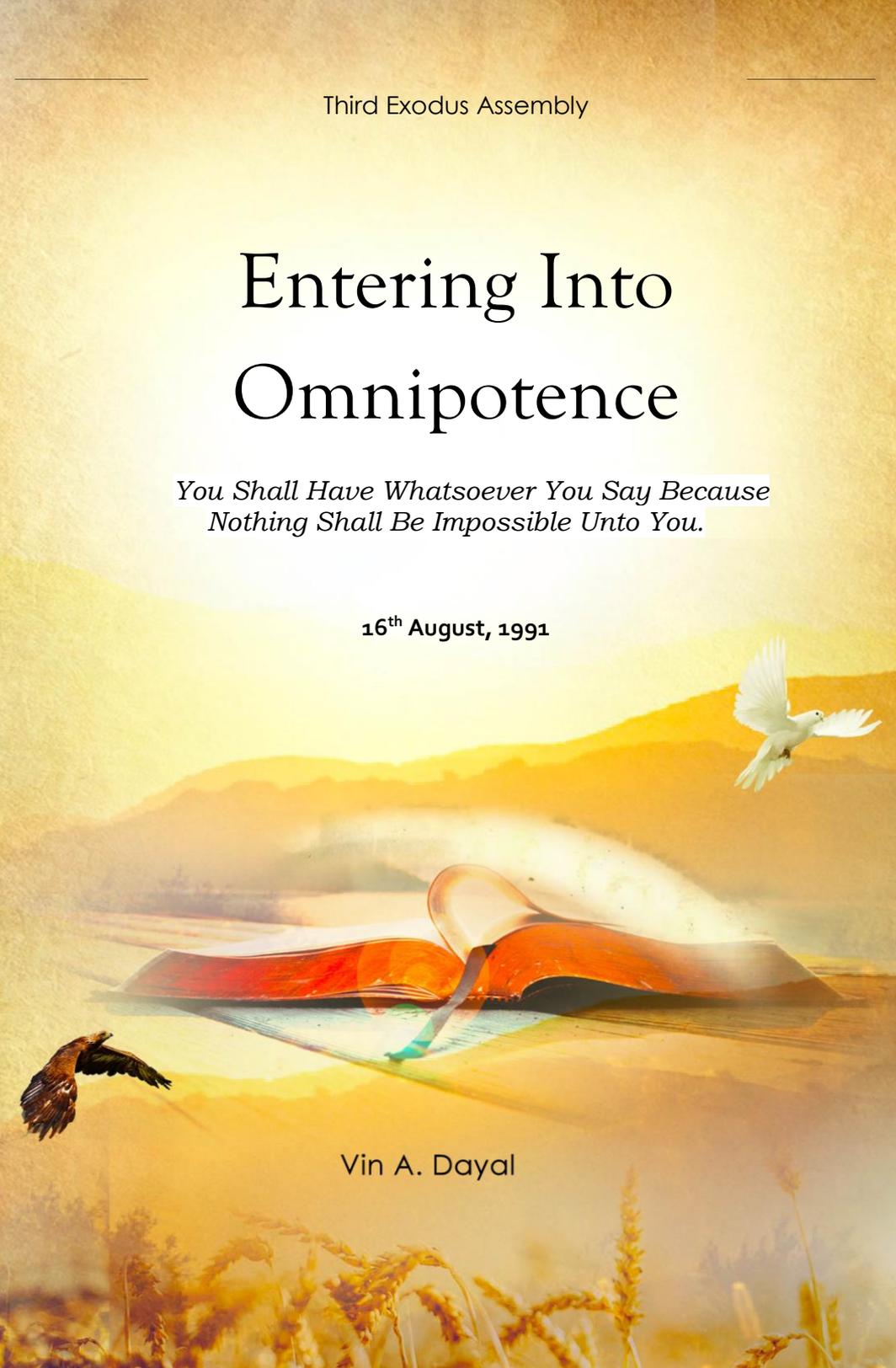

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EXCERPT:

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But if we know the Hour that we are in, if we know what God has promised, if we see the unchanging continuity of God in His Word, this same God fulfilling another part of the same Word, it will bring us to such a place, that the expectation that we will have recognizing God's Presence among us, and seeing by revelation what He did in this generation, to show that it is He Himself, the True and Living God that is here. And what He spoke through the lips of that Prophet and what is laying in that Message unfulfilled...
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Let us pray tonight.

Father, we thank You. What a blessed opportunity it is for us Lord, to be gathered together. We feel such a fine atmosphere around us tonight. The people Lord, in the Spirit worshipping You, coming under great anticipations that You will speak to us. We feel so moved as You have spoken to us in these last services. How Your Spirit spoke expressly, Lord. How the Word was like a guided missile directed to our hearts, causing us, Lord, to look inward. For we believe, oh God, that this is the Hour Father, You're bringing a people to perfection, a people who truly will show forth Your victory and the reason of Your death.

Lord, I pray tonight, even as we look unto You that You will come and speak again. You have washed our hands and You have washed our feet, Lord. You breathed Your breath upon us. Lord, I pray now that You will so quicken our minds to Your promise and our lives to this Age, that we can be so led by Your Holy Spirit to anoint the Divine promises spoken for this Hour.

Oh God, we can see that Word live and make Itself manifest and show that You are the same yesterday, and today, and forever, that You have not changed, Father; that if Your Holy Spirit still has the pre-eminent in a group of people, Father, You will show forth that You are great as You ever were.

Bless us tonight. Lead and direct us in the paths of service. Get honor and glory unto Thy great Name. Speak to each and every one, from the greatest to the least. May Your Presence be felt in a special way tonight.

And Father, when we leave this service, may we feel in our hearts, may we know that we have been closer drawn to You, in a closer walk in this Hour Lord; a deeper experience. Wouldn't You do that for us tonight, Father? Lord, we ask that sincerely, looking unto You, knowing that You said, "If we believe we have received what we asked for, we shall have it." We take You at Your Word tonight and we thank You in advance for it. For we pray and we believe, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God richly bless you. I'm certainly thankful to be here and I especially want to express my sincere gratitude to Bro. Ed [Byskal -Ed.] and Sis. Ruth and the church here, and the confidence they have expressed to have me to stand and speak here tonight. And this being the 20th Anniversary services, you have seen that a lot has taken place in your midst over the last twenty years.

You know, I was just looking at the pictures on the board outside, seeing when the church started in 1971, a little handful of people just coming out of the world, coming from different walks of life, coming into the Message of the Hour. A little church in this area, scarcely known anywhere, maybe outside of this area; today, it's known around the world. Today, its influence is around the world.

And it has been such a blessing and an inspiration to many of us, that certainly we feel privileged to be here to rejoice with you in what God has done, to give God thanks with you and trust that the inspiration that God will bless our hearts with in these meetings, that it will cause us to live closer to Him, amen; that in these last

few days that we have upon the face of the earth, we can truly give Him our best.

I will like to invite your attention tonight to the Gospel of St. Mark. Also, I'd like to read in St. Matthew but we will read from St. Mark first, chapter 11. We want to break right in, in the Scripture here. Verse 12. Jesus had come to the end of His ministry. He was in Jerusalem. He had a great triumphal entry and here He was with His disciples. Verse 12:

12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if [perhaps] he might find any thing [on it]: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

Let's just drop to verse 20.

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

I would have liked to see him. He was so excited, he was so... Man with the Supernatural. "You know, I really heard Him say it and look, it is just one day and look, it's dried up already." And I could see, maybe Jesus turned to him and looked at him straight in the eye. He had no reason to be astonished if he knew Who spoke; if he knew that was the Creator of Heaven and earth standing there. Amen.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Or literally, "Have the faith of God."

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain...

You see, where they were standing, they could look and see this great mountain range, maybe like some of the mountains up here. And he was so astonished of this tree. And Jesus looked at him and said, “Do you think that tree is something?” He said, “What about this mountain here? If you say to this mountain:

...Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Do you believe that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] There is no limit to that now.

...he shall have whatsoever he saith.

²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them...

If you ask in faith and you believe you have received it, you don’t go asking ten or fifteen times afterwards. It’s settled! When faith finds its bedding ground, no circumstances are considered. Holy faith and holy works are in a holy union. Amen.

²⁵ And when ye stand praying, forgive, [and] if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

²⁶ But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father [who] is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Let’s just read in St. Matthew 17. I just want to pick up something similar here. It is sort of an extension of the same record. It is an extension of the same record and we are going to read from verse 19. Verse 14 tells us, after Jesus had come down the mountain, Mount Transfiguration, after meeting with Moses and Elijah, and the great experience of how He was transfigured, you know, they met this man with the epileptic child and His disciples were trying to cast out the devil and

they couldn't do it. So finally, Jesus came and He cast the demon out.

Then verse 19:

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus [privately], and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief...

They had unbelief and they didn't know they had unbelief. They didn't know that it was their unbelief hindering them. In other words, they thought, "Why are we not getting results? We are supposed to get results and it seems like we couldn't get the results. The boy couldn't be delivered." And then they saw Jesus did it and they wanted to know, "What is it? How could You do it and we couldn't do it?"

It is good to enquire of the Word sometimes. When you look in your own life and you see your failure, it is good to approach the Word and enquire of the Word. Don't just say, "Well maybe, you know, God didn't want to do it." Maybe there was something in you grounding off the power. Maybe there was something in you, that you were not in the channel you were supposed to be in; you were not approaching the thing right.

So, Jesus said unto them, "Because of your unbelief."

...for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed...

The Prophet said, "That doesn't just mean a little seed, that means a seed that cannot be hybridized." In other words, "If you have faith that cannot be hybridized, if you have original faith; if you are really living by the faith of the Son of God":

...ye shall say unto this mountain, [Move from here] to yonder place; and it shall [move]; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

How many believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] If you have a red-letter Bible, that is written in red

because those are the Words of Jesus Christ. “You shall have whatsoever you say”? “*Nothing shall be impossible unto you*”? Was He dramatizing? Was He over enthused and was saying something He didn’t mean or was He speaking with the revelation of what a true son of God is and the place of a son of God and what a son of God was created to be? Remember, when they saw Him do it many times, they said, “What manner of Man is this.” See?

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out [except] by prayer and fasting.

Let’s pray one more time.

Almighty God, we look to You tonight, Father. You are the Author of this Word. You are the Word Himself. This is the Word Itself that I have just read. May You, the Word Himself, take the Word Itself and reveal Yourself in Itself, Father, because You are to be made manifest in Your Church in this Hour.

Your Prophet said, “Let us see God.” We have seen Him in nature, we have seen Him in His Son, we have seen Him in His Word; now let us see God in His people. Lord, how we desire... You said, “In that day you shall know, as I was in the Father and the Father in Me, so I in you and You in Me.”

Speak to us tonight in such a direct and personal way, Lord, and bring us to a higher level of faith. We pray and we ask this in Jesus’ Name because we know that without faith, it is impossible to please You. We commit ourselves into Your hands now, asking Your blessings upon us all. In Jesus’ wonderful Name we pray, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

I want to take for a little title tonight, “**ENTERING INTO OMNIPOTENCE**”. And for a subject, “**You Shall Have Whatsoever You Say, Because Nothing Shall Be Impossible Unto You.**” And I feel safe tonight to preach that because that is Jesus’ Own Words. Amen.

