flax”and He shall do this until the Gentile Bride has the victory.” [v. 20] She’s been put down all the time til now, massacred and everything else; but this time she’s going to escape the Great Tribulation, and the rest are going to be here and burn.

Now, those are the promises of this hour. Malachi 4 is the epitomization of it. God in His prophet “ which is identical to Revelation 10:1 “ and Revelation 10:7 “ which is that same thing; there is no difference. So there you see:

[76-2] The Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit in our life.

**21** That’s God Himself taking over”in the form of the Holy Ghost in a Pillar of Fire “ with the prophet “ manifesting, and vindicating, and showing exactly who He is; in order to satisfy us that these promises of this hour are coming to pass”and will entirely come to pass. See?

[76-2] (Now)“as it did in that day when the Word and God was One. (One person. You’ve got the same thing and God manifest in a human form once more, in a prophet.)

That doesn’t make him God “ God’s, God. It didn’t make Jesus, God “ It made him a Son of God. The prophets are sons of men, but they are sons of God. Now:

“the Word and God are One in His Church today, making it the Headship of the Body (that is the redeemed Body) to bring the Message in the last day and be taken up from the dead in the resurrection,

In plain English heâ€™s telling you that, â€œAll this weâ€™ve talked about, shows the Headship is here to a redeemed Body, (which means the whole Body is in a state of complete redemption) and weâ€™re the last ones coming inâ€”to be child-trained and be taken up.â€•

And this demands a Message; to explain who is here, what is here, what is going on, how it is going on, and what it all meansâ€”because itâ€™s always after the fact. Only the prophet comes before the fact. Weâ€™ll see that later on. Okay â€” Identification.

Now watch; letâ€™s go a little further here:

[76-2] â€”to go back and to restore again as Adam and Eve in the beginning of the Garden of God.

**22** Now remember, â€”in the Garden of Godâ€™ thatâ€™s His own possession. Itâ€™s His own place of government, and He is there; and He allows these people to be with Him. And He is here with us now; so therefore we have, intrinsically, a Garden of Eden conditionâ€”not specifically manifestedâ€”but manifested to the point where we know, that we know, that we know. Follow? Okay, now he begins to talk about this in the Exodus in the time of Moses.

[76-4] â€”Notice now. United together under one Headship in a like manner type of Israel of old. Now, are you getting it?

Well, isnâ€™t that what heâ€™s been talking about himself, all the time; and God in a Pillar of Fire, and the people standing there. He said, â€œAre you getting it? Weâ€™re going through the same thing today.â€•

...like Israel of old: one God, vindicated by a Pillar of Fire and revealed Himself through a prophet to be the Word (Revealed Himself through a prophet, to be the Word.)

They said, â€œWhatâ€™s all this stuff about a Pillar of Fire?â€•

**23** See, it takes one person. Thatâ€™s why the church constitutes all hell against one man doing it. All hell was against Jesus doing it when he was in the fleshâ€”so all hell must be against Him againâ€”when Heâ€™s here in the Spirit. And the gates of hell are against the Presence; that He has descended with a Shout.

Now, you want to know what all hell is against? â€”This is why youâ€™ve got troubles on every hand; why itâ€™s hard to get healed and everything else under Godâ€™s high heavenâ€”because youâ€™re being completely ravished, as much as the devil can ravish you, and destroy you. Why do you think your minds are going this way and that way like a bunch of neon lights?

**24** Look it, I know this Message. I know where I come from and what Iâ€™m talking about. I donâ€™t know of any man living knows more about this than I do, and Iâ€™m not boasting. Iâ€™m just telling you the truth as I believe it; and what I understand word-by-word. And you think my mind doesnâ€™t go blooey? Hah! The minute you say something over a pulpit; the minute you talk about this Message, thatâ€™s the time Satan can attack you, and he does it too. And donâ€™t think he doesnâ€™t. A million different ways heâ€™ll attack you.

Heâ€™ll try to kill you, too. Donâ€™t think he wonâ€™t. See?

[76-4] â€”revealed Himself through a prophet to be the Word. The same God, same Pillar of Fire, same wayâ€”He cannot change His way. Itâ€™s that, just perfect as it can be, isnâ€™t it? See? One God. (Whatâ€™s he talking about?)

[76-2] We belong to a Kingdom and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life, bringing to pass every promise in this day as it was in that day when the Word and God was one.

**25** What was the Word of God back there in the time of the Pillar of Fire with Moses? “One” What happened? Exodus! What about the time of Jesus? Exodus! What about the time of Paul? Exodus! What about us? The great Exodus! This is the big one; fewer than any time, but bigger and better than any time. Okay:

[77-1] How many gods did Israel have? How many has the Bride got? How many will there ever be? Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, which was the Pillar of Fire in the days of Moses, the great prophet. He was directed by a Pillar of Fire. Is that right? All right. Going to a promised land.

[77-2] And in the Christian age there was one God which appeared in the form of a Pillar of Fire to a prophet called Paul, who was sent to the Gentiles to take a people out for His Name’s sake. Is that right?

[77-3] And in the last days has come down in like manner vindicating Himself in the same signs, same wonders, same Pillar of Fire, same Gospel, same Word, same manifestations. His Body will do the works that He promised, like in Mark 16 and so forth. (Now the Body can do that—but that’s not for that one man we’re talking about.)

**26** Let’s read Mark 16. Let’s find out what it’s all about because I don’t want people to be confused here. I sure am not; and I don’t want you confused either.

Mark 16:17

(17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; (These signs; shall follow them that believe. Okay, that’s very good. Let’s go to Hebrews 2 and it says here)

Hebrews 2:3-4

(3) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

(4) God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? (You notice, that’s after the fact. That is after the fact.)

**27** The prophet is before the fact. He doesn’t say one word. He shows a sign—then he starts talking. These people here in Mark and the rest of the Bible; they’ve done their talking; now God’s got to back them up. But the prophet isn’t that kind of a fellow. He’s got to come in the name of the Lord and produce the sign, and then you listen to him. There’s a big difference. We just want to make the difference there. Now it says here:

[77-4] His body was not held in the grave, (That’s when he was here on earth and died.) but was recognized with Him in the resurrection.

**28** Now, the body itself was dead but Jesus was not dead as far as death is concerned, which means the second death, which is annihilation. He was in the first death, which is separation from God. He was separated. His spirit went back to God. “Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell.” He was down there with the rest of them. And he was recognized, you couldn’t help but recognize him because he tore the gates of hell off and led captivity captive. Now listen! He was recognized in

the form of the Spirit”and the same One that raised him recognized his body.

What am I driving at? This: that you can’t by-pass a resurrection and you can’t think that God’s going to bypass anybody’s body in the grave, or your body here, when you’re standing here; He takes your body and you go with it. The body is recognized”either the single body or the corporate body which is the Bride.

