

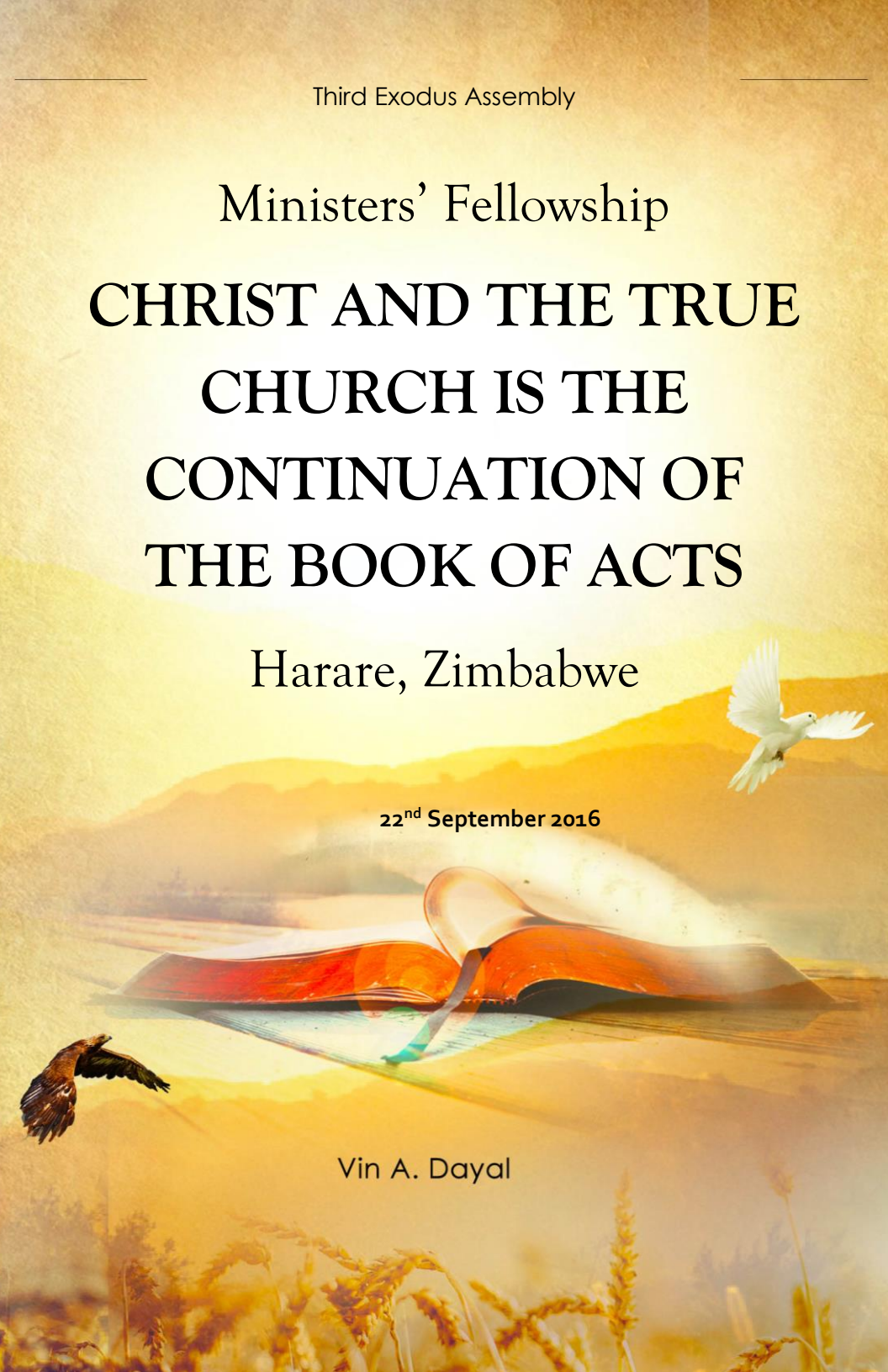
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What is the Holy Ghost given for? To continue this same works. He said, "What was the works?" He said, "Intercession, redemption, different things, prayer, all these things." What Jesus was doing, the Son of Man was doing, is going to be continued on. Now He has a many-membered body. Like God took the Spirit off of Moses and put it on seventy elders. God took the Spirit and put a double portion on Elisha, a type of Christ and the Church. God took the Spirit off of Jesus and put it on the apostles, on the Alpha Church. God took the Spirit off of Bro. Branham and put it on the last Day Church. It's the same. Because the Bible says, "And the Spirit and the Bride." So that Spirit, which is the one Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that was the Spirit on the Prophet. That's the Spirit on the Prophet right there. Look

The True Church will always try to be like the original at Pentecost. The True Church of today will try to approximate that early first one. And the messengers to the churches, having the same Spirit of God in them, will try to approximate the apostle Paul. They won't be exactly like him; but the true messengers will be the ones that come the closest to Paul, who was free of all men, sold out to God, and gave forth the Word of God only, and manifested the Holy Ghost in power. None else would do. You have to work from the original. [Pages 62]

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[A portion of the message, Taking Sides With Jesus, 1962-0601, by Bro. William Marrion Branham is played. -Ed.]

743-1 Someplace in Louisville where you--you eat, and it's called, let's see, Dogpatch Restaurant. I got one today. When anyone eats there, then they take the money that you gave them and send the church the tithing off of it. It's somewhere at 319 West Jefferson Street. I guess that's why Billy had it laying here, that so that they could see. That's mighty nice.

Now, brethren, I don't know what your procedure of--of man's meeting, just what you do or how you conduct your meetings. And if I get off of schedule here, why--off the regular routine, why, you call my attention to it.

743-3 It was purposed tonight, I thought, as I had a--a dinner not long ago with our most beloved pastor, Brother Neville, and I was saying something to him what was on my heart. And I thought if we get a bunch of men together and the ministers (They're our colleagues here of the Gospel and men.), we could talk to one another in a way that we wouldn't talk it before the public, because we're all and--we're men that understand as men, Christian men. And that way... Usually in a congregation, a group, you say something, and--and one'll lean it a little this way, and one'll lean it that way, and--and then it goes all out. But where we come to try tonight to tell you what I have in my heart of, concerning the church and its a--and its place and its position. And then if we get done in time, I would like to

Speak to you just a little bit on the Word, if it's all right. Just kind of settle that, so we'll get our business part or the part that I'd like to express to you first. And I guess maybe you let out regular time, about 9:30 or something like that, like each night. Well, I'll try not to keep you long. Tomorrow's Saturday and it's a big commercial day. But now... We have to get our groceries and so forth.

743-4 I want to say to Brother Neville publicly... Now, I--I want to say to each one of you, just like I was talking privately to you, just each one, 'cause you're a group that--that's a... I really think that and believe and teach that men, God has made men leadership of His church, that's His people. See? And it's a... As I was preaching down to Brother "Junie" Jackson's last night about God fortified His--His people with His Word. And it was a woman that broke through that line and give vent to reason, and when it did, God forever has always placed it for His--for men to keep His church fortified by Word.

Now, I want to encourage Brother Neville just a little, talking to him privately. I noticed last night discernment struck me two or three times while I was in the pulpit, and I turned around, 'cause I'm trying to keep as far away from it as I can until I find out what the dream meant to me here not long ago, a few weeks ago. It stuck with me for a long time; I told it here in the church, about--something about the Message and--and discernment and so forth; it just didn't--it just wasn't coming out right. To my opinion, that time's over, and now I may be wrong on that, but I noticed that--that Brother Neville was kind of weary and upset.

744-6 And then I just wanted you to know, Brother Neville, that you're only anticipating in this fellowship in that. Have you just noticed what Satan's tried to do in the last few days to what ministers is associated in this fellowship? Just stop for a few minutes and wonder. Here sets Brother Crase, setting here tonight, almost

killed up there on the road. See? And I almost had my head blowed off with a shotgun--or with a rifle. See? Satan trying to take us. And there you crashed right in and could've killed yourself and some woman also. See, just the ministers. Look at just the--the ministering group. See? It's Satan, and he's trying to get rid of us.

Now, we are--realize that we're not assembled here to talk on some kind of a business; we're here to assemble to talk on the--on Christ and the holds to take ahold, and what to do for this present time. And I--I want to encourage you, Brother Neville. Be courageous. No matter what comes up, what goes, what takes place, just don't let nothing beset you. Just stand there like a rock of ages, and God will make everything come out all right. He's proved that to you. Of course, you--that could've upset you, that could've killed that woman, and that'd been on your mind the rest of your days, and it'd been a lot of things. But God's still on the throne; He--He lets those things work out all right. He could taken us too. And... So Satan fighting at the church..

744-8 Now, when I laid that cornerstone there that morning, I never felt that I'd ever be a pastor. It wasn't in my callings at the beginning, and my first call was to be on the field of evangelism. That's many years ago, and started off over here in a tent just across the street. And I remember when Brother Roy Davis, down there, and his church burnt down. That bunch of people was just like scattered sheep without a shepherd, had no place to go. And I.. Mr. Hibstenberg was Chief of Police then, and he called me down there and he said to me, "I--We're here to help you." Said, "I'm Catholic myself," but said, "them people," said, "they don't... probably have their clothes." (It was during the time of the depression.) Said, "They go to other churches and they feel out of place, and they're good people. And I know many of them." He said, "Billy, if you want to start a church," he said, "I want you to know that we're behind

you in anything we can do to help you." And I thanked him for it.

745-9 We had a tag day. First we prayed and asked the Lord, and people come to me and wanted to build a church so they could have a place to go. And we decided this place, and one night along this time (or a little further here) in a little pile of horseweeds right along in here and water in this ditch and just had been like a dump like, well, the Lord spoke to me definitely and said, "Build it right here." Not a penny of money--and among us we had about--about eighty cents or a dollar. And that's... Of course, you'd laugh at that now, but brother, that was some money then.

When some neighbor'd cook a pot of beans and get the neighbor that hadn't nothing for two or three days to come over and eat a few of them, that was hard times. Lot of the young fellows never seen that, but that was hard going. I seen the time that you could pass through this church a collection plate, two times or three, and get thirty cents out of a place packed full, and beg for it. It would... You'd probably got thirty cents and had a good offering. See? It's really rough going.

745-11 And we had nothing to build with, yet the--the desire of the people was to build a church so we could have a place to go, 'cause in them days the Message... Well, you think it's badly thought of now, you ought to have knowed it then, when there's nobody. And then--this water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ and the blessings and things that we believe in and stand for.

So upon my heart I made a promise to God that we would stay here and build the Tabernacle. The morning we laid the cornerstone, He met me over there in a vision about 8:00 that morning, when I was setting there watching out across the sun coming up, just about this time of year. And He had told me, after He had met me down there on the river, but that... When the Angel of the Lord appeared in that Light, and I seen It in a distance, It looked like a star, and It come right down

over where I was, and them notable words was spoken. And so then, I purposed then to get a place for the people to worship in.

746-13 Now, I thought myself, "It ain't for me. It's nothing to me, but yet anything that's pertaining to God is part of me, no matter if it's... Anything that--that's for God's children, it's for me, whether it's my duty to do this or do that. It's my duty to see to God's heritage regardless of where it's at." See?

Just like you'd say, "Well, my..." Like you was a little boy, say, "My--my business is just to chop the wood, not pack it in. Let John pack it in. I don't care if the snow falls on it, rains; let him get out and get it." No, it's your duty as a--as a child of that home to see that that wood don't get wet for your mother. See? Pack it in.

746-15 If they say, "Well, Frank should've went and got the water; it ain't my business." But if Frank didn't get the water, it's your business to take care of the water. That's all. Now, that's just the way it runs, and that's the way it runs in God's family too.