And Heaven and earth will pass away but not one jot or one tittle of His Word shall in any wise fail.

And I think, you know, as believers in this Hour, who have had the privilege to come to the knowledge of the Truth, to recognize that these things, that were laying in this Bible all these years since they were spoken. But in this Day, a man was led by the Holy Spirit to take these words that were spoken for this Hour and quicken Them and bring Them to life. He knew the Word in such a way that this Word could operate through him. And he told us, he said, "Look, to achieve spiritual things, you must work by spiritual laws." He said, "The natural scientists, they work by natural laws to achieve natural things. And if the Church is going to achieve anything in this Hour, She will have to work by the laws that govern those things."

You know, at one time Bro. Branham looked at the Pentecostals, he saw them trying to work by emotions. And you know, he realized they didn't have the Key to unlock those things because they were getting their education in a seminary. He said, "Like Balaam, he got his information from Balak. But Moses was getting his information from the Logos, the Pillar of Fire!" And God could reveal to Moses because he was a dedicated channel, a consecrated channel. He was born for that purpose. He was like how God made the eagle; God made the eagle with a law in it to fly. He said, "An eagle doesn't have to take a long run down the road and try to beat his wings to fly. It must know firstly, that it was built to possess that law. It must know how to use that – what God had given him."

He talked about that eagle, that time he had seen it out in the woods and he had the gun there aiming at it. He said, "I could shoot you. Aren't you afraid of me?" He said that eagle with those big telescopic eyes, was just looking at him all over, examining him. A storm had brought him down. He said, "And that little chipmunk there was just chattering, chattering;

chattering. Finally, the eagle got tired of it; he just set those wings, made about two flaps and he was like a little spec after a while.” He said, “He had tried out that nature before. He had known that he was built to possess that law and he knew how to let go and let that law operate inside of him.”

Like Paul, he said, you know, the devil used to beat him up and throw him down, back and forth. He said, “Who can deliver me from the body of this death?” See? “There is sin that dwelleth in me; when I want to do good, evil is present within me.” He said, “But I found another law and I delight after the law in the inward man!” Amen.

I trust that in our walk and in our experience and under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, we have been able to recognize that law inside of us, and know that as sons and daughters of God, we have been built to possess that law. Amen.

You know, at one time he saw those Pentecostals and, you know, they were just impersonating. He said, “They didn’t know where those things were coming from.” They didn’t know how he was doing those things. And here it was, you know, just like Jesus when He came too, and had all those impersonations that rose up. He said, “If I cast out devils by the finger of God, who do you cast it out by?” He said, “They were doing things too.”

So, when you look and you see then, God brings believers to a place, to an experience, and makes them recognize that they are His Word and they are sent into the earth for a purpose. He designed their life; He prepared it. He had ordained the Age that they were going to come in, their makeup, everything. He had arranged things in such a way that He was going to bring them to that revelation that they are part of His Word.

And you know, we’ve heard it quoted so many times, until it is like a little tradition almost, to say it now, that

the Prophet said, "Rapturing Faith is laying in these messages." Well, the books and the tapes are not going in the Rapture, so if Rapturing Faith stays in the messages and doesn't come into us, we'll have problems. It must not just keep laying in the messages, it must lay in the Bride now, in this Hour. Amen. And he said, "When the Bride comes to know who She is, the Rapture will take place."

But the thing is, saying you know that when we recognize our position the Rapture will take place, doesn't make us recognize our position. There is something we need to see, there is something that we need to understand; there is something that we need to be identified with. Amen. That Word must confirm that *that* is so, what we claim! Not whether people are impressed or influenced by the way we put it over, but whether the Word confirms and approves. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ, a Man approved of God." Amen.

And Bro. Branham looking at them, he said at one time, in the message, "*The Ever-Present Water From The Rock*" [1961-0723m - paras. 121-123 -Ed.], he said, "Now I was up in Canada and I saw all these great lakes." He said, "But if you were to take all that water..." He said, "And look at all the barren desert out in Arizona, millions of acres out there." He said, "Now the world is in famine today, and if we can take that water and get it to that desert, we can make it fertile and we can grow such food, that we could feed the whole world and have a surplus to throw in the sea." He said, "But all the screaming will not get it there; all the shouting will not get it there. But if you work by the laws of irrigation, (amen!) that you can take that water from there and bring it to that place, it will make it fertile."

He said, "If this room was dark, and it was all dark and gross darkness, and you see all this darkness around and everyone got so scared, and you said, 'Oh electricity, electricity, light up the place,'" he said, "you know it's there, there is a power, but unless you don't

work by the laws of electricity to harness that power, to channel it to use it, we wouldn't be able to benefit by it."

So he, coming in this Age, saw the condition of the church and where it was, and he knew that the church will have to come out of that condition in order for the Rapture.

We look at our own selves tonight; many of us are not pleased with ourselves. We can say, "Thank God, we are not what we used to be," we can say, "thank God, we are not what we did in the past," but we look and we see, "well, I am not what I ought to be either." But we want to be what we ought to be. We want that desire. Amen.

If we can see the possibility of these things... You know when you see the possibility of it, there is something in you that brings a willingness because it is possible to you. He said, "Samson was not seeing the possibility. He was morally broken, spiritually stripped. He was in such a backslidden condition, he couldn't face the challenge of the Hour. But he got to thinking of his victories; of what God did."

If we get to thinking of what God did when the 'eyes' were here, the power that was manifested when the 'eyes' were here. But when the 'eyes' went off the scene, when there were no 'eyes', he stood there in that hour. He said, "But all of that time, a new crop was growing out of the head." Amen. He said, "And even though that new crop came forth..." Here is a new crop today. The majority here wasn't the crop when the 'eyes' were here; this has grown out after. But he began to see the possibility and he was willing to pay the price to see a 'once more' because he was convinced it could take place again.

Now, I think that many times if we are wondering that, if that is not real, if that doesn't strike our hearts and stimulate a desire inside of there, a thirst, a painful desire to see the Living God; not a historical God, the Living God – a thirst inside of there... And when that

thirst became so painful, he knew that God was as great as He ever was; that He was the same today just as He was yesterday. And here he was in such a condition, and the enemy was just glorying and making sport of him, and Jehovah's Name was being brought to shame.

I think sometimes, you know, people get in such a way that they just make excuses for their defeat, rather than it strikes them with conviction to pray (amen) and ask God to take them out of that condition. But they try to get a cover to cover up their condition.

But if we can come to a place where we can truly see, by revelation, who He is, what He is, what He promised, what time we're at, how His Word has unfolded down to this present Hour; if we see where we are posted, where we are placed positionally, if we have the right knowledge, we will have expectations. If we have the wrong knowledge, we will have wrong expectations. We will not know what to look for. If we don't know what to look for, we don't know how to prepare, we don't know what God is requiring; we don't know where we are standing.

But if we know the Hour that we are in, if we know what God has promised, if we see the unchanging continuity of God in His Word, this same God fulfilling another part of the same Word, it will bring us to such a place, that the expectation that we will have recognizing God's Presence among us, and seeing by revelation what He did in this generation, to show that it is He Himself, the True and Living God that is here. And what He spoke through the lips of that Prophet and what is laying in that Message unfulfilled...

Because we know the Message is not a historical Message. Part of the Message was history. The Prophet said, "What is the attraction? Prophecy is becoming history. This Day is this Scripture fulfilled." See? But then there were things that are to be, too. Part of it became history and part remained prophecy. And the Holy Spirit, He will fulfil *all* of His Words.

You know, it is strange sometimes, you see people, they are just contented to recognize what part of the Word the Prophet was and have no real desire to recognize what part of the Word they are! And he said, “You just can’t recognize somebody else’s position, you have to recognize your position; what part of the Word you are!”

Because his part was a one-man Scripture: “Behold, I send you, Elijah.” And he – ‘he’ is a personal pronoun, singular; that is one man. “*In the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he...*” [Revelation 10:7 –Ed.] That is one man! One man like Eliezer, one man like John. But there is a part of the Word that is going to reveal *us*, and we must recognize that part of the Word. And if we can see that God had spoken that the same way He had spoken Malachi 4:5, the same way He had spoken Revelation 10:7, and He fulfilled His Words in its season, then He will also fulfil the things which He has spoken concerning us. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, “Amen.” –Ed.] Amen.

Because He said, “In that day you will know as I was in the Father, and the Father in Me, so I in you and you in Me. When That which is perfect is come, that which is in part is done away and you shall know as you were known.” You shall know it! Why? Because the Holy Spirit, the Divine Revealer of the Word, He has come and opened up those Seven Seals and showed you what part of the Word you are; to quicken you and bring you to life, for you to take your place in God’s economy; for you to recognize your position in His Word because He is interested in doing that!

He knows you cannot even truly serve Him until you come to recognize your own position in His Word. That is what perfect faith is. He knows that for His Word to work in and through you, you must recognize that *that* soul in you is the true Word. This written Word is only a record of Eternal Life.

The Prophet said, "When Isaiah got inspiration and spoke and said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness,' he was catching the thoughts of God; he was speaking It." Because God in His Mind, God had a thought to express. But before that thought could be expressed in flesh, Zacharias and Elisabeth had to come together. And Zacharias had a sperm and Elisabeth had an egg to form a body for God's attribute to be expressed in flesh in its designated season. So when the Word was written and became Word, Zacharias and Elisabeth weren't born yet. So the *real* thought, the thought that was to be expressed in flesh, was still in God's Mind; it was still in God's thinking! He said, "That was the real 'seed'."

Then when that 'seed' was expressed in flesh, this written record was laying here in the Bible, so he could identify himself as the fulfilment of God's Word; so that God would not be guilty of a breach of promise for saying, "There shall be a forerunner" and there was not a forerunner. God will not be guilty for saying, "There shall be a Super Church." God will not be guilty for saying that there shall be a restoration of the Bride Tree. God will not be guilty of that! Amen. He spoke it because a Prophet revealed it out of the Bible; he saw it in the Word!

People fail to realize, that was the Scriptures being opened, that was the Scriptures being revealed; that was inspiration coming on the Word in its season, to show what is God's promise for the Day that you are living in. That wasn't just a man desiring to see a Church. The Church is God's achievement. She is His victory!

Let me say this, the true promise of this Church, is He Himself; is the Bride. He said, "She is Him revealed." She is Him! He only changes His form; He has come in Bride form. That isn't too strong for a believer, is it?

That's is why this Bride cannot fall. With you, nothing shall be impossible! Luke 1:37 said, "The Angel

told Mary, "With God nothing is impossible." But Jesus is telling you, "Not with Me; with you, nothing shall be impossible!" Why? Because in that day, you will know it is I in you. Amen! In that day, you will know it is I in you! Amen.

Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed [1963-0728 -Ed.], page 69, he said, "That is His achievement, that God, the Creator, in man which is His Church now." That is His Church now. So friends, if that is the mark, if that is His victory, if that is the place She must come to, if that first One was waved after It was ripened, to show the Word has come back to Its maturity, to show the fullness of the Power has returned; that *that* is the Easter Message – dynamics and the mechanics – to show His Resurrection, that it is He; the same One that went down, has come back up, then if the Head be risen, the Body must follow in the Resurrection.

It makes me wonder sometimes, have we really received that Truth into our hearts, that is causing us to look for it daily and not outside of our own selves? As long as you don't believe you are part of the Bride, then look for it outside of yourself. But as long as you claim to be part of the Bride, then you have to look for it within yourself. You don't have to try to work it up, because the same God Who reveals it to you by revelation, that you are part of Him, is the same God saying He will bring you back into His Own image! He is the Author and the Finisher.

But where you get confidence from, is when you see He has already begun the work inside of you. He has already begun that work in you – this is the confidence; that He will perform it, even until the day of Jesus Christ. Your confidence is not somebody trying to work something up in you; your confidence is you recognizing He has started the work inside of you. He is the Author and the Finisher of your faith. Amen? My!

Now, this promise here is something so tremendous, especially when we think, this was spoken as a promise

for us in this Hour. Let me read another part of that. Turn with me in your Bible in Matthew 21, as we look a little more into that. And I'm just trying to stimulate a little faith here this evening, to try to reach that Seed of faith that is in you by predestination. Amen. And if God can pour a little Water upon that Seed, if the Holy Spirit can quicken that Seed a little bit, then you can take a firm hold upon God's Word, (amen,) that God has spoken that concerning you.

It is the same record of the barren fig tree, so I'll just break in about the 20th verse after Jesus spoke the Word.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

21 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Now, if Jesus was not just making a drama, if Jesus was speaking these things by Divine revelation... Because the same One... Remember now, He was the Word made flesh. Remember, He had not come by sex; He came from thought, to Word, to flesh. He was standing and He told them, He said, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life. No man can come to the Father except by Me."

He knew that the whole plan of Redemption laid in Him. He understood His position in the Word. Do you believe that? He did! He took the Law and the Psalms and the prophets and all things, and showed them in the Word, Who He was. He said, "Search the Scriptures, They testify of Me." He said, "If I don't do the works of

God, then condemn Me. But which one of you can condemn Me of unbelief? The works I do, testify of Who I am.” And He was doing those works to fulfil the Scriptures. Remember that! He was not just doing that for entertainment. He had faith in the Word and could operate that Word because He knew He was the Word.

So, here when He was looking at them, He knew He had come to bring them back into oneness with God. You say, “Is that so?” Well, you only have to read St. John 17. He said, “Father, I pray that they will be one as I and You are one.” He showed that oneness between Him and the Father. He preached, “I am the Light, I am the True Vine, I am the Resurrection, I am the Life; I am the Corn of Wheat.”

Remember, from Adam to Jesus, nobody could preach a Wheat Age, because Adam was the first corn of wheat that fell on the ground. Then the Life came up through all those prophets, each one producing part of the Mystery. But when it came back in Jesus, He was the expressed image of the Invisible God. Because from Adam to Jesus, everyone came by sex and bypassed the Word. But Jesus knew He was the Word.

That is why He could say, “I am the Way to come back” and they were thinking of a natural way but it was the very Life that He was living; the very Message He was preaching. That is why He could reveal the character and the nature and the Person of the Father.

“A shepherd had a hundred sheep”; “This king had a supper”; this, you know—all those things He was preaching, it was Christ being revealed in His Own Word. He and His Message were one. He didn’t come to reveal Himself, He came to reveal the Father. The ‘Prodigal son’, it wasn’t just a little story; in there, He was revealing the love story, the plan of Redemption. He was showing the character and the nature of this God of Love, Who was willing to bring man back.

Because that was the Seed He had to plant: “A Sower went forth to sow Seeds.” What was the ‘Seed’? The

Former Rain. He was planting the promises. He said, "The Seed is the Word," and He is the Word, so He was planting the revelation of Himself! Why? Because He was looking for a crop that they will produce His very Own Life. And He could correctly plant that Seed because He saw Himself correctly identified in the Word and He knew He was God. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. He said, "I and My Father are One. He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father."

He understood that His ministry was to declare that. He understood His ministry was to reveal that and show it in the Scriptures. And many things were too hard for them and the Bible said, "Howbeit when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will bring back what I said to remembrance and then He will show you all things because I have many things to say unto you and you cannot bear it now." And the Prophet said, "While the Word was *with* them, they couldn't have perfect faith, but when It came *in* them, then that was different." See?

Now, as we look at this and see, He was standing there and He knew He came to bring them back to Oneness. He came for that purpose. Now, I am saying it this way because that same ministry is what has been revealed in the last days again, to bring back one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. We cannot come back to one faith, one Lord and one baptism if the same revelation doesn't come back to us. That same revelation must come to *literally* turn our hearts back to the faith of the fathers.

That is why he said, "All that He is, is here right now, except the corporal body." Sure. To prove Hebrews 13:8; to prove it is the Son of Man Himself being revealed: "*The Lord himself shall descend from heaven.*" [1st Thessalonians 4:16 -Ed.]

What has gathered us? What have we heard? What have we seen? What does it mean to us? How should we relate to it? Is it just an event like the men on the

road to Emmaus: “Haven’t You heard the things concerning Jesus of Nazareth? He was in a mountain and a Cloud came. He was in Galilee and He multiplied the bread. Oh, it thrilled my heart; I ate a piece myself. He had a great healing revival. He went forth there, young Rabbi, healing the sick everywhere. He had such discernment. He had the people spellbound with that gift. He spoke things, He spoke to the storm; calmed the storm in Galilee” like He did in Colorado. Is it only events?

They were sad and gloomy and defeated because all they knew were the events. They could tell the events from Bethlehem to Calvary. But they failed to see that from Bethlehem to Calvary, He actually lived out the Mystery of the Old Testament. He actually achieved something for them! He made something available! That is why when He came back, He could breathe on them because It was something He had made available. He was identifying to them, “The Hour is here now for this promise” and they still were not understanding. Some went back fishing; some went back to different places and He had to come back around still, to get them into the place where they could expect the promise, because He came according to the Scripture.

Look at Paul writing afterwards: “According to my Gospel, Christ died, according to the Scriptures. According to my Gospel, He raised, according to the Scriptures.” Why? It was all part of God’s plan to bring us back. And that is why Jesus knew and understood the plan of God so perfectly, that when He spoke that Word, He could look back in the Bible and see where those things were promised; where those things had to be done.

That is why He could come back and say, “*O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.*” [Luke 24:25 -Ed.] And He took the Law and He took the Psalms and He took the prophets and He took all these things, and He took from Bethlehem to Calvary,

and when He was finished, it unfolded out into Joel chapter 2. It unfolded out into a promise. They came out under expectation that something was going to happen to them; something was going to continue in them. What was in one Man was going to unfold into a many-membered Body because it was His plan to do that.

So, if His ministry has come back to us to literally turn our hearts back, to bring us back to the original faith, then... When Jesus was speaking those things there to them, they couldn't understand. He didn't explain it to them. But later on, in the Scriptures, we see Paul, as the Prophet said, "He was separating now, Law from grace." He didn't preach like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; they talked about, Jesus did this and Jesus did that. He said, "That was like a newspaper reporter." That was information.

He said, "But Paul was saying, Jesus, the Mediator of a better Covenant, our High Priest, the Surety of a better Testament; the Forerunner Who went into the veil for us." Paul could have seen when He died on the Cross, how that Temple Veil was rent in twain, to give them access into the Holy Place. He said, "Christ, our Passover; Christ, our Firstfruits; Christ, the Unleavened Bread." He was seeing that, that ministry of the Son of Man, it was something more. He said, "Christ, the Last Adam!" Because he understood something was achieved and he could minister an entrance abundantly.

Did you realize when the Holy Spirit fell, the promise, what was achieved, was available now? And many people didn't know about It, and because they didn't know the Holy Ghost had come, they couldn't move into It.

Look at Apollos, an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures but needed to be taught the way of God more perfectly. He could prove that John was Elijah. He could prove that Jesus was the Son of Man. He was

bringing people out of the Sadducees and the Pharisees, looking like he was winning many souls. He had a great 'soul-winning program' but he couldn't take them into the achievement, into the promise, and all he produced were Baptists. They didn't have the Holy Spirit because he couldn't bring them into It.

And when Paul met them, he asked, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

They said, "What Holy Ghost?"

Yet the entire Message of Jesus, the first doctrine He preached in St. John 3 was, "You must be born again!" St. John 4, the woman at the well: "I will give you water. It will spring up into you, a well of everlasting Life." St. John 7: "He that believeth on Me as the Scripture saith, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of Living Water." St. John 14, 15, and 16: the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Guide. St. John 20: He breathed on them. Acts 1: "Go and tarry; you shall be endued with Power from on High." Luke 20, just before He went up, He said, "The promise of the Father is at hand." From the beginning to the ending, His ministry was the Holy Ghost. Yet Apollos could prove He was the Christ and didn't know about the Holy Ghost!

So, what is happening? That is why we are seeing churches coming up all over the place. But what is happening? After a few years, they are wiggling back to organizational methods – dead children; all kinds of pollution as different things begin to come up. Why? Because Jesus said, "Upon this Rock, I will build My Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against It."

He said, "Whom do men say I, the Son of Man, am?" And some said, "Thou art Elijah." They thought Elijah was the Son of Man. And the Prophet said, "That is why it seems so hard for you," page 16, *The Anointed One In The End Time*. [1965-0725m -Ed.] He said, "That is why you cannot get it separated. The Seventh Angel is not the Son of Man. He is revealing the Son of Man to the public! But the people thought that John, Elijah, was

the Son of Man. The Church was not built upon a revelation of who Elijah was.

He didn't say, "Whom do men say Elijah is?"

And they said, "Oh, John the Baptist. Praise God."

He said, "Upon this Rock I will build My Church. You are in the Bride now."

And you've got everybody saying, "We're in the Bride. We've seen the Prophet."

That doesn't mean anything. That is a Truth in the Message.

Listen! Let's look at it. We want to know what is Truth. We want to look at it directly according to the Scripture, according to the Message, to make sure our faith is in the right place; to make sure our expectations are right.

That is why, sometimes you get among Message believers and you mention things in the Message right there and people get scared. You say, "The Seven Seals," they get scared. You say, "The Seven Thunders," they get scared. It becomes 'taboo' [forbidden -Ed.] words. And the devil comes in right there and starts to take out of the Message now. You talk about going in the Rapture and everybody is afraid about the Seventh Seal. How can we go in the Rapture, and the Seventh Seal is His Coming, if we deny It?

We talk about the Seven Thunders are going to gather the Bride; we don't have to think of how many false interpretations there are. That has nothing to do with it. If God said it, it is God's Word. Do you know how much confusion there is over water baptism? Do you know how much confusion there is over the virgin birth of Christ? Do you know how much confusion there is over the Godhead, and yet, we still preach It and don't get a complex? But the devil has crept up on people and given them a complex over a lot of things.