So, it says here, his body was not held in the grave. Jesus certainly was not held in Upper Sheol or in Lower Sheol, (or any Sheol, or any place) because they couldn’t do it. Why? “Because he suffered unjustly. He wasn’t there for his own sins. So what are you going to do with a fellow like that? He said,

“I’ve got power to give my life and I’ve got power to take it.”

You bet he did, because there wasn’t a thing to hold him; the perfect Lamb of God. So then He recognized the body.

[77-4] Now do you get it? (Do we understand that.) Then the Body of His believing children will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognized with Him,

**29** When He comes? That Coming, (as concerning the body that everybody thinks of) is that meeting in the air when He comes on down”the body form. Let’s find out about this. He’s talking about this Coming. We go to Ephesians; I beg your pardon, 1 Corinthians. (See, I tell you the devil fights you on every hand, no matter what you are or who you are; stumbles your tongue and everything else.)

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

(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. (Jesus’ soul didn’t have to have a resurrection. He’s talking about the body.)

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

(23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his (Presence.)

**30** That’s what happened. His resurrection was there when he was present in spirit-form. He came out and got in his body. Then they come out and got in their body too. What form was he in? “In the form of the Spirit. Who raises the dead? “God raises the dead. What form is He? “Spirit!

So all right then; who descends with a Shout? “God did, Elohim”Jesus Christ”that Spirit; Jehovah of the Old Testament. Jesus wasn’t born at that time. The Jesus we’re talking about is Jehovah-God. One God, that took upon Himself a body.

“Now that One’s come down here, (what for?) in order to get the dead out of the ground; and He sets Himself at the head of the church,” (Just what Bro. Branham says in this message.)

**31** Then, therefore, that Headship which is He, takes us to the other Headship; which is incarnation, (Do you follow it? It’s simple as ABC.) The same One that said, “In whom I am pleased to dwell,” has come down here without that dwelling and will take us to that dwelling.

Elohim said to Adonai. The LORD said to my Lord. The Great Mister said to my Mister. Christ is the Head of the Church. God is the Head of Christ; it doesn't change. When the Lamb is on the throne, the Pillar of Fire is over the throne, but they're one. It's the same One; because one is simply the outer manifestation of the outlying in a physical form of the Great God. Then, what more do you want? "One God. There will only be one life there too, brother/sister, in that Bride and the kingdom outside" that's going to be God's life. What's in the angels, I don't know and don't pretend to know and I'm not interested in knowing. That's their business.

I don't know if you caught what I was trying to bring to your attention at that point, but it's all right you'll get it someday.

[77-4] "His believing children will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognized with Him,

**32** Recognized with Him, (recognize what I just read here) they that are Christ's at His Parousia"His Presence. [1 Corinthians 15:23]

Then people say, "Well, He's always been here."

(Why didn't we have resurrections then?)

"He's always been here, so what?"

Oh God, I hope there's nobody believes that way. But it's a million to one you've got relatives that believe that, so it's all right. I've maybe got one relative, the rest of them are just trying to follow along as best they can. I don't think my kids know anything.

[77-4] "but will be recognized with Him, because He died for the purpose to (recognize) resurrect His Bride, the Body, (many-membered body.) Recognize, because it is His Body, (Now they're recognized because it is His Body.)

**33** Do you think when Jesus the man (Spirit-man) came out of Sheol that he could have just jumped into any body? "Certainly not. Do you think then these are going to jump in just any body? "No! Will He just raise anybody? "No " The identified Bride is going to come out. See?

[77-4] "because it's the Word. It's so completely yielded from denominations and things to Him, and He is the Word.

Now, those bunch down there you don't have to worry about them or wherever they are. Yielded? "you bet they're yielded. We're the guys he's talking about now. A church that's yielded"identified with the prophet. He was so yielded that he could give God the perfect preeminence's, (no matter where the preeminence was meant to be) he gave it to God; gave Him all the glory, the majesty. Now:

[77-4] He is the Word. See? And it's recognized with Him because now we have the first fruit of our resurrection

**34** We have the first-fruit. Well, who is the first-fruit? He is the first-fruit. What form is He here in? "The Holy Ghost! Sure we've got the first-fruit. We've got the signs of the Resurrection"Christ among us, showing He's living.

Bro. Branham always said: "I believe Christ be risen from the dead and is here in the form of the Holy Spirit He will now do the same things in the Spirit he did in the flesh when he was upon earth."

So, we've got the first-fruit. We've got the evidence. We know who it is. He is our Resurrection. So, therefore, we know He is here "not physically now" unless you want to call the Pillar of Fire physical. That's all right by me, because that is a physical thing, in the sense of the word.

[77-4] "to know that we have passed from death unto Life (Spiritual Resurrection for you and me) became prisoners of Him, and proving to us by His personal Headship that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, by doing the same things through the Church that He did then. He in me, and I in Him, and you--and you know, and so forth.

And he clips it right off there because you and I are not in that. We are in Him and He in us, and we are in the "I" and the Father are one, but not like this "no way shape and form. That's right.

[77-4] His body was not held in the grave, but was recognized with Him in the resurrection. (Same as He is now. And He recognized now. He's here. We know He's here. It means Resurrection.)

[77-5] Listen. Which means this: His Word (which He is) has begun to rise. (It began rising a long time ago.) The Word that down through the ages; age of Luther, Wesley "has begun to rise up in its power. There it began to move. Then moved a little more. Now, it's coming up to identification. (What's coming up to identification?)

**35** What was in the Bible in the Seven Church Ages, and written by historians for two thousand years, so we've got the records. It's been proven that that Light back there that moved up is the same Light that was on earth two thousand years ago in a person. Now only a prophet could do that. No historian, nobody else could do it. It took a prophet just like Moses who wrote most of the first five books if not all of the first five books. Part of it I don't think he could have written; but then again who knows? But Moses was that historian for the Book of Genesis in particular. And notice he took the complete history, up to the moment where he stood in the economy of God. So did William Branham "and he proved it by vindication" that that Light had now come to Headship.

Then get out of the way you popes and bishops and all you cardinals and elders and you hotshots and the five-fold ministry that's from the pit. See? Watch!

**36** Now listen, this man tells us right here that they without us cannot be made perfect. We had to be on the scene at the time of this prophet, in order for a resurrection. And the one that Luther and everybody looked forward to is here now. They didn't know that's what they were looking for. They were looking for the Pillar of Fire and didn't know it. They all thought, "We're looking for the great Coming; meet Him in the air, hallelujah."

Nobody understood what was supposed to be down here on earth. Even though it said, "Elijah must truly come, because you can only know after the fact.

It takes someone to show you, and tell you.