If some of them... Some of them said the other--not long ago, said, "Quit preaching the way you are. My goodness, you're going to ruin every friend you got and everything like that." Said, "Let that alone, I know it's wrong, but my, it ain't our business." Well, whose business is it then? If it's wrong, somebody's got to do it. So let's just do it. And that's the way I feel about the church.

746-17 The building programs and so forth has come up and down, up and down, and there's been pro and con in the buildings and so forth. One wanted it and the other didn't want it and this, that. You--you find it like that.

You find that as you deal amongst ministers, amongst businessmen, amongst lodges--everywhere you go where you got a group of men, you--you've got different ideas. And so therefore, you've got to have one person that you put confidence in, and elect that person

and all work with that. Just like in the army, you got to have... One is a general, that's a headquarters. Captain says this, he's the captain of that group, but then the general can change his orders. And the Chief Commanding General, of course, is Jesus Christ in the church and His ministers are His captains of the companies that--that's representing Him here on earth.

747-19 And they have tried many things, the little tabernacle here, and finally... I kept quiet in it, just to see, after I'd built it... And then the Lord called me out into the field about fifteen, sixteen years ago, and I left the church. But still, I just can't turn it out. I've always kept my name attached to it, so that I could be a vote sometime if the wrong thing got started in here, I'd have a right to come and--and stop it, because I've sweated it out for many years behind this pulpit, seventeen years in here to keep the thing straight. When all kinds of isms and in's and out's and every kind of a cult... And being a interdenomination, everything that flew in, flew in this way, and by the help of God we stood here with the unadulterated Gospel, and she still stands the same tonight. And so we... But... There's times that this church has been tried to be sold out from under me and everything else like that. If my name wasn't attached to it down there, why, it sure would be--been in an awful fix tonight, not... And it wasn't me, it was God, of course, that did it.

747-20 And then, as I see it now, coming into the place that it is, and we're living in a great hour, it's still my interest to say something about this church. See? Because it's--it's a part of me. No matter whether I'm here or not, it's still a part of me. And it's my duty to see to it that it operates clean, clear, and the best I can for the Kingdom of God. And I'm very grateful that in these days...

747-21 I see it's got little satellites to it that I am grateful for. Brother Crase here and his Sellersburg group, and the brother back there that just taken

Brother Snelling's place at Utica, and Brother Ruddell up here, and Brother Junior Jackson and those precious boys who are fine men, wonderful men of God. They preach this Message. Now, they may... One might disagree just littlely upon something another, that's only human amongst the group of the ministers yet. And if ministers have a little difference... There won't be a shadow of a difference in it. Maybe one might say, "I believe that the millennium will come and Jesus will be on a white horse," and another one say, "I believe when He comes, He'll come on a white cloud." Well, as long as they believe He's coming, that's the main thing. See? No matter how He's coming, just... They believe He's coming and making ready for it. And that way...

748-22 I have tried to find now, and I've been studying (Now, I've told it out before the congregation.), I've been studying the early Church, and I've watched the way that those anointed men prepared the house of the Lord and the order of the Lord's worship in the house, and it struck me real-real good. And I preached here some time ago and--upon the subject of Joel 2, "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years that the palmerworm eaten, and the caterpillar, and cankerworm and so forth." And I begin to study on that, about what these men did, and the way that they taken care of the church that God had left them overseer.

748-23 Now, we're going to start off with the early church and just bring it (for about five minutes now) down to what they did, and then I can show you the vision that I have for the future. Now, at the beginning, the church was inaugurated at Pentecost. And there the Holy Spirit fell upon them where Jesus had chosen twelve. And one of them had fallen, and they'd chose Matthias to take his place, and the Holy Spirit waited until all this was in order before It come. They had to choose one to take the bishoprick of--of Judas, that fell by transgression to fulfill the Scripture.

748-24 And I believe that all these things has a time of lingering, waiting; but it's waiting for a time for the Scripture to be fulfilled, till everything gets right, everything in order, waiting. Many times we get patient--impatient. Like a child, we great--get great anticipations and many times jump way ahead, and that--that just hinders the work, until the work gets caught up. See? We must just move reverently, have a purpose in heart that God, if He would desire to use us in such-and-such... but wait till He makes the opening, 'cause He has to go ahead of us.

You remember David going to battle that night? He was weary about that fight, and he laid under those mulberry trees until he heard the Lord in the rumbling of the leaves going before him; then he went with courage, because he knowed that God had gone before him. And if we only do that, brethren, knowing the battle must come, but we must wait till we see the hand of God going before us to make a way.

749-26 Now, I notice that how the churches, the evangelism started scattering out everywhere. And then we'll take, for instance, the--Paul becoming a great missionary to our people. We find out that he went about wherever the Lord led him, and he established a church. And it was a new faith. The churches of those days, like in Asia Minor, all throughout Europe, they--they didn't believe that Message. And when he had preached the Message, and many was converted to it, then there was no one... If he left the people in that condition, they'd wander right back out into their pagan gods, and into Judaism, and whatevermore, because the people had no one to teach them, the--the converts. They had no place to go, so Paul established churches in different parts of the country.

Each one of these churches, he left someone who was in order, a man that was trustworthy, a man that was known as a pastor, shepherd, or a... Then after he--this church then, become... other little churches come out of

it. Young men and old men raised up and become churches out of that. The man that was over the first church was called the bishop. And then his, that went out from him, his children, was called shepherds or pastors. And then this group of little churches all would come back to this bishop.

749-28 Like in the time of Irenaeus, he carried on the same thing. Martin carried on the same thing. Polycarp carried on the same thing. Right on down through the age they had that. And then the apostle of the church, the apostle, that was the--Paul... And when Paul left, John took over the church. And when John left, Polycarp taken it over. When Polycarp left, Irenaeus taken it over, and on down, Martin and--and so forth. Just kept on going until the Roman Catholic church broke the whole thing to pieces and burned them and scattered them, and the palmerworm eat this, and the cankerworm eat that, and so forth eat that, and eat that, until it brought it plumb down to a stalk.

Now, but God promised to restore again that same thing. I have--I do believe with all my heart that we're living in the last days. I believe that there--there's not too much would break this... anything... And my interpretation may be wrong of the Scriptures, that Jesus could not come tonight. I believe that--that what little's left to be fulfilled could be fulfilled before daylight in the morning, that I'd see--and I may be wrong on the time of that fulfilling, but it's at hand. The... I believe that. And remember, Paul believed that; John believed that; Polycarp believed that; Irenaeus believed that; Martin believed that; all the rest of them believed it.

750-30 What if God would've told John the Revelator, "Now, it's going to be two thousand years before My coming?" John would've come back and told the church, "Well, I guess we might as well eat, drink, be merry, 'cause there going to be many generations. (See?) Jesus ain't coming for two thousand years." See? So... See, the church had been loose, there'd have been no

"on the mark", there'd be no waiting. After all, it's your anticipations. If you fall asleep in that watch that you wake with them same anticipations, 'cause it ain't going to hinder one thing; you're going to be right there on time anyhow. See? See what I mean?

Now, when--when St. Martin awakes in the resurrection, St. Paul, all the rest of them, it'll be just as fresh as if they was right in the battle, battling right away, 'cause they went right down under those same anticipations, looking for His coming. And there'll be a scream come, and up will come the whole church. You see? That'll be it. So it doesn't matter.

750-32 See, we've got to be looking for Him right now. Even... We don't know. It--it could be possibly... It could be a hundred years from now, it could be five hundred years, a thousand years, ten thousand years. I don't know; nobody knows. But say, for instance, that we live each day that He was coming that day. See? If we live like He was coming this day, when we awake (if we sleep and we awake in the resurrection), it'll be just as fresh as if we'd just fallen asleep, just woke up. The trumpet'll sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first; we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. See? So it'll be just as fresh.

750-33 But now, until that time, until He comes, we want to live each day like He might come the next minute, because it might be the end of your life at that minute. You don't know when you're going. This may be some of our last breath; we have it in us now, so you want to live like it is.

But now, to carry on further, we've got to put footprints here on the sands of time that others can see. If Paul hadn't have went on the way he did, then John wouldn't have knowed how to follow. If John hadn't have went on, Polycarp wouldn't have knowed how to follow. If Polycarp wouldn't have went on, Irenaeus wouldn't have knowed how to follow. If Irenaeus

wouldn't have went on, Martin wouldn't have known how to follow. See what I mean? Each one has to put footprints on the sands of time.

751-35 Well, if I thought that there was a denomination or any other group of believers that had anything better than we have here, brethren, I would have wanted to emerge this little body with it right quick. I've waited; I have longed; I have been under anticipations and believed that some great one was coming someday or maybe a--the great prophet that I speak will come, of the Elijah. I've always believed and thought maybe that maybe I'd live to see the day that, when I could change, when I'd see that person rise on the scene. Then I could take my little church and say, "Brethren, this is the man we have looked for. This man, he is the one." I've waited for that. And if actually that has passed, then I'm looking to say from up here, "Brethren, this is the One." Coming from here. See? And I--I want to see the church kept up like that.

[End of tape. -Ed.]

I want to say a special good night and God bless you to all God's servants. It is always a very special time when men, who are called to carry this Message, could gather together. And looking at the size of the audience here this evening, you can put all those years that each one would have been in the ministry and in the things that they have seen in their own ministry, in their own lives. And I am sure that would be something very great that there would be a living testimony of all the things that God has done through the years.

For myself, I have been in the Message for forty-three years; a full-time Pastor for over forty years now and love this Message with all my heart. It has been my life since the time I got baptized, saw this great Truth, had a visitation from the Lord; and I just live for it. And then through my travels God has helped me. I have travelled to almost eighty countries; gone around

the world maybe about three times or more; preached on every continent and it gave me some really good friends; met men of the finest caliber carrying this Message. Some may not be the rich man of a great, big church, but you see the love in their hearts, the respect for God's Prophet, the love for the Message, the submission to the Lord Jesus Christ and the way they sacrifice to see the Church raise up to be the continuation of the Book of Acts.

Listening to the words of God's Prophet tonight—I didn't know they were going to have a little portion like that allotted, but God knows how to work everything. I had some other things under consideration, thinking well I will speak in that direction. I came in sitting there before the tape started and something just moved upon me and like said, "Change this." That is the kind of person I am. I think I walked with the Lord long enough that if He says, "Change it," you change it. If He says, "Go back in the blizzard," you go back in the blizzard. And it's like, "Why would He tell me to go back in the blizzard?" But he said, "I have learnt to obey that Voice down through these years."

Then I heard God's Prophet talking about the vision I have for the future on *Taking Sides With Jesus*. He said, "I have been studying the early church," and he lays that thing out there because he saw he wanted his tabernacle to be established in this way. And that first portion of the message, as you all know, he had come down to the stage of his ministry where he was no longer the great, popular figure on the field. From 1958 to 1962 when he begins to bring the Doctrine, the written Mysteries of the Bible, then he begins to be forsaken. By *The Present Stage Of My Ministry* September 1962, he said, "All man has forsaken me." That's right.

And we can feel what he felt. And when we go back in these things it affects us as Ministers because we know that every true Minister he comes to junctions in

his life, maybe not in the magnitude, but the pattern, the order, the things that a true ministry must experience if it is to be tried and tested and proven that it comes from God.

And many of you tonight we have this great privilege to come together and have a time of fellowship. I don't really say Ministers' Meeting; I say *Ministers' Fellowship*. And normally a congregation this size, I guess this format might be appropriate. But in the other places it's a much smaller group of Ministers and so I told them let us just put the chairs in a circle and sit down and talk, because you don't want to give the impression that you are there to like be a teacher of Ministers, kind of thing. We're just here to share by God's grace, just like they say in the army, "Stand at ease." Everybody, feel at ease; everybody, feel good by God's grace. Let's us just have a word of prayer.