As Jesus said, "Which is easier to say, 'Thy sins are forgiven' or 'Rise up and walk?'" Which is easier to say, "The Seventh Seal" or "The Son of Man?" You know, the

Prophet came among the people, he said, “The Pentecostals, I cannot use the word ‘predestinate’ in front of them. They feel bad about it, so I am going to use ‘foreknowledge.’” After a while he said, “God’s Word said ‘predestinate!’” [Congregation rejoices and says, “Amen.” –Ed.] If God said it, let us say it. Let us say all what He said. Amen. Glory.

And that is why you see so many things standing there and after a while, it just begins to fade away because many people have been led to believe, “We are in the Bride because we see that.” No, that is not Scripture. John still had disciples after he revealed the Son of Man. He said, “Go and ask that Man, if He is the Messiah or should we look for another One to come.” And Elijah sent his disciples. What was John still doing with disciples, when the Son of Man was revealed? You see? And that is why we have a lot of those Apollos’ today; we have a lot of those John’s disciples today. See?

This is not being—I am not saying this to be critical as such, but I am saying this to show, how many times little ideas come in and deform our thinking. And then we don’t realize that when we think we are protecting the Message or standing with the Message, we don’t realize what is really happening – we are paralyzing our own faith.

And that is why when a situation comes or a challenge comes and we stand there, nobody has faith. And then everybody is hoping; they hope so, because nobody knows the channel. They don’t know where they are standing. If we were walking in expectation with the Word, when something happens, we will know what God’s Mind is concerning it – faith to believe, virtue to give out what you have with meekness; knowledge to understand.

His life was not just to be morally upright. We know that. God wants to bring us up above that. If we just stay there, how can we come to St. Mark 11:23? “That

is the thing in my opinion,” he said, “that will start the Rapturing Faith, to the going away of the Church.” [1963-1229e - para. 43 -Ed.]

How are we all going in the Rapture and we shy away when the Word challenges us? “Believe in the things that you say and don’t doubt in your heart, and you shall have what you said.” We have to recognize Who said that. We have to recognize that it is impossible for Him to lie. He is more willing more abundantly, to show unto us the immutability of His counsel that He cannot change, He does not change. He keeps all of His promises.

Look what God did with Abraham. After God elected him, chose him, he didn’t even understand that mystery of Election. It never gave him any security. He should have been the most secure person in the world, to see God, in the midst of the whole world, come down and say, “*You come out.*” He failed to even recognize that, so the first little famine, first little situation that came along, he ran down in Egypt for help; insecure, fear.

And the Bible said, “He that feareth is not made perfect in Love, because Perfect Love casteth out all fear! And His Love is being shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. And in the Holy Ghost, it’s the Father’s good pleasure to give us the Kingdom.” He was revealing these Truths, and by this revelation, He is taking the fear out of us. Amen.

Listen to this. Bro. Branham said here, *Israel And The Church* [1953-0325 - para. 18 -Ed.] page 3, he said: ...*This has been the greatest thing that I’ve found among Christian people throughout the entire world, has been a fear. They’re always afraid. And when a little sickness strikes, they’re afraid.* [He said]: *Many, I wonder sometimes, and now I’m along with you. But now what I’m trying to do tonight, and in this week to come, is to try to drive that fear away, by God’s Word.*

[1953-0326 - para. 34 -Ed.] He said: *One of the greatest curses on the church today is fear. Everybody's scared to death; it's "What's going to happen, who, what?"*

See? Page 100, *Israel And The Church* [1953-0328 - para. 26 -Ed.]: *The greatest thing that I find against the church tonight is fear; everybody's scared to death about something. What are you scared about? If a man's [been] borned again, he should be happy, carefree...*

Unpardonable Sin [1954-1024 - para. 33 -Ed.], pages 33 to 34:

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus [Christ],

Think of it: no fear. That's the greatest plague there is in the Christian Church today, is, "afraid." And the reason they're afraid is because they're not taught right, and [ever] right, on the Gospel.

He said, "So, who is doing it? Teachers. The teachers."

Adoption [1960-0522m - Position In Christ - para. 57 -Ed.], he said: *There's where it knocks the props out from under legalists.*

He said, "Look at Paul," in that *Adoption* message [1960-0522e -Ed.], "the first thing He starts is taking the fear out of the people." He said, "When the Seven Seals are opened, It will reveal Eternal Security, It will reveal the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, all these things, and it is to take the fears and doubts out of the people."

The Seventh Seal was not to put fear in us; It was to take the fear out of us. It was to show us how secure we are; then we can have faith; then it becomes automatic. Then we don't have to try to work up ourselves into it. Then we don't have to be driven and beaten to believe. We begin to see the Love of God, and faith works by Love! "Herein is the Love of God, not that we love God, but that He first loved us and gave Himself to be the propitiation for our sins." [1st John 4:10 -Ed.]

In other words, He became the Thing that could meet the holy demands of a Holy God, that could remove all guilt from around us; settle the sin question. That is what He did. He even knew what we needed. He was determined to bring us back to oneness. He was determined to bring us back into His Presence. And that is why that is His achievement; that is His victory. And once He settled that, which He has, there is no barrier, no hindrance. He can let loose His Power upon us again.

But the thing is, we don't seem to recognize that. We don't seem to see the value of His death and His resurrection. Some people wear a little crucifix, they wear a little broach; it becomes a little broach to wear. It becomes a little crucifix they put in their car. They say, "Bro. Branham had one, so I will put one in my car too, so when I am driving, it will be right in front of me."

They want a relic. They are not crucified with Christ. They don't die daily; they are not crucified to the world. They haven't reckoned themselves dead and buried in the likeness of His death, but yet they want the relic. That has no virtue in it. The Word has the virtue. Amen.

And he said: ... *Brother, let me tell you, "It's not by works, but by grace are we saved, and that by faith." Yes, sir. Now, I won't condemn legalist brethren; they're my brothers. They'll be there just the same as any of the rest of them will be there, 'cause God foreordained His church to be there. But just the thing, you ...keep the people so tore up; they don't know what [to do].*

He said, "The ones on the Legalists side, they keep the people all torn up and they don't know what to do. The Calvinists, they put them on the other side: 'What will be, will be.' So they have no expectation, they have no spirit of revival; they got lazy and slothful." He said, "From the time Calvin came in, look what happened: man was living with three or four wives, in sin and immorality. The spirit of revival had died out and

everything else.” He said, “And that’s the two main schools of thought today in the framework of the Christian church.”

Well, where did the Message people come from? It came over into the Message. So, then we come in the Message and we have the Calvinists on one side and they were preaching the Message now but, “What will be, will be.” Bro. Branham said, “They are finished with missionary work, they are finished with that; they are finished with everything else. You know, no more revival, no more enthusiasm, everything is gone; pollution and abominations set in. They took grace and made it disgrace. Then the Legalists on the other side, they took that stick and they beat the people down with it and they can’t have any confidence.” See?

And that is what is happening today, and there is such a failing; we look and we see it. “When the Word comes,” he said, “that Book of Ephesians, It pulls it together.” It lays it out for us, “By grace are you saved through faith, not of works that any man should boast.” [Ephesians 2:8-9 -Ed.] See? And showed us, he said, “We are saved by grace but the Blood keeps us saved.”

You were saved before one drop of Blood was shed. He said, “You were not saved on any certain day.” He was bringing you back to Himself. That is why He said, “Because you are sons, He has sent forth the Holy Spirit into your hearts, whereby you cry, ‘Abba Father.’”

That Holy Spirit is here tonight seeking you, to bring you into a true relationship. Because the Calvinists, they were not bringing the people into a true relationship; the Legalists were not bringing the people into a true relationship. And as long as we don’t come into a true and correct relationship with God, as long as there is fear, as long as there is doubt, as long there is insecurity, we could never come into that Perfect Faith. He said, “This is the Hour of the Rapture and we must come into that Perfect Faith.” Amen.

And I want to take that to show that we need to re-examine this Atonement. We need to re-examine this Redemptive work that was done on our behalf, that we can see the full extent of the value of this work which He has done for us, because He said, "*It is finished!*" And then to see that the Holy Spirit is here, looking and seeking out all those.

He said, "The Holy Ghost comes looking for the predestinated first, those Eagles who were Eagles from the egg." When that Mama Eagle came and screamed, "Junior," he didn't become an Eagle then, he was just an Eagle with amnesia. But he was an Eagle from the egg. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen. "My sheep will hear My Voice"; not, "When you hear My Voice, you become My sheep." Amen. My.

Let's look at this in *The God Of This Evil Age*, page 16. [1965-0801m - paras. 67-69 -Ed.] He said: *...then when Jesus died at the cross, I died with Him, for I was in Him then; for He was the Fulness of the Word manifested, knowing that we would be manifested later. And we was at Calvary with Him. We went in the grave with Him, and we raised with Him in His resurrection, and now we've ascended by His Spirit to the throne of grace, setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, always!*

... And when the entire Word of God in complete was headed up in a human body called Jesus Christ, in there God made me pay for my sins, in Him there. Then He ... raised me up with Him in the resurrection. And now we are seated with Him with power and authority over every devil. [He said:] Oh, if you could only believe what God has given.

Not what God will give; what God has given!

But if you're not seated there, you don't have it. And if you're seated there, and don't believe, and are afraid to move, you'll never use it. But if you are seated there, you will use it, for you're ordained to do what you do.

So let's try to dig a little deeper in that, so we can stimulate some faith, that tonight, if you have a

situation, you have something there that Satan is trying to bring to hinder you and you think he has so succeeded in magnifying that thing to you, until you see it so big (see?) that it just blocks you out from seeing God.

Look at Jehoshaphat: from the time he got in the Word and he began to pray, he said, “Oh God, we see this whole invading army coming.” He said, “We don’t know what to do but our eyes are on Thee.” [2nd Chronicles 20 -Ed.] He took his eyes off the problem and put it on God.

Look at God with the children of Israel: they were coming out and they were coming through the Red Sea and they saw the enemy. They got scared and began to scream and cry and panic and go berserk. The same people who were sheltered under the blood, the same people who were identified with the lamb, the same people who saw that death couldn’t touch them; the same people, who by a prophet’s message was brought into a covenant with God and their sins were removed so that death couldn’t touch them, they took their eyes off of the covenant and when the enemy came in, they became insecure because they began to see the enemy.

But look what God did. The Pillar of Fire turned from in front of them and went and stood between them and the enemy. In other words, God said, “Put your eyes on Me, don’t put your eyes on the enemy!” Then God began to speak to His prophet, He said, “*Stand still and see the salvation.*”

Now watch, so let’s try to stimulate some faith here. Now we will take our eyes off of these things and realize, “That doesn’t have to make us feel insecure.” If God has called us, you are *the* called according to His purpose. You see some people going through a little tribulation; they are praying for God to take it away. Paul said, “We are those that glory in tribulations, because we know that tribulation worketh patience.” You see, it’s what kind of knowledge you have.