[77-5] Watch. Now, as to the Life in the Body, it is a vindication of the Rapture, that is at hand. (Now we've changed that reading a bit so you'll understand it. Here's what he said here, in his

way of saying it.) Now, to the Life in the Body is a vindication of the Rapture at hand.

**37** Now, you can say that, that is perfectly true, too. The fact the life in our body, (that spirit in us) can see the vindication—it knows the Rapture is at hand. That’s all right too. But look at it this way, let’s read it this way:

Now, as to the Life in the Body, it is a vindication of the Rapture, that is at hand. And when you see (number one) the Headship of the Body becoming one, (and then, in there, two) and the Fullness of the measure of His manifestation, it shows that the Body is about to be received to the Headship. (Now let’s go over that; I’ll read it the way it’s said here) When you see the Headship and the Body becoming one and the Fullness of the measure of His manifestation, shows that the Body is about ready to be received to Headship.

I don’t like that. That is not the way I’d punctuate it. I don’t see it that way, I see it this way —“When you see, (number one) the Headship and the Body becoming one: “ and the fullness of the measure of His manifestation,“

In other words, here, it tells me this, —“When you see the fullness of the measure of His manifestation,“ (which means every Scripture for this hour fulfilled, as to His Appearing —“ the Elijah ministry) you know Headship and the Body are one; coming to the place that the Body is about to be received to the Headship. (Which is what? —“Caught up to the physical body.)

**38** Now, nobody can sit here tonight and tell me that we don’t know there’s going to be a Rapture in a hurry.

You say, —“How big is the hurry?“

Don’t ask me; could be ten years, twenty-five, a hundred, who knows? —“ But this Message foreruns it. And I’ll tell you maybe God’s got to wait for a new crop of kids to come up that don’t have any thought but the real thoughts; not old codgers like me that have such a terrible time getting rid of it.

And if I was this close to the prophet, (and I’ve got a gift of teaching so that I can see things a lot of people don’t see) I can understand how a lot of people are going to have an awful hard time because they will not see this Word correctly; they just can’t. They’re too full of creeds and dogmas.

So, therefore, Headship means that it is Resurrection time —“ Immortality time —“ which is going to take us to the Headship. Now, let’s take a look at this; what I just quoted to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

(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:

(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:

**39** The recognition of Headship will take you to Headship. The non-recognition of Headship will keep you from the Headship. And that’s why the gates of hell, (and all hell) are against this teaching tonight. So, I hope you’re beginning to see something. You’ve got something more precious than silver and gold.

So, therefore, Christ who is our life, is now appearing. The body is not the life—the spirit is life, and gives life to the body. Why do you think your body dies? —“because the spirit goes; then the soul lingers, then the soul goes.

All right; conditions of the rapture:

[70-2] His Presence in the individual with the personal vindication of Himself expressing Himself—the living Word that—™s promised for the day, expressing Itself through you, vindication of the great revelation of God. Look, only in an individual, never in a group (That—™s what all hell is against. And the gates of hell against the Presence. So all of hell is against it—™all organization, all denominations; the whole bit.)

[78-1] (Now) —œNations are breaking, Israel—™s awakening...—œ

What is he trying to tell you? The first step to make you to know this has to come to pass —“ Israel is in the homeland —“ The fullness of the Gentiles is at hand. And the fullness, my brother my sister, is not only when the last Gentile comes in. That does not constitute a full body—™Head—™constitutes a full body.

So, that tells you that it—™s time for the Rapture, the whole thing.

[78-1] (Okay) He has begun to give Life unto His Body (Why?) the one that He has redeemed. (because they—™re redeemed) The mediatorial work is done. He—™s bringing Life to the Body in the vindication for the Rapture.

**40** Notice, The Rapture has got to be vindicated and whatever is to bring The Rapture has got to be vindicated. Which is what? —“Shout, Voice, Trumpet. And remember the gathering is by a trumpet. Remember the gathering is by a Message. Remember, the last trumpet has got to sound, to bring on immortality—™and the last trumpet is the Word of God—™—œBring on your holy vesture with the Word of God standing by,—œ (all right) —œbringing Life to the Body, (—œChrist who is our life has appeared, and we shall appear with Him in glory.—œ) [Colossians 3:4]

[78-1] (Now) One more great remark I want to make, if I have to move over a little of it. Now notice. Listen to this.

Now, is the great thing. Now, is where we want to watch. Remember, in the last days will go exactly back and vindicate the first day. See? Adam and Eve, husband and wife, no sin, life, then the fall. Notice.

[78-3] Notice, what caused it? Lucifer. Lucifer is doing now as he did at the first time. Just as the kingdom of the Gentiles was brought in with King Nebuchadnezzar—™vindicated the Gentile race by a prophet who could interpret unknown tongues, visions, and dreams.

Now, he said, —œVindicated the Gentiles.—œ Vindicated what?

**41** That the Gentiles did have a part, by the very fact a prophet came to them, (under Nebuchadnezzar, the king) and did reveal the secrets of God; and the secrets of God were revealed to Israel while they were under a Gentile nation. Now notice:

[78-3]—œIt—™s come down through the Gentiles without anything, just Medo-Persians and iron and so forth, and in the feet it goes out the same way again: the Gentile kingdom.

How? With the prophet that can interpret visions and tell dreams that you—™ve dreamed and

everything else. Plus the fact, that it came with unknown tongues; it goes out, with the tongues movement.

[78-4] Notice, Lucifer in the last days is doing as he did at first. What did Lucifer do? The first thing that Lucifer did to separate the fellowship of God and man, he wanted to build him a united kingdom of greater splendor and seemingly more cultured, a greater kingdom than Michael, Christ had. (Michael and Christ were one at that time.) You got it? Now, if you miss it, just hold your hand up and I'll say it again. You see? See? Lucifer at the beginning, his purpose in heart was to achieve a brighter and greater thing in heaven than Christ had (Is that right?) by seemingly a more cultured, more beautiful, more splendid than the Kingdom of Christ. Do you think we'll have automobiles in the Millennium and airplanes? See? See what Lucifer's doing?

**42** Now, listen carefully to this. Lucifer tried to build his kingdom with and through God's own kingdom... Well, is that right? Well come on, think it over. Did Lucifer have a kingdom? "No. What did he use? "He used God's kingdom. So he tried to use God's kingdom, (to build; with and through his own kingdom) and even did the same thing in Eden, didn't he? Then what's he going to do in the church? "Same thing. He's going to take the church and build his own kingdom; so that he is enshrined in the church"which is antichrist.

There's your denominations.