Beloved Jesus, we are thankful tonight, Father, for this blessed privilege to sit and congregate together with men that You have called; men who have responded to a call of God upon their lives, Lord, to walk in this Light. And we know that many would have had to separate from many things because of the demands of the Message of the Hour, Lord, what it takes to carry this Message to know that all hell is against this Truth and to fight on the frontlines, Lord, it's not an easy place to stand. But like You told Abraham, "I am Your Shield and Your exceedingly great Reward," to know that when You called us Father, You train us, Lord. You showed this to Your Prophet that You were training men, You were calling men, men who will carry the Message, Lord, that he brought and young men would rise and sweep it unto the Coming of the Lord; and that You would train them and they would have that Secondhand Robe but they would all have a firsthand God; that You would be their God.

And we believe that we are standing here tonight and many stand like that, Father. And we just ask that You would sanctify our hearts now as we stand in Your Presence, Lord, seeing that You changed everything just a few moments ago, Lord. And then hearing Your Prophet speaking and felt the witness and the confirmation that it is of You because the things that You changed, Lord, were right in line. And so I believe it is of You and it gives me the confidence and the faith to stand here and yield and submit myself to You that You can order my steps in Your Word, and You can lead and direct me, Lord, to say something that would be of benefit, it would be an inspiration, an encouragement, Lord, God that we can draw from what You have done in our lives and our ministries and it could help inspire and motivate, Lord, servants of God here tonight, and that we can leave this place edified and established, Lord; we can leave encouraged. And Lord You can give witness and confirmation to many of Your servants.

We are thankful for our beloved brothers coming from Kenya, Lord, God to see the desire on their hearts, to know that we are bosom buddies, Lord, just like I am with many here in this country; and, Lord, it makes me feel more relaxed, Lord, to know that we are not strangers to each other, but, oh God, we stand here, Lord, as a group of men, Lord, called of You to serve this great cause; and You are the great Captain. You are the Intelligence that has come down in this Day to take the Headship over this group of men. And Lord, God how we pray just as the Angel of the Lord directed, Lord, Your servants in the Book of Acts in service and here in these latter days, in this restoration of the Bride Tree when Alpha and Omega are the same, we see the unchanging God with unchanging ways as You spoke to us last night, Lord, moving under the influence, the Dove leading the

Eagles in this Hour. Speak, Lord! Your servants heareth tonight.

Take full and complete control in this meeting. Get glory to Your great, mighty Name and may it be a blessing to all. We commit ourselves and the rest of this meeting into Your all-sufficient hands and we're thanking You in advance for what You will do, for we pray and we ask these things believing in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has called us to service, amen and amen.

Praise the Lord. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Acts, Acts 1:8. Acts 1:8, and this was just before the ascension into Heaven. For forty days the resurrected Lord Jesus was appearing, showing Himself alive, gathering together His Elected Bride that He had called out of the system in that second exodus and they were about to enter into the promise of the Holy Spirit; and verse 8. He said:

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Three things there; after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, He says, *you shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in Judaea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth.*

Maybe you might have seen it before, but the Book of Acts is divided into these three parts here. The first part shows you the things that take place in Jerusalem and in Judaea and Peter was at the forefront. Then it shows you what takes place in Acts 8 with Philip in Samaria. And then from Acts 13 to 28, it's all Paul. And he took the Gospel into the

uttermost parts of the Earth. Jesus was speaking. And then we see the rest of Acts how it unfolds into these three categories.

I want to recognize the elder here, Bro. Godwin, coming in a little late. Glad to see you, the lion of Harare. Amen. When two lions meet, you know it's always something. But the Big Lion is here. [Bro. Vin laughs. -Ed.] You may have your seat. God bless you.

I love Bro. Godwin with a very special love. This is one of the brothers we know from the very early days and it is so good to be with friends, to be in the company of servants of God. You know sometimes, and since I guess in the early days, the last time we came, we had a *Ministers' Meeting* as well. But some of the men that we—I didn't really get to meet much, and then to look and see a portion of that here this evening and we are closer in each other's presence. It's good to really know you and I pray that God imparts and gives to each one, you know, not for me in the sense; but you know what I would desire for myself, I desire for every Minister of God, because the life of a Minister is not an easy thing. A Minister is a man who is going to be measured. Because do you know why? There is a pattern of the true Minister in the Bible! And it has been brought out by our Prophet. And there is a pattern for every true church.

And so I thought I was going to speak something else, as I said, right there it just changed and something put on my heart to speak on, **“CHRIST AND THE TRUE CHURCH IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF ACTS.”** And then I heard the Prophet speaking there about studying the early church and how he wants to set his church, and all these things coming from him.

So I am going to read a little bit and in some of this we hope that it would identify the true local churches and the true Ministers today, because this is the time we must have identification. We really can't operate

with great faith if we do not know we are meeting the required specifications that identifies us to be a true Minister. And the churches that we pastor or the churches that we are part of, and we have a ministry, that it is a true assembly built according to the pattern.

And you know Paul laid the foundation and he said, "I take heed how we build upon it." The Bible said every man's work is going to be tried by fire. But the Day is going to come it is going to declare what sort of work that is. If a man builds on wood, stubble, and hay, the fire will consume that. If he is built on gold, silver and precious stones, well the fire only purifies that. If you put gold, the fire doesn't destroy the gold; it purifies the gold. The fire doesn't destroy the silver or the precious stone; it just purifies it. But if it is wood, stubble, and hay—and you know gold, silver and precious stone, that is what the King's Sword is comprised of. It has a gold guard, a silver blade, and a pearl handle.

And so today there is such an ignorance you see in the framework of the Message churches today and as we would look at some of this I want you to notice that we have the Bible, and the Bible, in the New Testament especially, which begins with the appearing of the Angel of God, and when the Angel of God appeared, then we see how the birth of Elijah and the Son of Man was being foretold. The Angel appeared to Zacharias: "You will have a son by Elisabeth. He will go forth in the Spirit and power of Elijah." He came to Mary: "You will give birth to a Son. He will be the Son of the Most High. See? A virgin shall conceive and bring forth a Son. The Son will be Emmanuel – God with us.

And then the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which is the Lion, the Ox, the Man, and the Eagle, and the four cherubim because it's four views of Christ that are being given to us. And then the Book

of Acts follows John, the Eagle. And you know these same four cherubim are in the Seven Church Ages. You've had the Lion Age. You've had the Ox Age. You've had the Man Age. You had the Eagle Age and the Eagle came in the last days to bring restoration. Elijah truly shall come and restore. Elijah will come and turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers to bring back one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, one Body and these things. And then comes the Book of Acts, the restoration of the Bride tree, because the Book of Acts is the first Bride Tree, the Tree that was eaten down that is to be restored in the last Day.

So when we look and we see in the four Gospels, we have the two ministries there of John and Jesus – Elijah and the Son of Man. We know in the First Coming, Elijah was one man and the Son of Man, Jesus, was another. But in this Day, the two offices, the two ministries were in one man. We know this. And when we look at this then this is very instructive to us, because this comes at the end of the New Testament in this Day. Elijah and the Son of Man came at the end of the Old Testament and what followed the ministry of the Son of Man was the loosing of the Holy Spirit. The Son of Man's ministry—Elijah made a way for the ministry of the Son of Man. The ministry of the Son of Man made a way for the Holy Ghost.

And so John takes us straight in the Book of Acts. It even begins—The Book of Acts even begins with Jesus still on the Earth after the resurrection. He is appearing forty days and then like we read, then He is on the Mount of Olives and then He ascends and He says, "Not many days from now." He went up the fortieth day and they waited ten days. The fiftieth day the Holy Ghost came. When the Holy Ghost came, from Acts 1 to 28, we have the Book of Acts.

And the Book of Acts is a many-membered Body that was called out. The first hundred and twenty in the upper room were those who were called out in the second exodus like Moses called them out in the first exodus and he brought them from a natural condition, natural land to a natural land. Then Jesus, a Prophet like unto Moses, He came in the second exodus, took them out of Judaism, a spiritual condition, and brought them into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, a spiritual condition.

So when we look there and we see this, how Moses brought the people up to the Jordan; then Moses had to die. Moses died; a type of Christ. Then Joshua, a type of the Holy Spirit, (see?) another office of the same God, he came and he divided the land and placed the people in the land. Jesus came to Calvary and died. Then the Holy Spirit came down and set in the church, (the hundred and twenty, each one positionally,) dealing every man a measure of faith; set them in the Land. See? So it wasn't just a bunch of people just going out. They were set. By one Spirit they were all baptized into one Body. They were united under one Headship and the Angel of God, the Holy Spirit, was the One Who was leading them.

So when we look at this we notice here, that was at the end of the Old Testament. John came at the end of the Old Testament. John had the Spirit of Elijah. "As John was sent to forerun the First Coming, so shall you forerun the Second Coming," – the Prophet was told this. He comes at the end of the New Testament. New Testament is Seven Church Ages and the messenger comes at the end of every Age. And at the end of the Pentecostal Age, the Seventh Age, we were expecting a Messenger who will do two things according to Malachi 4:5 and Revelation 10:7. You know these things. So it's nice when you are talking to Ministers. You don't have to explain and go through

every quotation dot by dot. So I can just refer it and you catch it.

So here was Elijah, and the Son of Man, and the Holy Spirit. Watch the continuity. Watch the continuity here. Watch the continuity at the end of the New Testament, Elijah and the Son of Man; and the Evening Message loosed the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost was bound. Bound how? The Spirit of God cannot work through creeds and dogmas. The Spirit of God works through the Word that the Holy Spirit wrote, because men of old were moved by the Holy Ghost to write the Word and that's the thoughts of the Holy Spirit. That is the Spirit-breathed Word. All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God. "And the Word is the symbol of the Spirit," the Prophet says. The Spirit moves through the Word, because in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. And God is a Spirit. And they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

So it is just different forms of God. So when we look there and we see now that the true Word was restored, the Spirit could move again. And that's why we saw everything we read of in the Bible in the ministry of Jesus, we saw it repeat in this Day. Healing, discernment, the Spoken Word, the opening of the Word, and these things, it came in the same order, same continuity in the life of the Prophet.

He said, "Watch the young Rabbi. He is going out with healing." He said those are signs to attract the attention. Then comes the discernment. First pull contacts the flesh. Demonology in the physical realm, then demonology in the spirit realm. He comes over now in the second pull. Then the Third Pull, the first part Spoken Word, 1957, 1959. In 1957: "Little fishy, Jesus Christ gives you your life. In 1959 October: "Let there be a squirrel." In 1959 November, when Hattie Wright said, "That is nothing but the truth," down

came the Holy Spirit; salvation of the two boys. Three times before the Seals were opened. See? Watch it. Healing, discernment, Spoken Word.

Then comes the opening of the Word, Matthew 24, Seven Seals opened up. On the Sixth Seal he shows this to us. After the Seals opened, storm in Colorado – October 1963, (that's right) – fourth time. Fifth time, November 27 – *The World Is Again Falling Apart*. He was going to Shreveport for the meetings. He said he came out there in Shreveport and in standing there, the Holy Spirit—he was praying for his wife one more time. She had gone to Tucson for the operation. And the Spirit of God said, “Stand to your feet and you speak the Word,” – the fifth time. And so we see that continuity. Then the last part, he said, this part, the preaching to the lost, will take place after the doors are closed like in the days of Noah when God shut him in, nobody could come in or go out. For seven days nothing happened. It was a testimony to the eternal lost.