If you don't have correct scriptural knowledge, you are still afraid of your trials. If the knowledge of God's Word is quickened to you, you know that one of the best signs that you are a Christian, is when you have trials. You know dark skies are no sign of God's disapproval; you know bright, clear, sunny skies are no signs of God's approval! The proof of God's Love is election! You know you are accepted in the Beloved; that is where your security is. But if you don't know your covenant, you are going to get scared.

Like Abraham, he ran down into Egypt, but look when he began to understand. He was going down there in Egypt, he knew those Philistines wanted Sarah and he got scared and he told a lie. Do you know what God did? God was doing those things and permitting those things in Abraham's life, to let Abraham see the strength of that unconditional covenant. To let Abraham see that God made a covenant with Himself, and it was not his fault, it was not his mistakes; it was what God had said concerning him, that God told Abimelech, "Go and let the man pray for you; he is My prophet."

And Abraham began to realize, "What was I scared of? I had no right to be scared. I'm not relating to this thing correctly. Maybe I am not seeing it the way God intended it to be, and because of that, I cannot find any rest; I don't have any peace and the first circumstance comes, the first trial comes, I get all flusterated." And how the enemy is holding so many right there and paralyzing their faith. He said, "They are afraid to move. They don't know what to do."

This Scripture, St. Mark 11:23 that we read, Bro. Branham, how it was a Scripture that troubled him so much. And you know, recently God just began to deal with me with that, because over these years, I've held this promise in my heart and I look for it from day to day. I know that God is training a people. God is bringing a people to that Perfect Faith.

As our brother was speaking this morning: “God made man in His image and likeness, and then God gave him dominion.” And that was the kind of man God made in the beginning, and that is the kind of man God has made in the last days again. That was the kind of man God waved before us. That is the kind of man God says is going in the Rapture. And he said, “When that Church comes into speaking conditions...” But how can She come into speaking conditions? Because She must become the image first, in order to speak.

Like Michelangelo, he had that vision; he had that vision of who Moses was. It struck him by inspiration and he went and he began to chip on this rock. And he worked for years and years holding that vision; staying under the influence of that vision. How many times he might have had to tune himself back in. How many times circumstances might have come to deter him, but yet he was determined to finish what he had started. And he kept working and working until one day, that invisible image in his mind was expressed visibly in that sculpture that he was sculpting. He was so satisfied. It was the exact expression of what he had in his heart; what struck him by inspiration.

The Prophet said, “To me, what made it a masterpiece, was the flaw. Because the flaw tells that the thing was the exact image the man had in his mind, because the man was so moved, he felt it should speak, it should come alive; the way he reacted to it at the end.” [1964-0705 - para. 40 -Ed.] If he reacted frustrated and said, “I failed. I didn’t get it to what I wanted it to be...” But he was so struck that this was the thing, he didn’t even realize what he was doing. He struck him and said, “Speak!” It couldn’t speak; it was stone. He didn’t try to think about, “I’m trying to tell a stone to speak.” He said, “But smiting it, that was the real identification. That was the real evidence that it was a masterpiece for him.” He said, “It was how he was looking at it.”

Now watch. He was trying to tell us something. Because you see God in this Day, wanted to—had promised in His Word, Hebrews 13:8, had promised in His Word, St. Luke 17:30 – “The same Son of Man will be revealed again. That same Jesus that you saw go, will come again. That same Jesus will be revealed again in human flesh.”

The Baptists have their Jesus, the Methodists have their Jesus, the Pentecostals have their Jesus, Seventh Day Adventists have their Jesus, Jehovah’s Witnesses have their Jesus; everybody has their Jesus. But God knew the Jesus in the Scriptures and His identification, and God was determined that He was going to bring back a true reflection of that Word again in the last days. He’s going to bring back a man in His very Own image and His very Own likeness. Like He said, “This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell in. Hear ye Him.”

And God began—hewed out a stone out of the hills of Kentucky. Like He told Abraham, “I dug you out of a pit and I called you alone.” And Jehovah, the great Master Sculptor, He began to build a masterpiece. He had that perfect image, that perfect vision of this Word, of Himself, when He is expressed in human flesh, what it will look like, and He began to hew and hew.

And, you know, look at the Prophet as a young man. He said, “As a little boy, I couldn’t pray. Had it not been for God, I would have been a murderer. I would have been a quitter.” He said, “I tried to come out of the race – tried to commit suicide.” One time in the woodshed he said, “I was trying to talk to God; I got so frustrated.” I said, “Well Mr. God, wherever You are...” trying to pray. And what happened? He said he became so frustrated, he just got up and he said, “Look, I know God could read. I am going to write a letter, tack it on the tree; God passes through these woods; He’s going to read that letter.”

Had such a temper – like a buzzsaw. He said he tried to kill six boys in cold-blooded murder because he couldn't take a little humiliation; a little rejection. He just blew up and went home and loaded up his rifle and hid in the bushes when they were passing, and jumped out: "Which one of you wants to die first?" And he pulled the trigger to shoot them in cold blood and the gun wouldn't go off.

One time he said the policeman poisoned his dog. He said, "Fritz, I am going to make him pay for that." He said, "I jumped inside the house, took up my rifle, loaded it up and jumped in my car." He said, "My father pulled me out of the car, put two slaps on me and sent me back inside. It was a good thing he did." Otherwise he would've killed that man. And do you know what happened? He said, "Fritz, well if daddy stopped me, I am going to run him over with the car one of these days." He was determined; he was so revengeful.

You say, "The Prophet?" Sure. Couldn't face up to his mother-in-law because he had a compromising spirit. Hard German; stern. See? And he said, "You talk to your mother and I will talk to your daddy," [Congregation laughs –Ed.] trying to evade a confrontation. And that caused him to get out of the will of God because he was afraid to face up to that woman. And then God turned around and took the same wife, took his daughter. And through the things he suffered, God was teaching him obedience. God was chipping and molding because character is never made without suffering. It is a victory, not a gift. God was chipping him and molding him; shaping him.

One time as a young man out there in that Pentecostal revival, sitting there on the chair, and they said, "We want William Branham to come and preach." And he 'ducked down' [stoop down quickly in an attempt to hide or protect oneself –Ed.] behind the chairs. He didn't want anybody to see him. He was in a T-shirt and a seersucker trousers and he felt embarrassed to go up

amongst those well-dressed people, scissors-tailed coats and everything else, to preach.

And he said, "Don't tell anybody; it's me they're calling."

And the man said, "Look, he is right here. This is him right here."

Then watch that same man who couldn't pray. Look at this same one with a compromising spirit who couldn't stand up to his mother-in-law. Look at this same man with a temper like a buzzsaw who tried to kill six boys in cold-blooded murder. But this man stood in Durban, South Africa, and in one prayer he said, "I saw 30,000 saved. That is ten times more as on the Day of Pentecost." He said, "25,000 healed at one time; seven truckloads of wheelchairs." And in Bro. Sydney Jackson's testimony, he said, "All around, miles and miles around the city, where they couldn't come in, they were being healed."

What was the paradox? What was the mystery with this man who couldn't pray and said, "I will write a prayer and put it on a tree and let God read it"? He came to a place where with one prayer, so many could be delivered. This man who tried to kill six boys in cold-blooded murder, stood up in a home, talking about the things of God and the Spoken Word, and these two little teenagers were laughing and carrying on, and he said, "Sis. Hattie Wright, I give you your boys, in the Name of Jesus Christ."

What was the transformation? How was it that this ugly caterpillar could become a beautiful butterfly? How was it that those rags could become parchment paper? What was the mystery, that this flesh could become the Word? This man who was afraid to go up on a—who was an Eagle and couldn't go up on a little Pentecostal platform amongst that bunch of chickens, could stand up and indict this generation and challenge three hundred Ministers in Chicago and say, "Bring

your Bibles and stand here and disprove what I am saying.” Amen.

What was the mystery? Jehovah God was going to bring back the Word again. God Who had promised It, God Who had predestinated those experiences in his life, that this man in the woodshed when he was there and gave his heart to Jesus Christ and he saw that Cross, that is where he started. And that is where every one of us starts – right by that Brass Altar; right by that Cross.

And that man was coming from that Cross all the way, until one day, He stood in the very Presence of Almighty God. He was so united with God that he thought it not robbery to be equal with God, and he preached *The Super Sign* in the last days – God and man becoming one. He said, “God and man was one there and God and man is one here,” by revelation.

In *The Unveiling Of God* [1964-0614m - para. 213 -Ed.] he said, “You all know when we started down in the river and the Angel came there.” He said, “Watch how these tapes unfold to this present time, you who take the tapes.” Here was Hattie Wright, different ones right there in the congregation, who remembered from 1933. Now in 1964, he was unveiling God to them.

Somehow he had become one with God, proving that He was the same yesterday, today and forever; that same one that when God had finished chipping and molding him, one day God saw him in the woods, and he was out there in the woods, and God looked down and God saw His Own reflection. God saw His Own faith, His Own virtue, His Own knowledge, His Own temperance.

God saw His Own Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Word standing there, that God got so beside Himself, He struck him and said, “Speak!”

He said, “Let one squirrel come from there.”

He said, “Charlie, Rodney, you know squirrels don’t be in poison ivy.” He asked, “How many squirrel

hunters are here? You've never seen squirrels in sycamore trees." What was it? It was God.

Sitting in Hattie Wright's home, he said, "She made a little cobbler [dessert -Ed.] that day." Eating some cherry pie, squirrel blood on his Levi's, yet sitting down there, God looked down there and God was not looking at the flesh, the first court; God was not looking at the human spirit; God was looking there and seeing that Word, seeing the very image of Jesus Christ, seeing His very masterpiece in speaking conditions, seeing flesh that had become the Word again, seeing rags that had become parchment paper through the Divine process that God knew to pass it through, that when it came out, it came out with His very Own image upon it, impressed upon it, that God said, "Speak!" He struck him with that inspiration. He said, "Hattie, whatever you ask for now, in the Name of Jesus Christ, you shall have it."

Friends, let me tell you this, he understood something in his own life. He understood that those experiences that God predestinated in his life, to reveal that Word and bring him from faith unto faith, until he said, "That Dove, that Holy Spirit, has led me into a faith I have never known." He had come to a perfect faith, that he took the very Word and preached *Perfect Faith*. [1963-0825e -Ed.] He said, "And do you know how Jesus had perfect faith?" He said, "Jesus knew His position." Which part of the Bible did he read that? It was being revealed to him in his own life and he was seeing, that was the way God was dealing with him, for him to have it. He is dealing with us for us to have it too. "Because the same God," he said, "that reveals it here, is the same God that will reveal it there also."

So, here he was in the woods that day. He didn't go to speak any squirrels. It was an ordinary day. He came off the field to go and take a little relaxation; go and rest out there in the woods a little bit. He talked to the brothers and said, "Okay, we are going to hunt for a

couple hours and we are going to meet right back here.” And he went walking around by himself, couldn’t find any squirrels and he sat down there under the tree. And while he was sitting down there, the Scripture began to come into his mind. It wasn’t any big, great, supernatural anything. But here now, God, after He made a man in His image and His likeness, was going to give him dominion again, to show that he had come back into God’s image; to show he was formed into that very Word again.