[78-5] Now, the big fancy intellectual denominations are doing the very same thing, gathering themselves together to do the same thing. They are gathering and denominating themselves, each one trying to beat the other. And now they got so much splendor they don't know what to do but to unite it with the Catholic church. See? Lucifer again building a bigger kingdom to push out the people that don't believe in denominations, and to even take their church buildings and make storerooms, and the pastors of such have no rights at all. And a man that is a God-sent man would never stay in a denomination after hearing this or seeing it, if he's got enough to go out and look at it. (He doesn't though, most of them.) Certainly. See? I don't say that critically; I say that truthfully (See?) to see that revealed. (To see what revealed? The Word for this hour revealed in human flesh"by the Spirit of the Living God.) Notice, in this last days!

**43** I like that, "this last days" He's lumping it all together. Listen, from the time that this broke, there are no interruptions. Oh I know it feels like it; but don't you kid yourself. The log jam, the key log has been taken out, the skids have been greased; there's nobody going to stop it.

Notice, in this last days, Lucifer is doing the same thing. Can you see it? The devil doing the same thing, building up a hybrid church"a hybrid, by hybrid members, hybrid by knowledge instead of the Word, by intellectual man instead of the borned again man, building an intellectual kingdom that will outshine Christ's little bitty flock. See? What is it that did that? Fallen angels. The Bible said it was fallen angels who listened to Lucifer instead of Christ, who they once belonged to. (That's belonged to Christ.) Is that right? (In other words, this was corrupted seed.)

**44** You find the Lutherans that preach Luther; and the Wesleyans that preach Wesley. And the original Pentecost that really preaches Pentecost"but God knows they were messed up from the beginning, because I've got their history; they never were on the Word. All they had was restored gifts; they never had the Word, never did and never will have. They were hybrid from the word "go" except that little tiny flock in there.

[79-2] Now listen close. Fallen angels. What kind of angels? Lutherans, Wesleyans, Catholics, Pentecostals who kept not their first estate like the angels did and have fallen into organizations like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea.

It wasn't Luther that organized, although he had organization in him. Organization started in the first church, right under Paul. Paul didn't start it; it started there, as the elders got together.

The very people that were going to give their eyes to Paul, and loved him, and stood right with him; that had the message from him. They just turned on him; they had no trouble at all. They were false brethren brought in unawares. They never had it in the first place.

[79-2] "What have they done?" organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image to the beast (as the Bible said) and building up a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work? I'm trying to bring you the threefold revelation, a mystery of God.

**45** Now, he's trying to let you know here, under restoration you've got to get back to Headship. And Headship denies any authoritarian rule outside of that which has been vindicated. See?

What did they do? "Sold out to reasonings of wisdom and education like Eve did, fallen angels! (Now that's the face of the man that degenerated to what man brings forth; which is corruption. See?)

[79-3] Wesley was a man of God, but what followed him? (See? Luther; they're all men of God. What followed?) Fallen angels got into it. What was the angels first? Created beings of God, that fell for Lucifer's wisdom. And you see what they became? Fallen angels. And organizations from men of God who've gone forth to establish truths in the earth, before that truth could go along and be proclaimed and get on to the real revelation of Christ, fallen angels came in; took it over and made denominations out of it. (Now what does that explain?)

**46** That explained why it took so long for this thing to come to pass; and couldn't only come to pass til the last. When it got to the end, God had to step in and do something, see? This is why it ends up in 2 Thessalonians 2 where Paul beseeches them to wait for the Message, "And don't be deceived by anything that comes to you no matter what it is. Because there's going to come this falling away and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." [2 Thessalonians 2:3]

And then It says in here:

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

(8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth,

and shall destroy with the brightness of his Presence: (That's when He physically confronts him.)

(9) whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

**47** There again, you'll notice right there who's coming; who's appearing. Do you think for one minute the people know that's the devil himself incarnating himself in a pope? Do you think they believe that? You've got to be sick if you think the people believe that, and understand it and know it. It's going to be too late when they find out you can't buy nor sell, and you got to worship him.

Thatâ€™s when the people say, â€œI canâ€™t take that.â€•

Thatâ€™s when they kill the foolish virgin.

In the meantime, â€œIsnâ€™t this wonderful? Oh my, this is great. Oh look what heâ€™s doing. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Oh, we got bread on the table, cornpone and chitins, and more than that.â€• Why I used to buy lamb chops, sirloin roast, standing rib, cheesecake and bagels with lox. What if coffee is ten bucks a pot, everybodyâ€™ll get a little bit. Oh thatâ€™s great, commercialism, in the church.

(10) And with all deceivableness and unrighteousness in them that perishâ€¦! (Oh man he used that down the line; everything he does is fantastically-beautiful, wonderful.) â€¦!because they received not the love of the truth, (Theyâ€™re going to die.)

(11) And for this cause God sends them strong delusion,â€¦!

**48** God just steps in right then; stronger than Heâ€™s even done now. Heâ€™s already sent a strong delusion with the gifts of the Spirit. You can have the gifts of the Spirit. I give you my pen, you donâ€™t have me. I can tell you, a lot of women got pregnant by men, that didnâ€™t get the man either; just got his seed, (got messed up) they didnâ€™t get the man. You thought you had the man; the married wife has the man. Hagar didnâ€™t have the man. She just thought she had the man.

Letâ€™s bring it right down to the line. A lot of thinking going on, but youâ€™re all messed up in your thinking. You better be impregnated by the man thatâ€™s inseminating the seedâ€”not by the man himselfâ€”but by the seed of the sower; that was sown in him, by the Great Sower.

(12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

They took pleasure in their own way of worshippingâ€”took pleasure in their own revelationâ€”their own ecumenical societies; their own little synods and theological seminars. They got messed up.

**49** Oh yeah, theyâ€™re going to be just like this tax reform. Iâ€™ll tell you what happened; maybe Sunday Iâ€™ll give you a little illustration what this tax reform has really done for you. Forget it, everybody clap now, â€œOh, thereâ€™s a big reform, a big reform.â€• Is there? â€œWait till they start taking your money. And theyâ€™ll start next year, too. I will tell you something on Sunday you wonâ€™t believe. Itâ€™s okay; youâ€™ll believe it but you wonâ€™t do anything about it I donâ€™t think. Like me, I wonâ€™t do much either. But there is something that can be done about different things. Number one; get yourself the best accountant you can possibly get.

[79-4] Thatâ€™s the reason the revelation of the Seven Seal mystery had to be unfolded.

(Thatâ€™s where you better get the best prophet you can get, to know this Message too, see? It ends up that way.) Now: Thatâ€™s the reason; denominations took over, thatâ€™s the reason the revelation of Seventh Seal mystery had to be unfolded. Now do you see it? What they left off... If Luther would have gone on, itâ€™d have been here. If Wesley wouldâ€™ve gone on, if Pentecost would have gone on, what would they have done.