So when we look there that's the ministry in the Bible, the ministry of Jesus, and then it is reincarnated in the last days here. So then from that one man, John was one man; Jesus was one man. At the end of the New Testament both offices were in one man, a one man move. And then it changes to a Body ministry. Pentecost was a group of people. There were apostles, there were evangelists; there were different ones there with different gifts. They were set in the Body. That's right. And so in this Day after Elijah and the Son of Man, then is to come a Body ministry, a Bride ministry.

In the First Age it was a Bride ministry, a Body ministry, the Alpha Bride. That's right. And She, it was God in them. God above us in the Old Testament like we have there. First and second pull, that's God above him. [Bro. Vin indicates photo of Bro. Branham with the Pillar of Fire over his head –Ed.] When you look at that,

that's two Angels. When you look, it's two Angels. That is Revelation 10:1 and Revelation 10:7. It's two Angels here. In the first and second pull, God above us. In the Third Pull, He went behind skin. He preached *Super Sign*. God and man united now. See? God's great mystery of love expressed – God and man were one back there and God and man are one here. And then he could say, *A Greater Than Solomon Is Here, Who Do You Say This Is* [1964-1227 -Ed.], (see?) *The Identified Masterpiece Of God* [1964-1205 -Ed.], *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728 -Ed.], *The Unveiling Of God* [1964-0614m -Ed.], *The Mighty God Unveiled Before Us*. [1964-0629 -Ed.]

It wasn't sermons. He was declaring these things to the people because that was the ministry – God in a Man like a Prophet came walking to Abraham; the Creator, Himself. He said, "God, the Creator in man," – *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* – "God, the Creator in man which is His Church now, to show that the Head and the Body are no longer twain. It's one. *Uniting Time And Sign, Invisible Union* [1965-1125 -Ed.], *Oneness* [1962-0211 -Ed.], (see?) *He That Is In You*. [1963-1110e -Ed.] In that Day you know as I was in the Father and the Father in Me so I in you and you in Me.

So you see sometimes when you miss this, and you are not sensitive to what he is saying, it passes you. See? But he said, "Jesus didn't come and say, 'I am the Messiah.'" No. He referred to them the Scripture. See? And then He stepped into that Scripture and operated the Scripture and He could say, "This Day is this Scripture fulfilled!" See? Then they have to catch that. He said, "*There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light*." [1963-1229m -Ed.] He said this is the One Who designed the Church and knows what it takes to put it in Rapturing condition. The One Who designed the Church? The Divine Architect of the Church? That's right. He was that One.

So when we look and we see this—I showed you the pattern of how the Alpha Bride followed the ministry of Elijah and the Son of Man; how it changed from a one man ministry to a Body ministry. And then in the Book of Acts it shows to us—now catch this now. Acts of the apostles and the epistles, you must catch this. The epistles, you see this is part of the Bible becoming a new Book. You see? All denominations have the same Bible and they go into the epistles and preach things. But the epistles were not to organization. The epistles were churches that Paul, the Prophet messenger for the Age, who went out and established churches, is writing to his churches. Peter, the one with the keys, went out and established churches and wrote to the churches. Do you get that?

Because Jesus in the second exodus called them out of Judaism, out of Sadducees, out of Pharisees, out of the Herodians, just like the Prophet like unto Moses again, the ministry of the Son of Man came again in the last days and called us out of denomination; called us out of the system of organization. Do you understand? So our twelve hundred tapes are like the epistles. All the teaching of the Messenger is there. Elijah and the Son of Man, (do you understand?) and the Prophet-messenger, all three are in this man. So when we look and see, these twelve hundred tapes are like the epistles.

Now in there he will rebuke organization, but he is not glorifying organization and saying that that is the Church of God. He was among them preaching, but then they rejected him and put him out. You see? So when you look and see the epistles, the epistles are the teaching to the churches. Romans, the first epistle after Acts. Romans, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians. Right. See? Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians. See? All of these are the epistles.

Now when you go in the Book of Acts, you see how the messenger went out and how he started the church in Corinth. It gives you the story. It gives you, he had a vision. God said, "Stay in this city. I have many people here." Then you go in Galatians, you see how he went and established these churches. You go in Acts 17 what he preached in Thessalonica, opening and alleging out of the Scriptures that Christ must needs suffer and die and rise the third day, and this Jesus is Christ; how he went into Berea and the people in Berea searched the Scriptures and they found that those things were so and they were more noble than those in Thessalonica. That's right.

Then you see Acts 16, how he went to Philippi and how he established that church. See? He tried to go in Lycia and God stopped him. He tried to go into Mysia and God stopped him. When they reached to the sea shore and they come to Troas, a vision broke and a man is saying, "Come over here and help us." They crossed the water and they went into Philippi, and he found Lydia. And the Bible said, "God opened her heart to attend unto the things that Paul spake." And we see the church forming. And then later on, we have the epistle to the Philippians, what he's teaching that church.

So we see his relationship to the church. We see he could write to that church because that church recognized him as the Apostle. You see? Even in that church he spoke and said, "These sisters and this brother whose names are in the Book of Life." Do you mean he could see in the Book of Life? He could see their names? Of course. Didn't the Prophet say, "When I crossed over There, I saw many of you too"? You see? Didn't he cross over There? Of course! You see?

So when you go in the Book of Acts and the epistles, the epistles show some of the problems that existed in these churches after they had come into the Message

of the Hour, the present Truth. You see? Now denomination, who rejected the Message, they rejected the same John and the same Jesus and they hold on to the epistles and they preach out of it, and then tell us we are false. They are just confused, because the epistles weren't written to the Sadducee church or the Pharisee church. It was written to the ones who were called out, the ones who recognized Elijah had come and the Son of Man had been revealed, and the ones who received the Holy Spirit. It is to them the epistles are written. See?

So that's why it's hard sometimes when we don't have this concept. We fail to see it's the same problems we have today. In our local Message churches, you'll find all the problems right there. And the same way we have certain kinds of men who left the Message and went off and turned it into their own little thing and got away from the original objective, the original motive, the original Truth that was brought by the Messenger and established, we see how there were men like that also. He said, "Hymenaeus and Philetus, their word eats like a gangrene." He said, "They overthrew the faith of some saying the resurrection has already passed." He said, "And then Diotrephes who like to have the preeminence among the brothers." And we see it was showing that in the framework of the Message of the Hour, there were all these things.

In 1st Corinthians 7, we see the marriage and divorce problems too that he had to attend to though the Son of Man, Jesus, had preached it in Matthew 19 and said, "It was not so from the beginning." Go back to the beginning if you want the Truth. But yet we see that in the days after the Son of Man went off the scene, we see inside Message churches now they were having these kinds of problems. We see the ignorance in the church. Paul said, "I won't have you to be

ignorant” (in the Corinthian church) “brethren, concerning spiritual gifts.”

And we see the same thing today in the church. If you talk of spiritual gifts, the only gifts they know are singing, music, and preaching. Do you understand? And yet the Prophet over and over and over says, “There are nine spiritual gifts in every local...” He said it is in every local assembly! But people don’t yield.

Now I’ll show you something right here. When God started with the Prophet in the Age of restoration—you know the term is used widely – ‘Pentecost is the restoration of the gifts’. Pentecost really was not—We are talking about 1906, Azusa Street. That really wasn’t the restoration of the gifts in the fullness. ‘Gifts started to be restored’ would be more appropriate. Hear what I’m saying. God started with the least gift the Prophet said and they made a denomination out of it. God started with speaking in tongues. That is the least, because the gifts in order—wisdom is first, the principal thing.

Let me show you. If they had wisdom, they couldn’t believe Eve ate an apple. If they had discerning of spirit, they would have known, that Spirit in the Prophet was the Holy Spirit speaking to the Church. If they had knowledge, they would have known their baptism was wrong. Nobody in the Bible was baptized how they were baptized, and they would know there are no women preachers. If they had the true understanding of Divine healing, nobody would be running about the place charging money for healing like O.L. Jagers and them putting blood that came out of women’s bodies on people’s head, anointing them and saying, “This is the blood of the nations,” that the Prophet blasted, and these men were with him. See? And they wouldn’t have been doing all these things if they had the nine.

God started with the least. They would have been judging the prophecies. Do you understand? But it

showed God started the restoration. And there are nine gifts and it's divided into three categories. You have vocal gifts – gifts that say something: speaking in tongues, interpretation and prophecy. Then you have gifts of power and demonstration: working of miracles, gifts of healing, and faith. Faith could move mountains. That's right. Gifts of great demonstration and power. Then you have three gifts that reveal things: wisdom, knowledge, and discerning of spirits – gifts of revelation.

Now when God started to restore, He started from the least coming up. From 1906 to 1946, they had a couple of men with healings. You had one outstanding man, which was Bro. Bosworth, that Bro. Branham told Tommy Osborne, "Tommy, you go and sit under this Oak tree." He said, "There is not a man in the field that knows the principles of Divine healing like F. F. Bosworth." And Bro. Branham said, "I have read his book, *Christ Is The Healer*." And he was the one who stood up there in the contest against Dr. Best. You know that.

And Bro Branham knows his ministry and so on, he said, "Okay Dr. Bosworth, as long as you don't go and get into big arguments and these things."

He said, "No, Bro. Branham."

And when he started he started with the least.

He said, "Dr. Best, my weakest question, does the seven compound redemptive names apply to Jesus Christ?"

Oh my! Bro. Branham was sitting up in the balcony with a hat on and shades and an overcoat in the meeting so his presence would not be recognized in the meeting.

He said, "I'm surprised at you Dr. Best." Bro. Bosworth said, "You can't even answer my weakest question."

And Bro. Branham said, "I never even thought of it! He had him tied. If he claimed He is Jehovah-Jireh

and not Jehovah-Rapha, the whole thing is wrong, because you can't separate those Names. It's all applied to One Person. And he was claiming that they have salvation. He is a Divine Saviour. Jehovah-Jireh – God provided a lamb for a sacrifice.”

Did you notice that's the first compound redemptive Name? Do you know why it is the first? It's the lamb, a spoken word lamb, created, and that lamb was typing Christ and every redemptive blessing is in the Atonement in Christ. And out of that slain lamb comes forth every other blessing. That's right. So Jehovah-Jireh is put first as the first compound redemptive Name.

You see, every time a truth appears in the Bible for the first time, that's the root of that truth. Every other truth on that same subject is only given to further unfold that original truth. See? This is a key in studying the Word, so that is where you go line upon line, precept upon precept. You see? That is where you start to rightly divide now, because when that appears—because it's an inspired Word; it's an eternal Word. It's an infallible Word! And so that Word is really God in printed form. And so God is a God of continuity. And when God puts that first truth there then you watch and see sometimes where He begins to show the truth from, how He is presenting that truth, and then the Spirit of Truth will lead you and guide you into the fullness of that Truth. See?

So when we see this now how these gifts started to be restored to the Church, and so when Bro. Branham came in 1946, now we began to see real gifts of healing. Now we began to see real teaching on healing. He said, “I was sent to pray for the sick not to heal the sick.” He said, “I've never healed anybody, cannot heal anybody, and will never be able to heal anybody.” He said, “If Jesus Himself Who was healing says, ‘It is not I that do the works. It is the Father Who does the works. The Son of Man can do nothing.’” And he

says, "Now look, if Jesus didn't claim any glory for doing the works, who is man to come and say they can do something, if the virgin born Son never claimed to do anything?" That's right.

Now I am quoting. You all know me long enough now. Maybe you never read some of things, but when I speak, I am designed by God to take the Message and the Bible and show you, everything the Prophet said is in that Bible, (that's right,) to show his inspiration was direct to the Bible. So he said, "Moses never performed one miracle." He said it was the Angel of God doing it. Moses was just the visible earthly representative. But behind Moses was that God, Christ Who had come down. It said, "Moses endured because he saw Him Who was invisible." He was linked up with omniscience and omnipotence. That's right. That is the One Who told Moses, "Call for this, call for this." That is the One that said, "Speak and it will happen." See? It's the same One in this Day. So watch.