And that is why these things are laying here as a promise for us. Not something that is going to happen if we don’t become that image. It is for people who have become that Word again. But sometimes we think the only things that we can appreciate, is if it is some great, big, classical something.

But look and see how these things were taking place. It wasn’t a great, big audience. It wasn’t that he had planned a certain day that he was going to go and do those things. When he went in Colorado, he went to hunt. While he was out there on the mountain waiting for the Angels, he was hunting javelina hogs, sweating up and down the mountain. The cocklebur stuck on his trousers, he was going to take it off, and right there the vision was coming to pass. So ordinary but yet he could understand from the Scripture, the value of those experiences that were predestinated in his life, where God could reveal to him, who he was and bring him into a true relationship with the very God Who had ordained him to manifest that Word in this Day.

It is no different to us. We all were in God thoughts. He said, “And once you were a thought, you must become the Word because a word is a thought expressed and the only way you can become the Word, you had to be a thought.” He said, “If you weren’t a thought, you can never become the Word.” But look how God’s thought in flesh became the Word through a Divine process. Family problems, children problems,

different things, but in all there, it was to reveal the Word. It was only to reveal more of the Word. It was only to prove ...

He was going to run from the blizzard, and God said, "I don't want you running from the blizzard. Go back into the blizzard. I am sending the blizzard to reveal more Word to you. I am sending those things and I want you to go into it, not run from it." You see, it's the way you relate to God. And if we don't relate to it scripturally, if we don't relate to it consciously, if we fail to understand His program, and if we see our lives as just coming to church, being educated in the Message and going back home and, "One of these days something powerful will take place," we are missing the mark by a million miles.

Do you think those men... When that axe head was lost in the river, in the time of Elisha, God allowed that to happen because He wanted to show something. When that widow got into debt and her children were going to be taken into captivity, God had something to do there too. Sure. The Prophet said, "God saw Hattie Wright in that condition and He knew He had something for her down the road," when she gave him that money. She didn't plan to give an offering to get something, but he took that and put it back in the Bible.

Look at that time, he and Bro. Lee Vayle were there. He was going to Arizona, and the writing came on the wall: "Go back to Arizona." And Bro. Vayle... He mentioned it in, *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed*.

He said, "Bro. Branham, how do you have those people talking about you and your family like that, and these things?" He said, "You give me a chance, let me..."

He said, "Leave that alone. God has that for a trial." He said, "Remember that time when David was rejected, and they were spitting on David?"

Look how he was relating to it. He said, "And when I said that, the Holy Spirit came back again." He wasn't trying to prove a point and show he could deal with

them, and humiliate them, and expose them, and... No. He was watching his life in the Scripture, how it was coming down.

He said, "Remember Abishai? He went to cut that 'dog's' head off. He was so fast on that sword." He said, "No, leave it alone. God has that for a trial." Those little things that he would tell us, he said, "Look, even an ink drop has a purpose." He was so sensitive to the Word.

It's not only his life that's designed like that. What about the Roman centurion? Look at him. He told Jesus, "I also am a man of authority." He said, "I'm a centurion." When he got that job, when he was working there, he didn't know, one day that very principle revealed in his own job, in his own environment, was going to open up a channel that he could say, "Speak the Word only." Because it's that channel of his own life, his own experience, is what was able for him to relate to the Word from a certain perspective.

He said, "I notice You have authority over devils, that You can cast them out." He said, "And I recognize that is the same principle in my work." He said, "I could tell a soldier, 'Go here' and 'Come.' I don't even have to go and see them personally and tell them, I want them to come. No. They only have to say, 'The centurion wants you right now!'"

Sometimes we fail to see right there, we are in the environment, we are in the midst of the experience, the very thing that we can draw inspiration from, to pull from the Word, but because we are so insensitive and not trained to the Supernatural... Because the Message is not that kind of relationship to us. Because the Message is a 'doctrinal war' and who believes this and who believes that and which church did this and which church is doing that, and we're in that kind of realm. There is no personal life. But he said, "This is the Age of personal life." It is not a group revelation. It is Christ being revealed in you personally: "In that day you will

know, I in you.” Amen. Quickly, let me bring it to a place and close.

He couldn't place St. Mark 11:23 in the Atonement. He had tried to run from that Scripture. He said, “This Scripture stumped me even more because it was outstanding; such a promise being made by none other than Jesus Christ.” He said, “When I read John 14:12, *“He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works...”* He said, “Now when I read that, I said, well, if God said that, that must be true.”

But the thing with us, we read it over quickly. We don't pause upon it to say, “Why was Jesus telling them that? Why was He relating to them in that way?” Look at Him in the crisis. The disciples knew they could wake Him up. It dawned upon them, He was in their midst when they came into the crisis, and they went and they woke Him up, “Jesus.” And they called Him on the scene and He said, *“Peace, be still.”* Perfect Faith masters all circumstances. He went back to sleep. It was finished because He believed what He said.

And He said, “If you believe the things that you say and don't doubt in your heart...” But you see, when circumstances come, how do we relate to it? Do we see that that couldn't have happened by chance? Do we see that God permitted that for a purpose? Do we see that God is testing us for a reaction? Do we see that those things show whether we are certain of God or not? Do we see that these things show our shape, our growth, our maturity? Because it's not by chance. Before the foundation of the world, God knew what was going to happen. But how do we relate to it?

If we are not looking in our own lives, that is why we fail to progress; we fail to advance. Because we fail to see where our weaknesses are, we fail to recognize what our needs are. Sometimes God sends these situations to show us what our needs are, then we know how to pray, otherwise we'll pray for all different kinds of things and not for what we have need of really because we fail

to see where our needs are. We fail to see the purpose why God allowed certain things – to show us our condition. Because it is just superficial; it is just a superficial atmosphere.

And he—look how God was training him here. He said [1959-1115 - para. 13 -Ed.]:

... *Oh, [I wish I] could weigh those words: “You can have what you say,” not what I say, but what you have said. “You can have what you said.”...*

For years, I lingered over that. I went to every lexicon, commentary, every translation, even to the Douay version. [Which is the Catholic version.] And every translator translates it the same: “You can have what you say.”

... all Scripture is Truth. And if I can't rightly divide It, It's still the Truth.

Look at his attitude. He read it. He said, “But I can't preach over it. I don't understand it.” He said, “Maybe it doesn't mean that really,” he said, “so I went to every translation, every Lexicon.” He said, “I even went to the Douay version.” He said, “All say it. Then if Jesus said that, it has to be so.” Nothing shall be impossible unto you. You shall have whatsoever you say.

You mean, he was seeing man that God created. He wasn't looking at the flesh man there. He wasn't looking at those fishermen from Nazareth. He knew those were His attributes. He knew He came to make available the Holy Spirit, that was going to come back to quicken them, and redeem them, and bring them back to their rightful place. He knew that. So He was speaking with a revelation of what God created them to be.

And the Prophet said, “If He said that and we are at the end of the Age,” he said, “when are those things going to come to pass?” That is page 38, *There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light*. [1963-1229m -Ed.] He said, “If Jesus said in John 14:12, ‘Greater works than these shall you do because I go to My Father,’” he said, “if He said that, then we are living at the end of the Age.”

Because Seven Church Ages have passed out. The Seventh Age was blacked out. He said, "Then if the Gentiles are being blinded for the Gospel to go back to the Jews, and Jesus spoke that as a promise to His Bride, and we are at the end of the Age, when is it going to come to pass?" Because Heaven and earth will pass away but that Word will not pass away.

Did you notice on the message, *His Unfailing Words Of Promise* [1964-0120 -Ed.], he took that promise and he said, "Heaven and earth will pass away but It would not pass away." It must come to pass. God is going to bring a people back into His very Own image and His very Own likeness, and He is doing it right now. He is bringing them through the very Divine process and His Word is quickened inside of them, and He has already taken the fears and the doubts out of them.

They are not just trying to have a brightless, sunny sky, or they are not getting all fearful when it gets dark, because they know they have already been accepted in the Beloved. They know that under no circumstances their name could be removed from that Lamb's Book of Life. They know they were elected to be born again, and they know that He is keeping His Word where He said, "In that day you will know I in you." He said, "The Bride knows that it is He in Her, fulfilling His Own Word that He left for this time." He said, "She knows it is He in Her." He said, "She knows it is He in Her fulfilling His Own Word." He said, "This is the Secret – the Word is in Her. She knows it."

Sometimes, people will see somebody speak with their conviction, with their revelation, and say, "Ah, forget it; there is nothing to that." Why? The Word says that. That's His victory; that's His achievement.

If this Church, if Eve is not restored to Her rightful position, Calvary has missed the mark. It was not sufficient. If She doesn't come back and be bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh and Word of His Word and Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit and works of His

works, then She is not His victory. What will She show that She has been ripened? She will be in His Own image in order to be united with Him. We're talking about union; true union.

And while he was there, look at what he had come through. Look at his suffering, look at the hardship; look at the rejection. When the time came, he said that all men had forsaken him. Sure, he cried like a man. He had emotions; he wept. Sure, he loved people and wanted them to be around him, but when he came to the pulpit with the Word, he said, "When Jacob was rejected, when Samuel was rejected, when Jesus was rejected, when Elijah was rejected," he said, "that was the time for the crowning of their ministry." He said, "I am expecting the crowning of my ministry." [1962-0908 - para. 114 -Ed.] Why? He saw the pattern in the Word, that even his rejection...

They said, "Oh Bro. Branham, you're washed up."

He said, "Friends, I'm not washed up; I am washed *in*, by the grace of God."

If a couple of people reject us, we feel so bad, we give up this, we get bitter. We don't even go to the Word to see how God is dealing with us. No wonder we fumble – we're probing with the wrong key. We're trying to work on emotion to see the Word operate. When a circumstance comes, we are overpowered by it; we are just hoping it turns out right.

Here he was in the woods. He had seen for the first time, that little fish rose. He said [1959-1115 - paras. 24-34 - Ed.]: ... *the Scripture came to me again. I had at least a hundred little spastic children on the list to pray for, many people, [with] leukemia, and cancer, and tubercular being eat up, blind and deaf and dumb.*

He said: [I wonder] ... *Why didn't He use His power on the lepers at the gate instead of the little fig tree?*

See? He said, "I have a whole list of people; God could have used that Power on them. I'm praying for people." He said, "The next thing I see, God used It on a fish."

He said, "But then it struck me: Jesus could have used that Power on the lepers around the place too, but he used It on a tree."

When you are trained to the Word, it causes you to look back in the Word. He wasn't just preaching that that ministry was being reincarnated in him, and then, you know, confused when something happens. He knew, "If that was the pattern, if that is the same thing happening here, let me look back there for my answer."

He said: *What is it to do? God wants to show that He's concerned. He knows all things.*

Then he goes on to say: *... So that would give us to know, though we be little and insignificant, God's interested in us doing something for Him. He likes to display His glory.*

And that stuck with me so hard that I could hardly rest day and night. [He said:] That's been two years ago.

In 1959, he was speaking about it. He had seen the squirrels happened, created, so he came to the church and he was testifying: *New Ministry*. He said, "I am coming into a new level in my ministry." He said, "Church, get ready. Let's consecrate our lives; we are coming to something." He said, "What we have seen, how we have followed it in the Word, where it is heading up to, it has put me under expectations."