**50** Now, he said here, he brings out this fact Iâ€™m trying to show you, the mystery of this great revelation; trying to bring it to you. Now the mystery of God then is unfolded before us: God in manifestation; which is Logos â€œ which is Christ â€œ which is a prophet. Now you better be careful what I just said there, because remember Christ means â€œanointed oneâ€™ So, therefore God, the great Anointer, and the great Anointing Himselfâ€”must have someone to work in and through, (as

the Apostle Paul) and He has it now.

When Paul saw the Pillar of Fire â€“ Logos â€“ he said, â€œWho are you?â€•

He said, â€œI am Jesus.â€• Pure and simpleâ€”Jehovah-Godâ€”do you follow? Okay, so therefore thatâ€™s what weâ€™re looking at. All right:

[80-1] Now, thereâ€™s only one thing can happen. There has to be a Message at the end time when there is nothing else can follow it. (In other words, denominations started this thing; Lucifer started this thing.)

He did it as a counter-play, against the great revelation of Christ.

Now you say, â€œHow would he know that?â€•

**51** Because he withstood Christ. He withstood the manifestation of God, and what God was doing, in His manifestation, and His expressed imageâ€”he withstood Him. So whatâ€™s he going to do? â€“Constantly withstand; heâ€™s got that much on the ball. But he doesnâ€™t understand a lot of things; he didnâ€™t know just how this would be done.

And Bro. Branham said, â€œIf Satan could get ahold of this heâ€™d do great damage.â€• But he couldnâ€™t get a hold of it until the prophet stood there; and he said, â€œThe Shout is the Message. The Voice is the Resurrection. The Trumpet is the Assembling.â€• (Too late; do what you want, see?) It doesnâ€™t matterâ€”we know nowâ€”what can Satan do to take that from you? Now he could torture your flesh until you denied it, but could he take it from you? You could go down in disgrace, and I could go down in disgrace, but what can take it from you? â€“Nothing.

But, God will give grace to sustain. The devil cannot take away a revelation once itâ€™s in there; burned upon the heart. So you see whatâ€™s it all boiled down to?

**52** It all boils down to this, to you and me. Whatever happened, (and a whole lot did happen, thank God it did happen) that was merely to attract us to the explanation, which was God coming on the scene to perform the Word of promise in the Bride in this hour. Which is what? Raising the dead â€“ Immortality â€“ Catching us away to the Wedding Supper; and coming backâ€”and itâ€™s an ongoing thrust at this moment, time and eternity blending, and all of these things.

Just like, you know, the Seven Seals is the Word of God coming from Genesis right to Revelation. Just think, weâ€™ve studied this Word for all these years, but it takes a word-by-word study to get the truth of the Seven Seals from Genesis to Revelation. At least it does for me, (maybe some of these fellows got it all figured out) I donâ€™t figure out nothing. If I donâ€™t stumble upon it, believe meâ€”!

Iâ€™m like the guy that has to find the rake by stepping on the end, so the stick; (goes thunk) just about knocks your brains out. Have you ever had that happen? Iâ€™ve had it happen so many times; the hoe and the rake, (you get mad, you, shwooh, you just get livid with rage) just â€“boing.â€” The smack on the big nose is worse still. Thatâ€™s the way it is. Donâ€™t try to figure it out. Wait till it hits you in the face.

Thatâ€™s revelation. Donâ€™t try to make things work out, it wonâ€™t do it.

[80-1] There has to be a Message at the end time when there is nothing else that can follow it.

**53** When nothing else can follow it.â€• Oh, anything can follow it; it wonâ€™t do any good. How

are you going to top it? What do you do for a second-act? â€œ canâ€™t do it. Do you know how you can top this? Be in the Rapture â€œ thatâ€™s the only thing that will ever top it. And you donâ€™t top it even thenâ€”thatâ€™s what itâ€™s all about; to put you in it. So therefore when you get to the end of the road you donâ€™t top the car that took you to the destination. You thank the car for getting you there, because thatâ€™s where you wanted to be.

[80-1] And now the ecumenical world has set up such a regime that there can be no denomination or anything else follow it. (It will stop the whole thing here.) Youâ€™re either in it or youâ€™re not in it. The fruit is in the top of the tree, and the Light is shining on that predestinated fruit, and sheâ€™s ripening into Christ-like fruit, bringing forth the same mellowness and sweetness and the same Spirit that He had in Him. Hope you see it! See, I try to put too much in one day. I wear you out.

**54** Now, letâ€™s take a look at this. â€œThe fruit is in the top of the tree, and the Light is shining on that predestinated fruit, and sheâ€™s ripening into Christ-like fruit, bringing forth the same mellowness and sweetness and the same Spirit that He had in Him.â€•

See, he came in the temple one day and he said, â€œNow-now little boys, I appreciate the fact that you are trying to do this wonderful service to God, and I commend you most heartily for how you are doing it. Now tut-tut, it shouldnâ€™t be done that way; let us come over here my dear sir, and do it this way.â€•

Hogwash! He took those ropes and braided them, and rushed the daylights out of them, and smacked them out of the Temple. Said, â€œYou bunch of geese in here trying to act like eagles, with your honkin and your squonkin, a bunch of chickens running around here. Youâ€™re a bunch of thieves,â€• He said, â€œyouâ€™re of your father, the devil.â€•

So, whatâ€™s a sweet mellow spirit? I want to know what a sweet mellow spirit is. Iâ€™ll tell you what it is. Itâ€™s one when you can turn the other cheek. You can be defrauded; youâ€™ll still be sweet and kind and go on to Christâ€”but you better stand with that Word, as though you were just Jesus Christ himself, turned loose, forgetting that he had only one nature and took upon himself a nature of man, (he didnâ€™t have a nature of man, he had a physical form) and just really, not just blast the people out, but wreck the whole city.

**55** Now, letâ€™s read the Word of God and see where a real sweet spirit is, and see what a real man of God is, (and this is going to take some time, all the time weâ€™ll have tonight by the time we read the Scripture) and itâ€™s in 2 Corinthians 11 and Paul is talking now. And this sweet man of God, who really had this great love and all, heâ€™s fussing at these false apostles. He says:

2 Corinthians 11:10-33

(10) As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. (He said, â€œI fought my way all the way through to help you guys.â€•)

(11) Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. (Now heâ€™s talking about love, and about himself.)

(12) But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. (He said, â€œTheyâ€™re mouthing off right now and being the top dog.â€• He said, â€œLet them get pulled down now.â€•)

(13) For such are false apostlesâ€

**56** Now, a sweet fellow like Paul shouldnâ€™t say that. He should say, â€œtut-tut, now boys, you

shouldn't say those things, now of course you know, I could be wrong and you could be right, and who really knows God and the things of God; things are up for grabs. (Do you think he talked like that? Let's find out.)