So then when miracles started and the discernment and the word of knowledge and these things, then it comes right up to wisdom to rightly divide the Word of Truth to the opening of the Seven Seals. Wisdom like Daniel had back there in the Bible how he interpreted a message in unknown tongues bringing judgment. That's right. How he could interpret dreams with the Supernatural knowledge breaking into the realm of vision and seeing over the dream and these things. All of this comes to its fullness in the Prophet, who was among the Pentecostals and part of them while he was in the Church Age, but standing between the Oneness and the Threeness. He said, "I never joined any. I brought my fruit to the Cross. But when they put him out of the Church Age (see?) they put him out of the Church. All man dis-fellowshipped with him. All man has forsaken me.

Now he is on the outside of the carriers, because he said, "The husk is to protect the Grain and the Grain is inside of there." In 1906, the husk started to fall. In 1909, that germ of life is inside of there. Do you understand? And then it's being formed inside of there. He said, "The Pentecostals are the ones who protected it, who sponsored it, who held on to it," not the other churches. Not the stalk down there with Luther. The Lutherans didn't receive it. Not the Methodist with Wesley. He said the Pentecostals. They were the husk around it. Then, the seed will not be heir with the shuck, so the shuck pulled back and pushed the Grain out. Do you understand what he is saying?

And then he says Harvest Time, the Grain is here again, the same ministry, because the Grain is the image of the Life. See? This was not the gifts now of the Giver. This was the Person. This was the Life of the gifts. This is the Giver of the gifts. This was the Person of Christ. In that Day you will know, *I* – personal pronoun; *He* that is in you – personal pronoun! See? God coming down.

So there now, I showed you that to show you the gifts in the church. In that first church there was ignorance concerning it. Paul said, "I wouldn't have you to be ignorant." Bro. Branham said it's in every church. He said, "Do you why it doesn't happen? People don't preach it." Back in the Pentecostal Age when it started, everything was speaking in tongues. But now where we are at the top, it's more wisdom. It's more faith. It's more knowing your position. It's working of miracles. See? It's the knowledge of healing that has come back in the Church. Why? A Prophet brought us back to show healing is a finished work. Salvation is a finished work. He said, "This gift in the hand, it never healed anybody. This could only detect germ diseases" – cataract, cancer, tumor, tuberculosis in the body. It contacts the flesh. He

said, "But this doesn't contact sin in the soul." He said, "The second gift does that."

That second gift, in the vision now, like Jesus was telling the woman, "You have five husbands," he was looking into people's life now. He said, "You better repent before you come on the platform because everything that is not under the Blood will be uncovered here." He said, "The only thing He doesn't show me is what is repented for and put in the Blood." He said, "And not even He could remember it because it is in the sea of His forgetfulness." He can't even remember it, Himself. You see?

So when we look there now and see, that ignorance was where? Not in the Sadducees and Pharisees; in a Message church – Corinthians; a church that was established believing in Elijah and the Son of Man. But they were so carnal, they were saying, "We are of Cephas. We are of Paul. We are of this here." He said, "I want to give you Meat, but I can't give you Meat. I have to give you milk. You are carnal like babes." You see? He said, "Who is Paul and who is Cephas?" They had to grow out of that concept and realize, not because one is in your church and the other one is in the next church, you disagree. No.

You see what is hindering the Church today in a great way is the concept. Everybody is only seeing their local church. Every local church only has three kinds—all local churches have three kinds of believers. But in the Body of Christ it's only one kind of believer, because by one Spirit you are baptized into the Body of Christ. You have to be justified, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost to get in here. And he said, "Not even Satan could get in there because if he gets in there, he is your brother." But he doesn't have redeemable life. He can't be reborn. See?

So today now everybody is focused on their local church and this is the Hour where we have to come a little higher and see the Body of Christ. And when you

are building the house and you see the plumber over there and he is doing real plumbing, and when he puts down that plumbing in the house, you don't have to go down the hill and come up with the cart and trying to come up the hill with all this water, and by the time you come up half is thrown away. No, no, no. You get the plumber who could bring the water right in the house and the water is flowing. If you want hot and cold, you are getting hot and cold too. You see? You don't want to be doing that and there is a plumber in the next village there. You don't want to have an electrician over here, but because the electrician is not in your church, you are going to stay with lamp-light. And he can bring that unseen power and connect it to that house, (that's right) and have that place lit up. All darkness goes! See?

And that's what is keeping us back. And when we can have—that's why the Bible says, "For this cause many are sick and weak and asleep." For what? They can't discern the Body of Christ. They can't discern the Body. See? Because everybody is partisan to his group. That is fine. But the thing is, as men who are called to carry the Word, those gifts, those office gifts are put in the Body of Christ. It is in the Church of the Living God; not necessarily in somebody's local congregation. People could try to make a man a pastor, make a man this, and make a man this.

The five office gifts—The Book of Acts is a Book—and I'm talking about the Acts and the epistles. The Book of Acts shows you the five office gifts and the nine spiritual gifts in operation in the Elected, called out Body of believers that are established in the Truth of the coming of Elijah and the Son of Man at the end of the Old Testament. And at the end of the New Testament Elijah, the Son of Man, the Holy Spirit comes, a many-membered Body and that Alpha and Omega are the same. The first Bride came back a second time to prove She is the same. See?

So when we see now, Paul right in that Church Age, because of the invasion, Revelation 2 shows us in the first Age, the first Age was fallen. "You tried them who say they were apostles and you found them liars." Bro. Branham said, "You are commanded to discern a man's spirit. You are commanded to try that spirit and see if it is speaking according to the Word, the vindicated Word." You see? And so 2nd Corinthians 11 shows you Paul says, "I espouse you as a chaste virgin to one Husband – Christ!" See? And he said, "But I fear as the Serpent beguiled Eve, so you will be beguiled, because there cometh those who preach another Jesus, another gospel corrupting your minds, the spiritual womb, from the simplicity that is in Christ." And then Revelation 2 shows the church fell. They were enticed, seduced and became a fallen church.

Now they had twins inside of them. Because Jude said, "And some have gone in the way of Cain." They had some who stayed with the revelation of the Atonement like Abel, but some went in the way of Cain. See? And self-works and these things, in anger and jealousy trying now to kill the other one. Two vines were coming out of Ephesus there. And *Smyrna* means *bitterness* where the false vine begins to kill the true vine. And *Pergamos* means *married* – the church married the world – religion and politics. And by Pergamos, what started as sayings, became deeds, and then it became doctrines. Now you had the doctrine of the Nicolaitans; you had the doctrine of Balaam in the Pergamos Age.

And these were Seven Churches in Asia. Are you catching that? So that was Message churches who already had these seeds inside of them, because the church had lost its virginity. The church had lost its virginity. Other men's seed had penetrated the womb of the church because churches had itching ears and they were heaping teachers and they went flirting, and

then they lost their virginity and they became a fallen church like Eve; they could only bring forth dead children.

Now notice, any church that loses its virginity, it's serious problems you know. Any church found with false teaching inside of it, this is serious consequences, when you watch Spoken Word is the original seed, because that seed didn't come from the True Sower. That came from the evil sower coming behind. That's perversion coming in. You see? So these are things we as Ministers must be conscious of what happened in the Garden when the first bride was deceived, and what happened in the first Age when the second bride was deceived.

Now the church wasn't deceived when the apostles and they were alive, you know. The Angel of God were with these men. But Paul knows, "After my departure," he said, "grievous wolves are coming in. They wouldn't spare the flock." And Bro. Branham knew, and preached *Anointed Ones In The End Time* [1965-0725m -Ed.] and showed to us the true one comes first. Watch what is going to come afterwards. And that why he said, "Stay with your Pastor. He is ordained of God to lead you through."

And that's a deep statement. That is not just a carnal statement how people use it sometimes, because office gifts are: those things are with you before birth, during life, and after death. God told Jeremiah, "Before you were formed in your mother's womb I knew you. I sanctified you and ordained you to be a prophet." He didn't become a prophet when he came on Earth. He was a prophet before that. God was sending a prophet spirit in there, a ministering spirit, and that spirit will bring the Word to those people.

Then all those five office gifts, he said, these you can't pray for because these are Romans 11:29, "Gifts and callings of God are without repentance." You

dropped from your mother womb what you are. So he comes through a moonshiner father, and a fifteen year old Catholic girl, mother. How could a moonshiner and a Catholic woman, a half-breed produce the greatest Prophet there ever was? Do you understand? Why? It's foreordained of God. That is just the wrapping. That's just the wrapping. God's wrapped gift. But this one was coming in the Age of great intellectual Age of learning and these things and God is going to choose the weak things, the base things of this world to confound the things that are wise and mighty.

So when this man with a seventh grade education walks into those great big cities and those mega cities and stands there and all these men with their doctor; three hundred of them. He said, "You say you are Doctor so and so. The next one is Doctor so and so." Three hundred of them came with all their Bible and their Lexicon and their concordance and their Greek and their Hebrew to challenge him! And when he stood there and that gift started to operate, he said, "It was the quietest bunch I ever heard." He said, "They had more sense than I thought," when he said come with your Bible and stand here in the Presence of this Angel. See? He said, "They had more sense than I thought." You see it was a fearful thing. He said, "Because they knew, 'We disagree with him, but we can't produce what he is producing.'" See?

Because he was dealing with a Living Presence and they are trying to explain this Presence by Greek and Hebrew without It being living among them. That doesn't work. See? They are saying God come and... Did you watch this? The Lord came and told him, "They've set a trap for you." All these men are men of God preaching salvation and have churches, you know. These are supposed to be 'fine men of the cloth' and yet God. Watch election. He said, "Go by the window." He said, "This is what they did. They want

to question you on your Doctrine.” He said, “Tell them they won’t get the room.”

He said, “Bro. Hank Carlson,” he said, “you are not going to get the room for the meeting, you know.”

He said, “This time you have it wrong, Bro. Branham.”

He said, “We already paid it down already.”

He said “I don’t care what you paid down. I don’t care what you paid down.”

When he goes there, they said, “Oh sir, we are so sorry. We had another booking. Somehow we misplaced it or something. But this was really booked before you wanted it. But we have another room for you all.”

And he told them, he says, “You had this one setting there. That is your heavyweight. He is going to challenge me on Serpent’s seed. Your next heavyweight is going to come at me on the Godhead. Your next heavyweight will come at me on water baptism.”

See? They had their different heavyweights, men who they thought were specialized to bring up the debate. You see? But you see, when you have an experience with God. That’s why he said, “No man has the right to get in the pulpit unless he meets the Pillar of Fire.” Because it means to say—Satan will try... You see Satan said, “We know Jesus and we know Paul. Who are you?” Satan is saying, “Show me your credentials.” You have to know somewhere He tied you to the Absolute and sent you out, otherwise everything that could be shaken, will be shaken off. You have to know you received a Kingdom that cannot be removed. Upon this Rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

So we are dealing with the ignorance in the churches. See the ignorance of the office gifts today is the same thing. He said, “You can’t pray for these five gifts. You can’t pray to be an evangelist.” He said, “You could pray for wisdom.” James said, “If any man

lacks wisdom, let him ask of God.” You could pray for faith. The disciples said, “Lord, increase our faith.” You see? You could pray to prophesy. Paul said, “Covet the better gifts.” See? They are categorized. Things, not only the better ones, the ones that could bring more edification to the Body.

And when you know the times we are living in and you know the things that Satan is impersonating, you want to have, in this Age when the Seals are opened, watch the gifts that are more in operation and watch the lesser ones that were used more before the Word was opened. They are still there. All are still there. He said, “But the thing is, it’s not you trying to go into it.”