... I could hardly rest day and night. That's been two years ago. And constantly, it has haunted me. And I'd say, "Oh, I just can't say nothing about it, for I can't place it in the atonement."

"Whatsoever you say, it shall come to pass. You can have what you say."

Could you imagine that? He couldn't put that in the Atonement. Now, I'm trying to bring this here to you. Because he didn't see the full value of what that Atonement was, so God was giving him that experience, to bring him to realize where that Atonement places a true son of God.

“Friends, there is something wrong in the churches,” he said. He said, “There’s something wrong in the churches. I tried to tell you, it is the Arminians; it is the Calvinists.” See? He said, “They didn’t die out to the old system, but they’re claiming the new Message.” So what is happening? They’re bringing forth their Calvinism into the Message; bringing forth their Arminianism into the Message. So, they are producing a hybrid, deformed crop; it can’t take the trials. They’re not converted right, and when the pressure comes, it blows up.’

He said, “Like that Weatherby Magnum, it was really a Roberts. They sent it to the factory. They tried to rebore the gun to make it into a Weatherby Magnum.” He said, “But it wasn’t ordained to take the pressure and it blew up under the pressure.” He said, “And there is a pressure in this Age. All hell is against this Truth!” And you are seeing so many Christians being blown up all over, and they don’t know why they are blowing up. That lid is taken off of hell, demon powers are streaming out, conquering the nations; conquering the churches. And you look and you see what is happening.

And when he saw those things, he brought it to his church. He said, “Do you know what is happening? If they are not converted right, they will blow up in this Hour.” They didn’t start right. What is happening now is just—what people have been conceived with, is what they are maturing into right now. That is all that is happening. And the Hour has come to show that many people didn’t start right.

He said, “That’s the reason we have the whole scrap heaps of Ministers and Christians piled up along the road – because they didn’t go into it the right way.” [1962-1014m - para. 23 -Ed.] There is a Key to the Door. He said, “There is a law of faith that controls the Power of God. If you want to achieve spiritual things, you’ve got to work by spiritual laws.”

God was bringing him... I'm closing now. God was bringing him to the place here, where he didn't see the full value of the Atonement and it had him living under his privilege of what a true son of God ought to be. So instead of him facing that Scripture, he was trying to get a defense in his mind, in case somebody asked him a question. He said, "If somebody asks me a question on that, I will just say that it was some power that Jesus gave to the disciples on that side of the Atonement, because the Atonement wasn't made yet. He hadn't gone to Calvary yet, so He just gave them that there." He said, "Because I didn't know how to preach on it."

So he was in the woods. He said: [I couldn't place] *"Whatsoever you say, it shall come to pass. You can have what you say."*

He said, "I couldn't place that in the Atonement because it seems like it was putting it upon a man." How is it... While he was going through that trouble with that Scripture, do you know how many denominational Ministers were preaching that Scripture? "If you have a mountain of worries, it shall go away. If you have a mountain of troubles, if you..."

And he was seeing that Jesus spoke to a literal tree and then pointed them to the mountain, and He was talking about a literal mountain. He was talking about dominion. He was talking about the true inheritance of a son of God. He was talking about when a son of God comes to recognize what the Blood has bought for him, where It places him back into fellowship with God, to understand the true relationship that is established under that New Covenant. God was bringing him to see it.

He said: *...I can't place it in the atonement."*

... And I've stood here at this same pulpit and tried, and run on the Scripture, and refrain from it, and go back, because I was afraid to use it.

You cannot have faith unless you know what you are doing.

... And I could not walk out there and preach that Scripture, not knowing what I was talking about. But yet, I knew It was of the Lord.

Many of you people bear me record, that for the last two years, you've constantly heard me from this platform say that there's something, something somewhere. And I'm reaching; I know it's close at hand. I just can't seem to grasp it.

I say, "I hit a Scripture, now I don't know what to do..."

... So, on it went, and up and down, and I'd get it in my mind, and I just couldn't get it away. And everywhere I'd go, it would constantly come to me. "If you say to this mountain, 'Be thou plucked up and cast into the sea,' and don't doubt in your heart, but shall believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you have said."

I thought, "How can it be, Lord? That would be me saying it. ...It wouldn't do no good, for it would be me saying it. So, I can't say nothing but what You've said and I just say that by the Scriptures."

In other words, he said, "All I am doing is quoting the Word but I really don't know what It means." He said, "But, how can that be me saying it?"

And all things rested in the atonement. There's no blessings outside of the atonement, 'cause, we are sinners outside of the atonement. If it was just a universal thing for everybody, then everybody would be saved. But it's your attitude towards the blessings of the atonement that brings the blessings to you.

You see, that is why when we relate to healing, when we relate to salvation, if we don't relate to it from knowing what the Atonement has achieved, and the One Who made that Atonement, is the same One Who called you and gave you the commission to preach the Gospel... So if you want to...

When Peter said, "Such as I have, give I unto you," he knew it was because of the Atonement! He was identified with that Lamb and the Life came back upon

him. He knew it wasn't him anymore. It was God Who was *with* them was now *in* them. Because he said, "This is what Joel said." [Joel 2:28 -Ed.] He identified that in the Scriptures.

In 1st Peter 1 he said, "The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world." Peter looked back and saw, it wasn't just on Calvary when the Lord died and they forsook Him. Peter was now saying, "He was slain since before the foundation of the world." He said, "And by faith in *His Name* made this man holy, not our holiness; it's not anything." In other words, it was the revelation of that Atonement: "It is our understanding of the Covenant that has been made for me in His Blood, and His Life that will come back to confirm and to manifest the blessings of that Covenant in my life." He understood that.

So he said: *...But it's your attitude towards the blessings of the atonement that brings the blessings to you.*

Like salvation. As far as God was concerned, I was saved when Jesus died. But it'll never do me no good until it's revealed to me that He's the Son of God, and I've accepted Him as my Saviour. And every Scripture is the same way.

Divine healing's for you if God will reveal that to you that that's for you. But you can't just stumble at it. It's got to come by revelation. And when it's revealed, that, "By His stripes you were healed," there's nothing Satan can even do [then]...

So listen here now. So here he was and the Scripture was in his mind, "If you say to this mountain..." So here he was in the woods. So, he couldn't get any squirrels, and he said, "I will wait here."

... "Well now, there's that Scripture in my mind again." I said, "I've got a while here, about an hour before I have to go get the rest of the boys, so I'll just study that Scripture." And I said, "Now, how could that apply?" I said, "Here's the only way it could've been. That those

disciples lived [on] the other side of the atonement. The Atonement was later... several weeks later, before the atonement was made. Jesus gave them power the other side of the atonement like He did the prophets.”

And when I said, “prophets,” Something struck me again. “What was the prophets?”

Then I begin to think of it, about what He did with the prophets. ... After I was speaking there for awhile, inside myself...

Now we are getting—we’re closing now with this, so listen closely. Because friends, we are faced with it: “When the Squeeze comes, watch the Third Pull then. It *will* be used,” he said. But how can you speak unless you come back into that image. “How could the image speak except it be smitten,” he said. He had to first build that Masterpiece, then He had to unveil that Masterpiece to show, “It is built. It is here. She is Him. She is back in His image.” Then there is a Squeeze, a smiting of that Masterpiece. Then he said, “Watch it then. She can take the Word and hand It there.”

Will all of that happen just like that? No. He is bringing us into that process. He is trying us with lesser things, preparing us for greater things. He is training us how He works, how He brings His Word to pass. Look how He was doing it to him.

He said: ... After I was speaking there for awhile, inside myself, just thinking, till I become so conscious of Something near, till I was talking to Someone.

And Something said to me, “That’s in the atonement...”

Do you see that? He said, “I couldn’t place it in the Atonement.” He said, “I am going through a mind battle. If they ask me, what it means, what am I going to say? I can’t preach on It. I hope nobody ever asks me to explain that Scripture.” He was going through that in his mind.

This time God was already seeing, “He is in shape. He is in the image. He is in speaking conditions.” But God was opening now, the channel of inspiration by bringing

the revelation of the Scripture, and by bringing him to the full knowledge of the value of His death, that he could relate to that Atonement in a way he never related to It before. That where there might be a fear or a doubt or some form of insecurity that will paralyze his faith, that will make him scared, that he could see, “You don’t have to be scared.” Now are you the sons of God; not you will be. God was bringing him to know, “It is I in you.” He had to come into it to preach it.

And Something said to me, “That’s in the atonement...

You see? God knew what he was thinking. And God was telling him, “Don’t say that is not in the Atonement. That is in the Atonement.”

And we hope to make this a little plainer because that Atonement is Leviticus 16 – where God will meet with man at the mercy seat, under that blood; where that blood speaketh better things to that man. Sure, he was identified with the sacrifice and the brass altar, he was in union with his sacrifice, his sins were being transmitted on his sacrifice, but in that holy place with that mercy seat, he was in union with God Himself. It was inside of there, he saw the real value of the blood that was shed for him out here. Do you understand what I am saying? It was inside there.

That was why they had to wait until the priest came back out. Though the blood was shed for them, though the high priest took the blood inside, they were hoping God accepted it. They were hoping it was received. They were hoping the guilt was removed.

When He brings the believer every step of the way into that Most Holy Place where he stands in the Presence of God, back in fellowship with God again, where God and man comes back into union... The man comes into separation of his sins at the Brass Altar, but he comes into union with his Creator in the Most Holy Place. And that walk from that Brass Altar all the way into the Holy place, is the walk of every believer in this Age, until God brings them back to that place, where they see the true

value of the death of that Lamb that they were identified with.

Everything that was against them was removed completely. Because that blood had to sprinkle that mercy seat. Do you know what the mercy seat was? The mercy seat was a lid that they put on top of the Ark, a golden lid, and in the Ark, there were the Tables of Testimony, and that was the Law of God that man broke, and the penalty of that Law was death. But the mercy seat stood between the Law and God, Who was Judge.

And they sprinkled that blood, and God would... When God came down, He saw that blood on that mercy seat. He did not see the Law, He saw the blood. And God had already said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." Because that blood was the evidence that a life had been given! That blood was the atonement. That blood was speaking for that man, because that blood met the requirements of that law, to bring that man back in fellowship with God!

That was why God said, "I will meet with you at that mercy seat." In other words, it was called '*the place of propitiation*', where propitiation was made to appease God. The man had redemption through that blood; he was reconciled back to God. That blood was the propitiation for his sins, and he stood there justified because his guilt was removed and he could have fellowship with God again. God could speak to him and he could speak back to God. He said, "There, I will meet with you and commune with you. I will come down above that mercy seat."

God told Moses, "The testimony I will give you, you will put it into the Ark." What is the Ark today, friends? It is your heart. He said, "I will write My Laws in your hearts and in your minds." He will give you a testimony. He said, "But only a true witness has a testimony." Confirm that Word in your own life.