(13) 'deceitful workers' (He himself said, 'I don't handle the Word deceitfully.' Turns around and says they do handle It deceitfully.) transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (When he said, 'I was transformed by Christ Himself, into an apostle.)

(14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (So you know where you're daddy is.)

(15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

(Which is the works of Cain.)

(16) I say again, Let no man think me a fool! (You think I'm some kind of a twerp? I've got a revelation from God and I'm going to pander to you fellows? "What do you think, anyway?)" If otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. (Let's see what a fool talks like.)

(17) That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

(18) Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

(19) For you suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are so wise.

(20) For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

**57** Oh, you're the best people in all the world. You can take it on the chin; you can take your lumps. Oh, you're wonderful, you don't raise your voice.

But let me preach the Word of God the way it's supposed to be preached and I'm a skunk, I'm a dog, I'm filth; and I got a bad spirit. Take heed you preachers out there; especially Western Canada.

Yeah, 'Vayle's got a bad spirit.

Yeah, I got a very bad spirit, because I believe what I teach. I'm supposed to say, 'Oh gentlemen, forgive me for opening my mouth. I should be dumb in your presence, and let you do all the preaching.'

Not if God called me. That's why I guard this pulpit and preach the way I do. It's my business. When I'm gone, I'm gone. I'm not trying to defy anybody here or anyplace else, I'm just letting people know.

(20) 'if a man exalt himself, 'I'

(21) I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any man is bold, I speak foolishly, I am bold also.

(22) Are they Hebrews? So am I. (Do they follow William Branham? So do I.) Are they the seed of Abraham? (Do we claim to have Christ as Saviour? Sure, I do, too.)

(23) Are they ministers of Christ? I speak as a fool (Now watch!) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in death often.

(24) Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

**58** In other words, these guys act as though that we haven't gone through the mill; we haven't paid a price too. Okay, I've got no authority over any man, and I will allow no man to have authority over me. That's for sure. And I paid a big price, shooting my face off and I'll shoot it off again and pay a bigger price. That's right; and I'm not gonna. I'm not standing alone as though Lee Vayle knows something and nobody knows anything. I'm telling you where I stand,

• You do what you want honey, you're 100% able to do it. •

Anybody can do what they want, and I'll prove it too. I'll not back away.

(25) Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

(26) In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

(27) In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

(28) Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

(29) Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended and I burn not?

(30) If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

(31) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

(32) In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

(33) And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 12:1-21

(1) It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

(2) I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth!

People say that was Paul, some say it was John. I believe Bro. Branham inferred, more than a direct statement, that was Paul himself.

â€œsuch an one caught up to the third heaven. (And so was William Branham.)

(3) And I knew such a man, whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth; (Bro. Branham said the same thing. He said, â€œI donâ€™t know.â€œ)

(4) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which are not lawful for a man to utter. (That would be Paul. He said there were certain things he could not tell us.)

(5) Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

(6) For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he hears of me. (Now thatâ€™s the way a man of God is, and I know Bro. Branham was, and thatâ€™s my heart.)

**59** I donâ€™t expect you to believe me because Lee Vayle stands here. I just let you know, look, I am preaching what I believe and Iâ€™m glad youâ€™re here. I hope you understand. Iâ€™d love to have you as my brethren in Christ providing I am a brother in Christ. I donâ€™t know, but Iâ€™m obligated to preach what I believe that I know, and what I seeâ€”and no man is going to stop me. At least Iâ€™ve got to take that stand.

Now, if it gets too big for me and somebody stops me, then he stops me. But I wonâ€™t stop for any preacher; because heâ€™s not vindicated. Iâ€™m not vindicated. Weâ€™re looking at vindication. But because we preach the Presence weâ€™ve got a bad spirit. I donâ€™t have a bad spirit. I donâ€™t go to anybodyâ€™s church and preach anything. People come here; I donâ€™t go there anymore. Iâ€™ve been off the road for years.

**60** I started preaching the Presence in 1977, almost to the date, like when Bro. Branham broke the Seals. Iâ€™d preached it before but never as I preached it then. Thatâ€™s twelve years. Five of those years, (if not more than five years) Iâ€™ve been really off the road; hardly going anywhere. But itâ€™s gone around the world. Not me taking it around the world. Hardly anybody likes it. And many that say they see it donâ€™t see it. Because I can talk to them and they donâ€™t know what Iâ€™m talking about. Theyâ€™re still back with the baptism.

â€œChrist in you the hope of glory,â€œ (my brother/sister)

And, â€œChrist in usâ€œ

Thirty-trillion people never produced what was produced in a prophet.

God â€œ God the Person â€œ The Life Itself.

Itâ€™s a different thing entirely. We have â€œof His Life,â€œ we have â€œof His Spirit.â€œ And you can even have His gifts without even having â€œof His Spiritâ€œ in the inside of you. No more sealed in than nothing.

Now:

(6) For though I would desire to glory, I should not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, let any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me to be. (William Branham wasnâ€™t God. Iâ€™m not anybody.)

â€œYou got a gift of teaching,â€œ he said, â€œjust like Iâ€™ve got a gift of healing.â€œ

**61** I stand on that. I meet you at Judgment Day if you say different, I don't care, I'm not a prophet but I believe what he said.

He said, "Just like his."

I can take pride in the fact, not that I've got any pride in myself; but I take pride in the fact that these things come by revelation " by a gift to bring it down where you can see it. Some people don't want teaching. I couldn't go in the pulpit of some of the people I admire the most. I'm not wanted. Fulfilling the very thing the prophet said, and don't even know it. Yeah. The same one that said, "Bro. Vayle, we believe you've got a gift for the Bride." They don't believe that anymore.

I don't know if I believe it now myself. I care less. I'm supposed to preach; I preach. I'd rather preach to the four corners, preach to the four pillars, (we haven't got four pillars) but preach to the tape. Now I'm not running you down here. I'm just letting you know what goes on.

(7) For lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, (Now we don't have that.) there was given me a thorn in the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

(8) For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

(9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Mostly gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may be upon me. (That goes for every single one of us, but not in that measure.)

(10) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. (Now that's what he's talking about here, that sweet spirit of Christ. But not one time do you leave the Word.)

(11) I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

Anybody can say, "I was this to Bro. Branham, I was that."

**62** What has anybody done more with Bro. Branham and for his ministry than I did? Show me one person, or any five. I challenge you. Go ahead, and that's not just a boast; that's a fact. You go ahead. You tell me who said the things that he said to me, you go ahead. I'm not trying to make a lot of room for myself. I'm just telling you, look, there is a place where you've got to come, to understand and be at peace with yourself and with God; that you stand with that Word.

And that has nothing to do with the kind of love this world is talking about, and what all the rest are talking about. That's where you stand with that Word. You're corked in a bottle; you're bound in a tube, and you won't move from that Word, period.