And this is where people in the Message miss it. They didn’t watch the Prophet. Watch how the gifts are operating. It wasn’t any show. It was a yielding and whatever the Spirit wanted to do the Spirit did. He said, “Tonight we are not going to have any discernment.” He said, “Why don’t we lay hands? Why don’t we do this here? Or what if we just preached on healing? Why don’t we just bring the Word on these things?” And he knows if he brings the Word it could help the people better to establish their faith. Then when they see it’s a finished work then by faith they could reach out and touch. They don’t necessarily need somebody to even lay hands on them. You see?

So this was the thing. So today now people—you hear some ignorance in the Message sometimes, it makes you wonder. They say, “We don’t need the gifts. We have the Word.” You have the Word so we don’t need faith? We don’t need wisdom to divide the Word? We don’t need knowledge to know our time and our season and our position and these things? We don’t need discerning of spirits when the two spirits are so close in the last days? We don’t need prophecy when

the Word says, "Thou must prophesy again among many nations, kindred, tongues and tribes"?

And Paul in 1st Thessalonians 5, after he talked about the Lord shall descend from Heaven with a Shout, a Voice and a Trump, he said, "Despise not prophesying; quench not the Spirit." That's right. "Pray without ceasing. Prove all things!" Because being a prophet he's seeing in the last days the two spirits will be so close. In 2nd Timothy 3, he talked about Jannes and Jambres and all these things will rise up in the last days. See? Matthew 24:24, "The two spirits will be so close, if it was possible, even the Elect will be deceived."

How we need discerning of spirits and all these things today! And that's why spirits come into the churches and sweep churches away from the Word and people who are supposed to be established in the Truth, go jumping and running after all kinds of strange things (see?) and they do not know that is Abihu and Nadab. These are men kindling their own fire. There are some men who could really kindle fire, you know. They kindle their own fire and then they go in the Presence of God. God killed the two of them. Because God's fire comes down on sacrifice rightly divided, like when Elijah rightly divided the sacrifice, put everything back in order; line it up with what the exodus prophet said. He said, "Now Father, I've done all this at Your command. Let the Fire fall." Down came the fire. But then you have men trying to kindle a fire. See?

And so we see that's ignorance in the church concerning office gifts and these things. And today a man is a Pastor, tomorrow he is something else; he is no longer that. He takes up some other vocation. No. This is before birth, during life, and after death. Moses was still a prophet. Samuel was still a prophet after he died. He came back and prophesied. He said, "Saul, you and your sons will be here with

me tomorrow.” Moses came and he and Elijah were telling Jesus about the decease that is to be accomplished when He goes to Jerusalem. That’s right. They were prophets still. Bro. Branham is still a Prophet tonight. Do you think he can’t look back here and see what is going on, on the earth? If Saul knew the battle that was going on! He [Samuel -Ed.] knew where the battle was being fought, he knew the land was invaded; he knew who was going to die in the battle. He knew all of that!

So you see the Word is given to us, but sometimes we don’t look down in there to see this God, to see where we are. Let me tell you this: Bro. Branham knows every one of us who is called to carry this Message. You say could that be? We are under his administration. We are under his administration. God told Elijah anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha. He anointed Elisha. He started with the last one mentioned. Elisha comes now and he anoints Hazael; puts him in office. Yet he knows he’s going to kill the man. He starts to weep.

He said, “My Lord, what happened?”

He said, “I see what you are going and do.”

See?

“As soon as you leave here, you are going to kill this man.”

And then Elisha himself didn’t anoint Jehu. He instructed one of the ministers under him. He said, “Take this. Go up there to the summit. Go and ask to see Captain Jehu. Go to a side room.” He knows there is a side room in that building where that summit is. He said, “Carry him inside of there, say these words, and pour the oil. Don’t stop for any conversation. When you do this, head out from there.” He goes up and does the same thing. And as he goes and does this—watch how God could give a prophecy to a prophet and then those things how they are fulfilled.

Watch how the Scripture says, “And Solomon built the temple on Mount Moriah. He laid the foundation and built the temple.” Yet Solomon, for all you know, might have never taken a shovel and did a thing. He was given the commission to oversee the whole thing. Do you understand? But he wasn’t necessarily going and do the labor, because when he needed certain stones to cut, he sent in Tyre for a certain man who in that family had the skill to cut those stones in a certain way, because you couldn’t manufacture that. It had to be cut precise because this is according to a heavenly pattern, that at the end of this, the Glory of God is to fill this temple! See, so he is directed. So he is considered doing it because it’s under his administration.

All what we are doing here is under the Prophet’s administration. Countries where he has not gone, places he has not gone, today we have Ministers, Pastors sending out an evangelist, “Go there. Go here. Do these things.” And the work is going on. But in the end, we came in as a helper. He said, “In every Age, the messengers had wonderful helpers.” And that’s why when we understand where we fit in the program, we don’t try to take his place. We don’t try to make our place bigger. We understand our place and we work in harmony knowing that there are things that are fulfilled, there are things left to be fulfilled.

Like when he said, “I want to go into Kenya (1964, *Feast of Trumpets*) and Tanganyika. Yeah, you see. And those two places there, he said, “But they tell me I can’t come in there yet because the communist where China was bringing guns among there, and it’s causing like a civil war.” Communism was coming in inside of there so he was bound. But he already sees the direction and the leadership, places, in order to go, but the time is not yet. You see?

When you read the Message—you see there are things in the Message said a certain way. Sometimes

you have to follow everything closely. That's why I read from the Book of Acts to show you Jesus is standing there and Paul is not even called yet as He is about to ascend, yet He knows when Paul is coming, because He, Himself, is going to come back on the road to Damascus. He already picked the location for the encounter. It's He is the One Who told Joshua, "Don't fight the battle here. Go, march all night. Meet them at the waters there when they come with their iron chariots. Make the attack there." He is the General so He knows exactly where He was going to deal with Saul – right on the road to Damascus. He chose the place. When he wanted to come in this Day, He said, "Forty miles East Flagstaff." He showed him in the vision. He sees. He said, "I know that place." He's hunting there the very day just when the Angel is about to come, even to show him picking the cocklebur of the pants. He chooses the place. Everything is foreordained before the foundation of the world.

Now these nine spiritual gifts and five office gifts, there is so much ignorance about it today. All we have is Pastor and evangelist and the Pastor is the one who gets the tithing. The evangelist is the one who goes out: "Go out and preach somewhere else." [Bro. Vin and brothers laugh. -Ed.] You see? So then he says, "He is a teacher. No, he is not a teacher" because he is tangling up the Word. He is misplacing, mis-locating, misinterpreting. He is a prophet. No, no, no. There are no more prophets. Bro. Branham is the Prophet."

Ephesians 4:11 is not talking about that kind of prophet. It is talking about prophets in the church. Acts 13, it shows you Silas, Barnabas all of them were prophets inside of there. You are going in the Word, it is one who preaches under inspiration. See? When you look, Agabus comes, (see?) prophesies a famine is coming in the land. There was a great dearth in the land and these things. So when you look then the apostle is put first. See. That's right.

So when we look in the Word and we see there is a lot of ignorance. People are confused. How can we be confused if restoration of the Bride Tree means the same Tree comes back the same way it was. If it lacks any thing, it's not restoration. Restoration is the original thing that comes back in the original condition! When they were rebuilding the temple, you can't change the pattern. You had to build it back according to the pattern exactly. When Elijah was building back the altar, he just can't just build a new altar! See! He had to look and see how Moses and they laid that out and build it back to specification! See?

So when we look now you realize something is wrong. There are a lot of flaws. There are a lot of flaws in the teaching. It's misunderstanding. And the reason sometimes people are not going to fully let the full Word come back is because sometimes of other motives and objectives and they kind of keep it so because it works for them in this way, but it doesn't help the Body; and in the end it will be condemned because it's not according to the pattern. Noah had to build the ark according to the pattern. Moses had to build the tabernacle according to the pattern. Solomon had to build the temple according to the pattern. Everything God has, has a pattern. God doesn't leave anything for man's imagination.

When they were done, Moses had to come when they built the whole tabernacle with the measuring rod now and measure everything to make sure; measure the altar of incense. Is it foursquare? Is it the height? Is it so many cubits? Is it gold upon it? The brass altar, is it brass here? What is the metal upon it? Everything has to be according to specification. That is why the Word, the Pyramid, a razor blade couldn't pass through. It's precise. The Word, you have to measure It closely, precisely; line upon line; precept upon precept, otherwise It is flawed. God is not going

to—like the inspector, if he finds something loose in the carriage, he can't seal it. "Pack it over!" When it's sealed, no man can tamper with it. Let it go to its destination.

That's how the things are. See? But we are coming—what we have now is people altering the Robe of Elijah to fit themselves. Elisha was altered to fit the robe; not alter the robe to fit him. He was altered to fit the robe! That is why we are the ones that God has to do the cutting off on. We have to fit the Word. See?

Then in the Thessalonian church, Paul said, "I would not have you to be ignorant brethren concerning them who are asleep." He said the Coming of the Lord is a mystery. They were ignorant concerning this mystery of the Coming of the Lord. In the Corinthian church, they were ignorant concerning spiritual gifts. In the Galatian church they were established in the Truth. They were ignorant concerning which Age they were in. They were trying to go back under the law and get circumcised when they were already established. Paul said, "O foolish Galatians, who had bewitched you? You started off in the Spirit and you ended up in the flesh!" You see?

So that same ignorance today, watch them. People don't know their Age. We have so much of reformers in the Message they haven't come under an Eagle anointing as yet. It's reformation. It's the Age of man still for them. You see. Then we look and we see people are ignorant concerning the Seventh Seal. There is no battle ever took place with the first six Seals. You never see two people arguing and fighting over the First Seal, or the Second Seal, or the Third Seal, or the Fourth Seal or the Fifth Seal or the Sixth Seal. No war! All the war is because of the Seventh Seal. Do you know why? Because it was not explained. It comes with visitation. The world will not see Me; you will see Me. I will come to you. He said,

“Don’t try to interpret this. When the time comes and you have need to see it, it will be sent to you!”

And that is the problem today. Everybody wants to live a comfortable life: “Give me the Word, give me the tape recorder, give me this,” and listen. Nobody wants to meet God. Nobody wants God to come down and meet them. He says, “The teaching is fine, but the Church needs personal contact.” He says, “Except the Supernatural is made known among that group they aren’t really doing much.” He said, “Moses had the teaching.”

Mama taught him: “Moses, you were born a proper child. Moses, the four hundred years has passed. Moses, the prophecy that God told Abraham is about to come to pass. Moses, you are the person. Moses, your father and I saw the Light here in the room.”

He said, “Okay, mother. You say so, I believe it. My sister Miriam, my brother Aaron, they were born before me. They say so too. I’m going out!”

He said, “The only success he had for forty years was one dead, rotten, stinking Egyptian.” And the first challenge came up, he took off and ran in the wilderness, changed his identity, became a fugitive and started to play a shepherd out there. He used to be a big military genius down there. But he didn’t know that was the plan of God to beat all that forty years of things out of him and bring him to a place of perfect weakness so God’s strength would be perfected in him.

He said, “Watch him now when the Pillar of Fire came down.” You never found Moses running anymore. When the challenge came and they threw the rod down, he stood up there flat-footed: “Let us see what will happen here today. God sent me to do this. I’m under Divine instructions.” You see? He wasn’t negotiating with Pharaoh. He said, “God said, ‘Let My people go otherwise all your children are dead; all firstborn in the land!’” See?

So this ignorance that is in the churches today, is because people have not looked into the things that we ought or should have looked into. I want to read something out of *The Church Ages* book here with, *The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed*, something here. [1962-0318e, The Table - para. 388- 413 -Ed.]