When Bro. Branham preached *Testimony* [1963-1128m – Ed.] in Shreveport, he said, “I’d just give a testimony this morning.” He was giving a testimony of the storm in Colorado; of the tumor being spoken out of existence. People were testifying, “I got a new job, I got a car,” their own things, but he was talking about the promise for the Hour. Where a son of God was standing and where the prophecy was to identify God’s sons who are redeemed in this Hour, he was giving forth that testimony.

That Word that God has made real to you, He has written It in your heart, and that Blood of Jesus Christ that has sprinkled that heart, then that Shekinah Glory comes down over that Ark and God speaks out above that mercy seat. He speaks and gives testimony of His Word. Amen.

And Bro. Branham when he stood there that day in the woods and God began to reveal to him, He said, “That is in the Atonement.”

He said, “Something was talking to me and said: ... *if a man or a woman is so consecrated and surrendered to God, that God just moves in and uses their voice, and it isn’t the man speaking, it’s God that’s in him speaking...*”

He said: *I thought, “That’s right.”*

Something said to me, ... How do you see those visions on the platform? How do you see those visions out here? What is it? Do you think it’s your own wisdom, that you could predict something that would happen every time to the letter? Do you think it’s you speaking? Would you think sometime when the Holy Spirit gets into a message, and you don’t know what to say, what is It speaking then? What is it when a man will speak with a tongue that he doesn’t know nothing about it? What is it that will interpret that same tongue, neither one of them knowing anything about it? Is it the individual, or is it the Spirit of the living God?”

I said, "That is true. I see it. It's God that's speaking, and all the Church needs is a step closer to Him, a more of a consecrated life to live with Him."

Are you willing to do that tonight, a more of a consecrated life? [Congregation says "Amen." -Ed.] Amen. As the Holy Spirit was speaking there the first night – washing our hands and our feet. What for? To go into the Most Holy Place. As the Holy Spirit spoke this morning – the Breath of God; God breathing upon us to make us a living soul, to bring back that dominion like when He breathed into Adam. Then Adam went forth as an amateur God and had dominion over the earth.

And when the brother read the Scripture, did you see? They sprinkled that blood on the thumb, on the ear and on the feet. Because your feet represent your walk. Your hands represent your works – ministering to one another. And your ear, he said, "An ear to hear." He said, "Not like natural hearing, but to understand; to know your place in this Hour." Is that right? That's that real Church now. And now this promise here, that's in the Atonement. But this Atonement brings a man to stand in a place, that nothing shall be impossible before you. This Atonement brings a man to a place that you shall have whatsoever you say.

He said: ... *all the Church needs is [just another] step closer to Him, a more of a consecrated life, [where God Himself just comes right in.]*

We're going to pick that up by God's grace. Let us all stand to our feet tonight. In *Shalom*, on page 15 in Phoenix, he was speaking about that Spoken Word, John 14:12 – greater works. [1964-0119 - para. 100-101 -Ed.]

He said: ... *I've translated that, many times, "more," but the same thing.*

He said, "You can't do any greater than what Jesus did." And how many of us who are tape listeners heard him say, "You can't do anything greater than what Jesus did. It means 'more works.'"

And here he said: *I've translated that many times, "more," but the same thing.* He said, "But He said: *"Greater," ... in St. John 14:12...*

He said, "And then I found out when He spoke those squirrels, it was just creation." He said, "When Jesus multiplied the bread, He only multiplied a creation. When He turned the water into wine, it was potentially wine already – the water; He only changed the elements." He said, "But in this Day, He came outright and created like He did back in Genesis. And if He said, 'Greater works' friends, and we are at the end of the Age, when are those 'greater works' going to come forth?"

Friends, if that is the place where God wants to lift His Church up... On *Perfect Faith* [1963-0825e - para. 38 – Ed.] he said: *The Church has got to lift itself [now] in the power of God.*

Look at the time we've come down to. And if we have come to that time and we still have to be troubled with playing sports, and running around, and can't dress right, and this and that, then where is the Church that is getting ready for the Rapture? Where is the Bride material? How could we preach this? We'll have to preach this in the next twenty years. Can we see what we must come up into? Can we see what is there for us, what is given to us? He said, "It is Satan trying to rob us from that; trying to bluff us out from it." But God has thoroughly confirmed these things. And there is a people.

God's Power of transformation... He said, "Look at that earth. It was God's attribute in chaos, in darkness, held there in bondage, and in the beginning of Genesis, he said, *"And the Spirit of God moved."* God was beginning to move, to bring deliverance to His attribute that was held in bondage and darkness and God just began to speak, and His Word began to separate, and by His Word, He transformed that chaotic earth and brought it to a very Eden, that God said, "It is very good" – God's Power to transform.

This very Word that is being spoken to us, to deliver all God's attributes... Because you are His attribute. You are a redeemable attribute. And tonight, if you desire to just come into more of a consecrated life, he said, "This is the Hour of Divine consecration." We are looking for something to break forth. We are being prepared for something. We want to be sensitive to recognize it in our own lives.

It is not a platform performance. It is not a thing where we are in an audience and we sit down and we spectate and say, "He performed well!" It is something that we are all involved in. It is taking place inside our lives. It is a daily walk with Him. The Word is unfolding through us daily. This is the Hour to see Him in His Own people. Amen.

I believe that with all my heart. And I believe tonight if we could just see the possibility of these things which He has spoken and has promised for this Hour, and that we can recognize His Presence calling us, "Come up higher. Leave those things so far behind; *there are new heights to climb.*"

"Whatever it takes Lord, to draw closer to You, that's what I will be willing to do. I will trade sunshine for rain; comfort for pain." [#267 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Amen. Whatever it takes.

When Elisha felt the power of that mantle and he saw that, he said, "As the Lord liveth and as my soul liveth, I will not leave you." He [Elijah -Ed.] said, "Stay at Gilgal." He was no hybrid; he wasn't going just so far. No. He wasn't stopping short of what he saw and desired and had a crave for. He said, "I want a double portion of what you have."

What does it mean to you? What do you see in the Prophet? What do you see that was waved to you? What is the crave in your heart tonight? If you truly believe these things, let us surrender to it. Are you willing to do it? How many here are willing to pay a greater price tonight? Say, "Lord, I'm going to lay down

my head, lay down my feet; lay down my inwards.” That Brass Altar was the Altar of a burnt offering where everything was consumed totally, that we could see a deeper life, a closer walk; a greater experience.

Things of value come with a great price, friends; it is not a cheap thing. The Prophet said, “I’ve been cut deep many times.” He said, “It’s going to be a lot of shaking down for me and a lot of shaking down for you, but we will make it together, by the grace of God.” Because there is something that when that Word strikes you, and when you see It, and It begins to remove all those creepers that want to wrap around you and deform you, and It begins to cut it away from you, and that soul begins to get back under the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit, there is something inside of you that comes to a real seriousness with God, where you lay aside your foolishness and you want to walk on, closer.

And I trust tonight as I tried to bring this in my little broken-up way, that it has spoken to your heart. I just tried to go as I felt led to go because without faith it is impossible to please God. Enoch had a testimony that He pleased God before he was Translated. He had Rapturing Faith. Don’t let it just stay in the Message. Don’t just quote, “It is in the Message.” Let It be *in* us in this Hour. “Lord, make me that kind of believer in this Hour.” He said, “What is the believer? The faith of God that moves in you – that’s the believer.” Amen. Let us pray.

Almighty God, standing here tonight and just speaking Your Word to the hearts of Your children, knowing oh God, that they are part of the great, ransomed Church of God that has been saved to sin no more. They have a crave Lord, many of them, craving those Vitamins because they have heard from their theophanies. There is a Deep calling them, a Perfection pulling them to that Perfect Place. I remember the words of Your Prophet, he said, “It is Evening Time.” He

said, "Don't you feel that crave, children? Don't you feel that travail?"

Oh God, we can identify with what he was saying because there is something in us Lord, that strange call that we never fully understood until the Message of this Hour swept across our souls. But then we began to see Your great secret of our lives in journey and death, and where we go after we die; how we bypassed the Word and came to flesh. But how Lord, You're bringing us back to become the Word again; the Word becoming flesh and the flesh becoming Word.

Surely Lord, that should be easy for all believers to see that tonight, to realize that it is not within man to direct his own steps, but the footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord. You have ordained the path that we should walk in.

You took those children of Israel, who were born in bondage in Egypt, in captivity, under the bondage of taskmasters and You sent a mighty prophet with a Pillar of Fire to call an Exodus. But as they journeyed, their journey looked so strange: the way that they were passing; the way that they were being led; the places that they were held in for a certain length of time.

But then, Lord, at the end, we saw there was one who could stand and stop that sun. He had come through that same process. He had come through those stages of Redemption. He was standing in his inheritance again that he was predestinated unto, and what was waved in the life of that prophet, was now being made manifest again.

Because the way You led them, it was to reveal Yourself to them, to prove to them their election, to show them Your sovereignty; to show them who they were in Your sight and how secure You had made them by what You had done for them, Lord. You brought them into a true relationship with it. They could correctly relate to it. Nothing could shake that away

from them. You are still that same God, Father; still the unchanging God, still working in an expectable way.

Oh precious Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit just move in the hearts of Your children tonight. Just brood upon us, Lord. The Prophet said, "The Holy Spirit is brooding upon the churches, trying to bring back that genuine image again." We want to become beyond a church life; we want to become beyond a moral and religious life. We want to come back into that Zoe Life, Father, where we can stand in Your image again.

Wouldn't You let that Holy Spirit just settle into our hearts? We do hunger and thirst for It tonight. Whatever it takes Lord, whatever the price is, we are convinced Father, Heaven and earth will pass away, but Your Word will not pass away. The Prophet said, "It has been thoroughly confirmed. It has been thoroughly vindicated. We know what It is, we know what It will do; we know how to stand.

And we've seen Lord, how You are bringing up people for these past twenty-five years, bringing them Lord, back into the image of the Word again. Oh God, let us not miss these things. May we not feel indifferent. May we not feel, Lord, resentful in any way. Let not the enemy come in Lord, and try to hinder the people. He said, "As many as I love..." not "As many as love Me." "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."

You want to shake us away Lord, from this religious life, this churchianity. You want to bring us into something real. You want to rub that make-belief out that the Church can be lifted in the Power of God. Your Prophet said it Lord, and we believe it. We recognize that that's Your program. You are building a Masterpiece. He has laid that foundation, and that Masterpiece was built on that fourth foundation – a Bride in Your Own image and Your Own likeness, a Bride that will be united with You; a Bride that is one with You, Father.

We love You and we appreciate You. We thank You for Your Divine Presence. May the Holy Spirit seal up these words, shut it up in our hearts, and Lord, may You just make it more real; make it personalized. Fill in the blank spaces, Father. So much more can be said but the time has gone. But You are the Author and the Finisher.

We love You, Lord. We humble ourselves under Your mighty hand. Oh God, we just want to yield; we just want to surrender tonight. Take our lives, Lord; it belongs to You anyway. You paid a price for it. We are not our own. We were bought with a Price. May You have the pre-eminences that You desire. We mean that sincerely tonight, Father. We commit ourselves into Your hands, in the precious Name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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