But you won't go out slugging and making a fool of yourself and trying to create a brawl, and a riot or something. And you take your lumps; but you won't kow-tow to anybody but that's what they want. That's organization and denomination. Yeah, they tried to intimidate me in Memphis. Not John, but his gang did. Now the one man went around to apologize. I won't accept his apology if he comes to me. There's nothing to apologize for, because I know him, what he is. That's right. Now that's what I'm telling you about.

You say, "Well, that's not love."

**63** You have your love; I'll have my love. You have your thoughts; I'll have my thoughts. And I'll tell you something, I'll be ready for the judgment day quicker than you'll be, because there's a love for this Word that counts more than anything. And if our love does not spring from the Life that is in this Word—which is the conduit—you and I have a phony love. So forget the other, do what you want. I kid you not; I'm not here to fool with you. I'm not trying to be mean. I love all this sweetness and tenderness; I wish I were, I've told you, I've told you time and again. I went to the prophet because of my preaching. He laughed and said, "Well, you wouldn't be Lee Vayle."

And I said, "Hold it Bro. Branham, I said, enough is enough, and too much is too much." (I was fed up.)

He drew back and literally snapped out, "It's too late. Somebody has got to tell them."

You say, "So, then you're going to be rough?"

I'm not rough. I'm telling you where I stand. I'm rough on what I believe. You do what you want and how you want it.

**64** Be my guest, but don't get in my hair. Don't ever tell me you can step in my place and do my job because you will be flattened like a steamroller. Not that I'll do it; but you and I are finished, finished, finished, finished. And I mean it. I'm not trying to be the Apostle Paul or William Branham, God knows.

But I want to let you know what's in this Word here; what makes those men tick, why they went to the stake. I'm not saying I'll go to the stake. I don't know anything I'll do, except be a lousy miserable failure.

Bro. Branham said, "Lee, I believe as God gave Aaron to Moses, He gave you to me to explain me and my ministry to the people." And I said, "Yeah, but Aaron cut Moses' throat, didn't he?"

I try to be honest with you people. I'm not trying to build myself one bit. If you think I'm building myself by psychology, reverse or direct; let me tell you something, you are wrong. I'm just trying to let you know how I tick, the way I tick; how I preach, the way I preach, and what I see this is all about.

And if we don't have the Word, (the mechanical truth of God) with the life of God we saw manifested? "I don't care what you and I produce—it's hogwash and hokum. I don't care. Unless you're foolish virgin, then you'll get by. But you won't be in the Bride."

Now:

(10) "I (I took pleasure in reproaches)"

(12) Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

(13) For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

(14) Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you; for I will seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

Bro. Branham did that. I think weâ€™ve tried to do that here also, although I donâ€™t try to go out and make my living. Too late in the day.

(15) And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. (Now thatâ€™s something right there that youâ€™ve got to watch.)

**65** Now, Paulâ€™s telling the people, â€œLook, I love you and I want your love but,â€• he said, â€œif it takes going your way, I canâ€™t go your way.â€• And if love to you and me, means we have got to forsake what we believe to be the Message!

Bro. Branham said, â€œMy message is to declare that He is here.â€•

And a man went to Bob Brown and he said, â€œBob, I think I understand Presence to a degree, but, what has it got to do with the Message?â€•

And Bob said, â€œIt is the Message.â€•

Well, thatâ€™s what Bro. Branham said it was. What Presence is it? â€œThe same yesterday and today and foreverâ€• starting in Genesis 18 as the key. Then you hit Moses in the Exodus. Then you hit Paul. Then you come now. You canâ€™t back away from that.

You say, â€œWell, I think everybody else believes that.â€•

Everybody believes that Jesus is the Son of God and died and shed his blood. Whatâ€™s it going to do for them?

(16) But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

(17) Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

Now, Paul said, â€œI caught you with guile.â€•

**66** So, itâ€™s not a bad thing if anybody really puts the pressure on, and lets you know these things. It lets you know what the truth is and where you stand. I may have rocked some of you right on your heels, I reckon. I realize that. Iâ€™ve been rocked on my heels, rocked right on my heels by a prophet; not once, but more than once. So if youâ€™ve just been rocked by me; phbtt, thatâ€™s nothing â€œ get rocked by a prophet â€œ theyâ€™ll carry you out feet first if youâ€™re blaspheming.

(19) Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. (Thatâ€™s right.)

(20) For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not!

**67** Ho-ho, do you think that could happen in the Resurrection? It could. I donâ€™t know. Bro. Branham comes back. He will come back, you know; he made a claim to that. The last are first, the first are last. He positively laid that on himself. I read it here. He laid it on himself.

(20) â€˜lest there be debates, envying, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

(21) And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among youâ€˜

Iâ€™m not saying thatâ€™s whatâ€™s going to happen. Iâ€™m just saying, â€œLook, heâ€™s coming up anyway, but that will be our condition; because that is the condition now.â€•

â€˜and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented them of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed. (Is he talking about the flesh only? â€˜No, heâ€™s talking about the spirit.)

## 2 Corinthians 13:1-8

(1) This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established.

(2) I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which hitherto have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare you.

(3) Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. (Well, he said, â€œYou know whatâ€™s going on in me by what I told you, what you received.â€•)

**68** Do you believe youâ€™re being changed in the atoms now?

Do you believe youâ€™re being made ready?

Do you believe the inner-garmentâ€™s being put on you internally; and eternally?

Youâ€™ve got to believe it. Look it, thatâ€™s what it says in 2 Corinthians 4. Paulâ€™s vindicating himself here, as the man thatâ€™s doing it.

(4) For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. (The great Intercessor.) For we are also weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. (He preaches what is to come in Ephesians)

(5) Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith; and prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, â€˜that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

(6) But I trust that ye shall know that youâ€™re not reprobates.

(7) Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

(8) For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. (Then letâ€™s get on the side of the truth.)

**69** I just wanted to read this, to let you know where Bro. Branham stood and where by the grace of God we as a people stand. And when I talk about myself here, I talk about myself the same as Bro. Branham talked concerning himself and the Bride; in an understanding of a Headship â€˜ which was a demonstrated, vindicated, Headship of Christ, (that he preached) a living Word. And Iâ€™m taking that same Word by the grace of God, and allying myself with you, and you with me; and I as your spokesman telling these things that we stand for.

But you do what you want. I can't read your hearts. But I know one thing, if William Branham wasn't that prophet I'm not looking for any other. If he didn't have that Word who cares?

Because you can't pull a second act on this one, I'm going to tell you; once you take a magician's hat and you pull out the elephant, no use looking for rabbits from that point on, because that's all you'll get. Because there's only one elephant to an eternity, (you know I'm talking in illustration here) and you don't get Elijah, brother/sister you don't get this return ministry of Jesus Christ but this one time. You do not supersede it.