He said: *Now, the power of the believing Church.*

Now anybody who has a little light in the ministry you will know *The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed* it is not an ordinary message. He said, "Now I will tell you today the wisdom of God for the last thirty years why I didn't join any organization." And then he came to a place where he is preparing the message and he says, "I reached a place I didn't know what to do."

Because when he is showing the Original Seed and he saw the organizational seed; and that was the first organization – Rome, and out of the Roman Catholic came all the Protestants. So from Roman Catholic to the Pentecostals, which is what is considered Christianity. Outside of that group, Roman Catholic to the Pentecostals, outside of that group what you have is Buddhist, you have Hindus, you have Muslims, you have Atheists, you have agnostics and these things. But Christianity is—and the Catholic Church is the great whore, and the Protestants are the harlot daughters. He said, "Well something is wrong here." If all Christianity is whore and harlot, where is the Church? Paul said, "A glorious Church!"

Remember the reason that is so, is because nobody had Paul's Gospel. No denomination understood Paul's Gospel. He said, "Paul's Gospel was prophecy for the last days," because Paul's Gospel told them that a woman can't preach. Paul Gospel's showed them, "As the Serpent beguiled Eve," what happened to the Church back there the same thing in the spirit form took place when the second Eve came out of the Second Adam. Paul's Gospel has marriage and divorce and all these things. Paul's Gospel has the mystery of

the Coming of the Lord. Paul's Gospel has the qualifications of deacons and ministers and everything else. See? So none of them was working by this principle.

And then when he came now, he looked and he saw the Church and its condition. He said, "It was right there the Voice said, 'Pick up your pen and write!'" And as he begins to write, he said, "By the time I was finished," he said, "Oh, my God, that is the answer." He saw the answer. The first bride, Adam was given a bride and she fell. The Second Adam was given a bride and she fell. Whatever seed starts the church, grows into a plant (now catch this, okay?) and thence into fruit. Whatever seed starts the church. That means every church has a Genesis.

What kind of gospel started that church? How did that church come into being? Who is the man that started that church? Was he a sower? Did he have the seeds? Because every church must have a Former Rain. If you have a church and the church never had a Former Rain, that means you never sowed for a crop. If you are looking for a crop, you have to put the type of seed in the church to get the type of crop you want. You can't sow peanuts and get watermelons. You can't sow pumpkin and get guava. No, no, no. Every seed brings forth after its kind.

If you sow a Baptist doctrine, you are going to get a Baptist church. If you sow a Methodist doctrine you are going to get a Methodist church. If you sow a Pentecostal doctrine you are going to get a Pentecostal church. That is why Jesus didn't sow Sadducee doctrine and Pharisee doctrine because He wasn't a Sadducee and Pharisee. He was the Word, so the Sower sowed the Word to reproduce Himself – the children of the Kingdom. They are coming forth in His image and likeness. He is the Corn of Wheat and the Wheat is the children of the Kingdom. He is planting the mystery of Himself.

So when we look and see, what type of seed starts that church? How did that church start? Because whatever it starts with, it grows into a plant and thence into fruit. A man can't go with a woman who is not his wife, sow his own seed, and then bring forth the husband's child. No, no, no, no, no. That's why the Serpent, when he went with Eve, he couldn't bring forth Adam's child. Adam's child was in Adam's loins. Do you get what I am saying?

So watch the churches. A church must have Former Rain, Teaching Rain. He said, "So the Evening Time promise is." When he came on *The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed*, he is showing everything he planted he looked back at that early church. We were listening tonight: "I studied how those anointed men set that church in order." He said, "This is my vision for the last days." He said all the time I'm operating— He said, "I went to India and had all these great meetings, great signs in Bombay." He said, "By the time I left, I had nobody to send." He said, "Look at Mattsson Boze." He goes out in these places. He has a whole group of Ministers he sends in afterwards to keep the people and get the people established. He said, "I have nobody to send." He said, "The people drift back into organization, drift back into different things." You see?

He said, "But now trained men are in the church, men you see with a calling." He said, "Let them come round the elder. Let them sit and discuss the deeper things of God. Let them be established in the Word and these things." And then he said, "Look how Paul did it." He said, "Look how Paul did it." Paul had Timothy and Silas and Titus and different ones, Epaphras and them. Look how Paul had these men around him. Look how they understood Paul's Gospel. Look how he said, "I will send this one over there for you. I'll send this one there for you. He said, "They carry the burden and care of the churches." Then he

saw other men in the field. He said, "Some are preaching for money. Some are preaching for fame. Some are preaching for strife. Some are preaching for different things." See?

He said, "Now the house is no longer one kind of vessel." In the upper room it was all golden vessels. In 2nd Timothy 2, when he comes there now, he says, "It's a house with all kinds of vessels," because they had Hymenaeus, you had Philetus, you had Diotrefes, you have this one; you had all kinds of men preaching the Gospel. When the Message started off it started off looking so good. But then as a few years passed, you see how the Message was infiltrated. 2nd Corinthians 11, "Satan is transforming his apostles as angels of light, ministers of righteousness." And this is Evening Light. Every revival, he said, those things follow. Watch the invasion of false and wicked spirits come into the Message after. He cried, he said, "Lord, this Move is not immune from these things. It is going to come in. It is going to come in."

And we look and we see it today. We have over a thousand interpretations of the Message. We have men baptizing in Bro. Branham's name. We have men who called Bro. Branham God. The new name is 'Branham', and all kinds of different things. Where did all this come from? You can't find it in the Message, but it's all over. You have people saying we are in the Millennium now already and all kinds of different things. You see?

So he said: *Now, the power of the believing Church. "Christ has all power in heavens and earth." You believe that? ... Now, what if He's in you? Has Christ got all power? ... Matthew 28:18. All right. He is the Seed-Word in His Body. And He, in us, becomes the Seed-Word in us. What? All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was...*

Not all that was in God, you know. He doesn't say that you know. "All that God was He poured into the

Christ. All that Christ was He poured in the church.” See? Not all that was in God, he said, like you have to know... No. It’s God en morphe. It’s the same God for another act: first as Prophet, as Bride. The same God came down. Not a lesser God, not a third person of the trinity; same God.

...that’s the power.

Now ... Remember God’s law of reproduction, now, remember, “After its kind.” ... The Seed of Christ, the Word, must come through His Body. [He laughs,] “Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha! Are you getting tired? [Congregation says, “No.”—Ed.] He says, “All right, just a minute now. Let’s just hold quiet and pray. I want to get this in real good. I want this to grind down. The Seed of Christ must, m-u-s-t, [he spells it] must come through His Body; not through a denomination, but through a born-again Seed of the Word...

Now catch this. The Seed of Christ must come through a born again person, a person in the Body, because every man’s seed is in his body and Christ’s Seed is in Christ’s Body. And those five office gifts are with men before birth, during life, and after death. That doesn’t leave you. That continues on. Death doesn’t change what you are. You not going to be—you see, He designed you for a position in His economy.

...a born-again Seed of the Word: must come through.

Now, remember, what is it? Christ’s Seed. How does my seed come? Through the body. How does the apple tree seed come? Through the body. Seed is through the Body, and the Church is the Body of Christ. That right? The Bible Church! [The Bible Church!] This Birth produces ... Himself in the Body, His Church, is His Word, so that people can see the confirmation of Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.” ... These are not denominational hybrids, now.

Last night we were speaking about that – the unchanging God with the unchanging ways.

This is those that's in the orbit, waiting for the countdown, you know what I mean, fixing to take a rocket. Glory! These are not denominational hybrids; not standing in Here, they're not. No, sir. It's the Seed.

Oh, here, we're going to get in something deep now. Now, watch this Seed-church, this real Church with the real, true Sperm. [...this real Church with the real, true Sperm.]

Notice, the eunuch had been with all the D.D.'s. Now, remember, God never committed ... His preaching and His Gospel to an Angel. How many knows that? How many knows that Galatians 1:8 said, "If an Angel come from Heaven and preach something else besides they had preached, let it be accursed"? So the Angel is wrong if he's different from the Word. God came on down below Angels and committed It to man, which were sons. You believe that? Now, watch. Now, He never committed It to Angels. Notice, He did not do it.

Now, Philip had been up to Pentecost, Jerusalem, to worship. How many says "amen" to that? The eunuch, he had been with all the D.D.'s and L.D.'s, and everything. But why didn't he get something? He come back down, studying the prophecy of Isaiah.

Now we are into something really good here – the eunuch, Acts 8. Hear.

Although an Angel directed Philip to him, but the Germ of Life had to come through the Body, Philip. Ah! Oh, brother, now we're on the line.

Angel directed Philip but the Sperm coming through the man, Philip, (see?) the redeemed man, redeemed son. This is how God multiplies and replenishes, bringing sons and daughters in the Kingdom. Adam and Eve were to bring that, but they failed. The second Bride fell, but Genesis 1:28 must be fulfilled. His Name must be excellent in all the Earth. When we look in all the Earth today, we are only seeing

blasphemous names. Every corner: Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Jehovah Witness, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal – blasphemous names. But the Earth, in the beginning, Adam was to bring forth sons and daughters by the Spoken Word. God was going to multiply by the Spoken Word, but they failed and their multiplication came by sex. But that prophecy must be fulfilled.

So in the last days this Bride is predestinated not to fall. This last Day Bride, She is going to bring forth those sons and daughters. They are going to be born by this Original Word, this Original Seed comes, and we are going to see sons and daughters and it will be a Super Race, a Super Church. And what we call the Third Pull, the Spoken Word, all these things, would be in the Church! This is going to be. This is His plan. That is why it was shown first to us to identify its presence, to prove to us the Bible promised it, it is going to come and it is going to come under this Message. This Messenger had it so he could plant for it. And that is why he applied those things to the End Time people. So watch.

Although an Angel directed Philip to him, but the Germ of Life had to come through the Body, Philip. Ah! Oh, brother, now we're on the line. Where did the Germ come from? Through the Angel? The Angel showed him where to go. An Angel is a messenger. Here is a son. Philip had the Germ, the Message, the Word. That's how a Child can be born. Philip laid his hands upon him. Philip baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. There come forth the Spirit of God. Sure. Now, the Germ had to come from the Body. What Body? Christ's Body. Correct. And Philip was a member of the Body.

This Message is coming through God-called, God-equipped, God-trained men, foreordained men who before the foundation of the world, ministering spirits sent from the Presence of God that will not fall, because these gifts are in the Body. To get in the

Body, it requires a New Birth. So that means they are Seed, because only Seed can be reborn. So that means God put foreordained men to carry this Word that the Messenger has brought. Just like the first Age carried the Word that Jesus the Son of Man had brought! He was the fullness of the Word. The same thing. And that produced that kind of church where sin couldn't stand among them. Like he said, "The days of Ananias and Sapphira will come back here." Why? Because it's coming back to a sin-free church.

Just like in the Ephesians when Moses brought them out, Joshua took them in. Bro. Branham had that twofold ministry. He had the Joshua commission. He brought us into the New Land. He divided the Land. He showed us what our promises are. He showed us a church that will be in order. Church order, one of the mysteries in the last days. When Moses went up in the Cloud and came down, he set the church in order. Judah must march first; you must camp a certain way. It was all reflecting what was in heaven. And God is in the midst of the people. And when the Pillar of Fire stopped they stopped; when He moved, they moved. And they were under a theocracy. God was King over them. They were an Elected, called out people. They were God's people. And God was providing for them, fighting their battles, healing their sick. From Egypt to Canaan all seven compound redemptive Names were being manifested among them, meeting every need that they had, every situation of the way. It's the same today. It's the same today.