You do not anticlimax the climax. This is it.

**70** Bro. Branham said it so beautifully, (the apostles said it) "Live or die, sink or swim, this is it." (Where are we going to go?) No place to go, you're stuck. If the prophet is in the tube; they that believe the prophet are in the tube, too. If the prophet was in Christ; they that believe that prophet are in Christ, too. And that's what Paul said, he said, "Look, I proved it. I demonstrated it. If you believe it, quit all this mucking and fussing around, and get to the centrality of the gospel. Get to what has gone on in your day," and he laid it down to a vindicated Message.

That's exactly why the prophet came with a vindicated Message. That's why this age ends with a Message. That's why a Message foreruns the literal Coming "Christ" the Messenger of the Covenant with an end-time Covenant messenger, came as in the days of his flesh upon earth; and in the Holy Spirit, with that prophet, brought that Word of reconciliation and completion to where our hearts are turned back to the fathers.

In other words, when your heart is turned back to the fathers "Alpha has become Omega" Laodicea has turned back to Ephesus. We have come the way of the paradox that I taught you some time ago. "We're right back in that position," (and brother/sister) "then it's got to be all over."

That's what he said. I believe it.

**71** This, what we have seen and are seeing; (not seeing, no, believing) is absolutely the condition to the Rapture; going to get us there. Do you believe that? That's all you can do, brother/sister "believe" you've got nothing else you can do. What am I going to do to show it? I'd be a better Christian, there's millions out there. That's good; I'm all for it, but there's millions out there. They'll deliberately rise up and hate because of what we teach.

Now, do we hate because of what they teach? Now we have a right to hate what they teach because they'd have destroyed us. We have no right to hate them. But I'm going to tell you something, brother/sister, it comes to the place where we're not going to be hated for what we believe "it's we're going to be hated" because of who we are "for what we believe.

**72** Now, that's putting it to the nth degree; yup, because it's a mixture. You can maybe hate us because we're supposed to be! (we're junk, that's true) but they'll hate us for what we believe "and being what we believe" because you are what you believe. So it's a double portion all the way through. I know it sounds a little bit unreasonable, but that's my reasoning. I'm just trying to let you know; it begins to multiply and get worse and worse, but God loves us and our job is to love everybody "get that sweet Spirit amongst us. What is that sweet Spirit? It's to stand with this Word, no matter what happens; to defy the elements and to stand up against those! not to hurt anybody.

But itâ€™s to say, â€œLook, I want to tell you something; this is what he said, and this is how it dovetails with the Word. This is the understanding we have.â€• Because you see when you try to make somebody believe like you doâ€”thatâ€™s what organization doesâ€”we canâ€™t do that. Thatâ€™s not our job. We have a testimony. We can do what we can. Thatâ€™s that sweet Christ-like mellowness that says yes to Jesus; that dies for you, that bears our cross.

Because brother/sister I donâ€™t believe for one minute we have come to the place where we are really bearing any cross yet for this Word; except amongst ourselves. And weâ€™ll hit a couple spots later on, but thatâ€™s about as far as weâ€™ll go today. The Lord bless you,

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Letâ€™s rise at this time, shall we, and be dismissed.

**74** Gracious heavenly Father, we realize tonight many things are said sound very, very, hard, Lord, but not intended to be hard; because outside this pulpit, Fatherâ€”just back away from everything that was said, (people can do what they want, believe the way they want, thatâ€™s their business) but in this pulpit, Lord. I believe you put me here according to what the prophet said; not trying to make myself anything, or trying to bring these words to pass, but just what he said, Lord, I believe thatâ€™s my jobâ€”to preach exactly what I see hereâ€”explaining him and this Message to the people.

Now Lord, I believe that Iâ€™ve had Your help to do it. And I trust my spirit has been right in doing it because, Father, tonight, I know in my heart that we feel very, very hurt about these things. We donâ€™t like any of these problems that rise. Weâ€™d like to have peace with all men, oh God, we certainly would. And I believe we can have peace with all men, and these problems, Lord, they will be here; but theyâ€™ll take on a level in our lives which will just make us steadfast and strong, to sweetly and confidently do the will of Almighty God.

Help each one of us, Lord, tonight to be sweet and humble and kind to each other, and to every man, every brother. And in the world out there Lord, to learn to turn the other cheek, to walk the extra mile, to do whatever is necessary; but all the time standing with this Word. Even as Paul said, â€œIâ€™m criticized; Iâ€™m a heretic in the face of the people, in their eyes, because I worship You the way I worship.â€•

And Lord, thatâ€™s our prayer and our testimony tonight, and if thatâ€™s the way itâ€™s going to be then, Father, may we with joy take any beating, or any whipping, or any loss whatsoever; to be glad to stand with this Word. Father, thatâ€™s the Spirit we want, not any other spirit.

And Lord, I know I donâ€™t have near enough of it, though I have got in me what it takes to bring it out. And I pray, Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, that it will come out in me, and in every single person within the sound of my voice, whether in this building or on the tape, that hear it.

Thatâ€™s my earnest prayer tonight, Lord, because thatâ€™s what we want to fulfill, exactly what the prophet said; that sweet, mellow, ripe, Spirit in the church. Because it knows who it is, and what it is, and where itâ€™s going. And will stand with this Word and in sorrow, Lord, look upon others. Help us not to be vehement, and not to be angry, not to be hateful in any way, Lord, as we stand for this truth; but in righteousness oh God, so we are not hypocrites, using anything as a club.

Now Lord, we admit many times weâ€™ve done that and Lord, in the future unless You help us, weâ€™ll surely do it again. But Father, we donâ€™t want to be defiant; we donâ€™t want to do any of these things. We want to be meek within Your will, within Your Word oh God.

So Father, we pray, bathe us in Your Holy Spirit, wash us with Your Word; separate us entirely oh God. And that Spirit of Life now that we saw amongst us, may it anoint the life within us. And may it be so fed and so nurtured, that men will see Christ. We pray that, oh God, as we stand with this Word, because now we know we have the Truth.

But may it be Truth in the mind and in the heart and coming forth visibly, that men may glorify Your Name, one way or the other. If they've got to kill us to get us out of the way, then that's fine that Your Name be glorified. I don't know, Lord, nothing I've seen in Your Word to make me believe, or anything the prophet said that it's going to be a wholesale massacre. And yet it could be, I don't know.

But I do know, Lord, that we've got to stand with the revelation. Help us to do that in Your Spirit. May the Spirit that gave it, bear it; and our lives witness. We ask these mercies and they are mercies we are asking for. It is for one purpose we are asking Your mercies and Your grace oh God. It's to give Thee glory; other than that we wouldn't be interested.

But, Lord, we do want to give You glory, may you receive it!

**75** [Tape ends]