So he said: *Now the Germ had to come from the Body. What Body? Christ's Body.*

And then he goes on now, he said: *But where did the Word comes from? The Body. Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh! I feel pretty good, feel like traveling on. An Angel come and said, "Don't worry. Don't call nothing unclean. Just go on, don't thing nothing."*

“And while Peter spake these Words,” not the Angel, not the cardinal. “While Peter spake these Words.” What? He was the Body. He had the Word. The Word took hold.

See, that is why there is an ignorance in the Church today because if they're really in the Body the Spirit is going to reveal that Word. This is the covenant, “I'll write my law in your hearts and in your minds that no man will have to say know the Lord. They will all know the Lord.” [Hebrews 8:10-11 -Ed.] He said, “He is no longer writing it in tables of stones. He's writing it in tables of your heart. See? And you will all know the Lord. Why? The Teacher is on the inside now; the Inside Teacher, the One Who reveals the Word, the One Who anoints and quickens the Word. That's right. The Holy Ghost. He is the One that is doing it.

He was the Body. ... Angel directed it, but the Life come through the Body of Christ.

Then he goes to the third example. First Philip, then Peter, now he goes to Paul.

Paul, on his way to Damascus, a vision directed him. But Ananias had the Germ, had the Word. ... That prophet, Ananias, saw a vision that said, “Go up there, lay your hands on him.”

Said, “Brother Saul, the Lord appeared to you in the road, coming down here.” How did he know? He had the Word. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet. Prophesied, went up there and said, “He come, has sent me up here, I might lay my hands upon you, and you would be healed and receive the Holy Ghost. Receive your sight.” The scales fell off his eyes. He rose, was baptized, the Name of Jesus, went to study.

Angel directed it, that's right, but Paul had the Seed-Germ.

It takes the Spirit of God, the Seed, to give Life Eternal.

I'm going to read something now. I want you to listen real close. Here is where the Spirit said, “Pick up the

pen.” I’d have to leave some of It, but I’ve got to bring some of It to you.

And he goes in to tell you the law of reproduction – every seed must bring forth after its kind.

[Pergamean Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt.5, para. 171 – Ed.]

Whatever life was in the seed came forth into a plant, thence into fruit. The very same law applies to the church today. [The very same law applies to the church today.] Whatever seed started the church will come forth and be like the original seed because it is the same seed.

If a man is preaching politics in his church, he will make a bunch of politicians. If a man is preaching just the historical part of the Message, he will only have historians looking backwards. Whatever seed he plants is what is going to come forth. That’s why a man if he is called to be a planter he will be very careful what he’s planting, because the Message has prophecies concerning this End Time Bride. And if She doesn’t know Her promises She will not be under expectation for it. She wouldn’t be able to have the faith to operate the things. She wouldn’t even know the Scripture that promised Her what is Hers. The Latter Rain is the Rain that falls on the planted Seed to bring up the Word that is planted in the people. See?

Now, listen to this now. This is the place where I think it’s most important. *Seven Church Ages, Ephesians Church Age.* [Ephesian Church Age - Church Age Book Cpt.3, para. 66-69 –Ed.]

What God did in the first church age is what He wants to do in all other ages.

What God did in the first Church Age is what He wants to do. Now this here is showing us where he was standing and looking, and now he was instructing us who were going to come behind. Because remember, *The Church Ages* and all these things that

he put in here, it came out in December 1965. You see? Because after the Seals opened, he put in all the things because this was to send into the world, even all the great libraries to know that this Word has been restored and put it in everybody's hands. You see? And now when we see this it gives us the view of how we who are leaders of churches or preach and are part of ministry in churches, we should be looking through the eye of the Prophet, because watch what the eye of the Prophet was seeing in the Bible; because he was the Angel sent to restore. See?

What God did in the first Church Age is what He wants to do in all other ages.

Now we know exactly from the Word which was recorded by the Holy Spirit how the first, or original church, was founded and how God manifested Himself in her. The Word can't change or be changed because the Word is God.

And he quotes:

John 1:1,

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

To change one Word of it, as did Eve, brings sin and death, even as it says in Revelation 22:18-19,

"... If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Watch here as you listen as I read this, you realize how he is very precise in his words, and how he is putting the statement he is making back in the Bible.

Thus, what the church was at Pentecost is the standard. That is the pattern. There is no other pattern.

In the Book of Zechariah he said, "I was like a man awakened out of a sleep." He broke into a vision and, "I see a man walking with a measuring line."

I said, "Where are you going?"

The man looked at him and said, "I'm going to measure Jerusalem."

When we go to Heavenly Jerusalem, the Lamb's Wife, Revelation 21, it says, "There is an Angel with a measuring reed measuring Jerusalem." In this Day that Angel came with the measuring reed. He measured the water baptism. He measured the woman dress. He measured the church. He measured organization. He measured the revelation of the Godhead. He measured the evidence of the Holy Ghost. He measured the water baptism; he measured everything! That's right. And not one denomination could stand. And then he separated a people and washed them, brought them through the waters of separation, brought them over the Jordan, a place of total separation from all unbelief to come to live in Canaan, to live in the Holy Ghost, to be the restored Church in the last days. Hallelujah!

There is no other pattern. He said: *No matter what the scholars say...*

Could you sense the spirit of the Prophet? Now he was speaking with authority. He knows all kinds of scholars will read this.

He said: *No matter what the scholars say, God has NOT changed that pattern. What God did at Pentecost He has to keep on doing until the church ages close.*

My. He said: *Though scholars may tell you the apostolic age is over, don't you believe it. Such a statement is wrong on two counts. [He said:] First of all, it is wrong to suppose there aren't any more apostles, just because the original twelve are dead.*

Oh my! Brother, here is the Prophet. My! Junia and Andronicus are the ones who started the church in Rome. They came out from under his ministry.

They were sent out there. They went out there and preached the Gospel. He committed these things to faithful men that could teach others. He was caught up into the third heaven. He met the Pillar of Fire. He came with the whole counsel of God and he had men around him. He committed it to faithful men that could teach others.

Hear the Prophet here, *Takings Sides With Jesus*, “I am watching these men.” He said, “I want when I go in a place I have men to follow. I have men that could sit here and understand this doctrine.” Watch church order 1963 December, after the Seals opened. He said, “Now is Bro. Neville is beginning to understand the Message.” Hallelujah! Bro. Neville was there all those years, he said, “Now he’s beginning to understand the Message.”

On *The Anointed Ones At The End Time* [1965-0725m – Ed.] he said, “I had to call him out the other day. He went prophesying over people because they were pushing him.” He said, “Bro Neville, don’t do that; they’ll get you in the flesh.” Why? Because God had corrected him earlier when He said, “You’re catering to too many people.” He knows how the people pull. And that was a big thing out on the field; tens and tens of thousands. But in the tabernacle the couple hundred that was there, Bro. Neville already started to get pulled too. And he saw it and he pulled him back! See? “Don’t let them pull you there, Bro. Neville.” See?

He said, “Now we want to see this church here.” Because *Taking Sides With Jesus* was 1962. Then the Seals opened. Then *Church Order* 1963 he is coming now, he is setting—he said, “This is one of the mysteries in the last days.” He said, “This church, another one, we should be like the most spiritual ones now.” He said, “But that other one” (talking about Jack Moore, Life Tabernacle) he said, “is going into organization now.” He said, “It’s going into

organization. And this one here we want to keep it spiritual. And the time has come, we can't be the fresh recruits. We have to be trained soldiers."

Oh my! Hell is opened and the invasion is come out. And churches, demon powers are riding upon those churches. And if those people aren't established on the Word, watch those spirits get among those people and watch all kinds of things start to come up in churches. And this is where men who are carrying the Word now are not just preaching a sermon, it's knowing how to operate the church; how the church is diversities of administrations and diversities of gifts and diversities of operations but all the same Spirit and the same Lord. See? 1st Corinthians 12. See? Gifts of administration there, gifts of operations. See? Because why is this? Because it supposed to be an apostolic church. We have the pattern in the Book of Acts.

An apostle means a 'sent one'; and there are many sent ones today, but they are called missionaries.

Other places... He says, "What do they call them missionaries for? Why can't they use the Bible word? They are getting everything confused. But I guess maybe that is how they start to divide the 'Bishop' which is the office, and the 'Elder', the man. And the next thing you had now, they were trying to elevate one man above the next man. One man says, "I'm the Bishop. I'm the Archbishop," and so on. You see? And the next man says he is the Cardinal. He's a lesser Bishop but he hasn't reached the level of the other one yet. They have a hierarchy system. You see? But he said, "But as long as God is sending..."

...there are many sent ones today, but they are called missionaries. As long as men are being called and sent forth with the Word of Life there is an apostolic age going on.

So second count now. He says, "People say the apostolic Age is over." He said, "It's wrong on two

counts.” So he gave us the first one. He said not because the first twelve is dead that it has no more. That is what the scholars say. Then he said, “As long as they are sent ones today, called and sent with the Word of Life, that’s an apostolic Age going on.

Secondly, they refer to an age of ‘manifested Holy Ghost power’ as being over since the Bible has been completed.

They say, “Now we have the Word; we don’t need this anymore.” See how it comes in the Message in a different way, but the same thought. “We don’t need that. We have the Word now.” The same spirit comes in. The same spirit comes in. My.

That is untrue. There is not even one Scripture that suggests that, but many conclusively state otherwise. Here is our proof that both of these charges are false.

Now he’s going into the proof here.

Acts 2:38,39.

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

The promise of power with which the apostles were endued at Pentecost is to “you (Jews), and to your children (Jews), and to all that are afar off (Gentiles), and to as many as the Lord our God shall call (both Jews and Gentiles).” Until He stops calling, the Pentecostal message and power will NOT CEASE.

The Pentecostal Message and Power will not cease! So if we see any shortage of it we have to watch how we’re operating. We might be kind of in the way blocking it up a little bit, some self over here, some misconception over here might be kind of shifting the direction of the thing because humanism is coming in the way or something. “But as long as,” he said, “this

is happening, until He stops calling, the Pentecostal Message and Power will not cease.”

What the church had at Pentecost...

And what they had at Pentecost? Nine spiritual gifts, five office gifts. That's what they had. 1st Corinthians 12 shows you that, Ephesians 4 shows you that. That is what they had.

What the church had at Pentecost is her inalienable right.

Inalienable right is a compound word, made up of two words. It means *birthright*. What the church had at Pentecost is her birthright. If that real church exists today, if people get that same birth, they'll have that same thing. That is the birthright. If you have the right birth, you'll get the birthright. The birthright is the right birth.

Originally, she had the pure Word of God. She had the power of the Spirit manifested in divers signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost.

This is what She had. She had the pure Word. Once we have the pure Word we must have this. Not when you want to see it, and when your flesh feel you should have it. No. When She is connected with God then He does it. They do nothing except they're directed, which we're getting to that just now. I'll show you it, how the Angel directed them and how the things were done. He said, "When the Word from the Head is coming down on the Body, it's a sign that the Rapture is at hand."

That is illustrated in the life of the Prophet and that is illustrated in the Book of Acts. We see the illustration of it, because Christ was the Head over the Church, and the Church was the Body. And the Body and the Head were invisibly united. And it was Him instructing them where to go. It was Him leading them. As many as were led by the Spirit, they were the sons of God. He was the One doing the leading. He is the One doing the instructing. He is the One

doing the performing. But He is working it through them. It was a many-membered Body now. From one Man, Jesus, the Son of Man, now it was a many-membered Body. And watch how it operates.

Hebrews 2:1-4,

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the Word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience (to the Word) [he put in parentheses] received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will?”

That original church was not organized by men. It was led by the Holy Ghost. It wasn't very big. It was hated and despised. It was oppressed. It was persecuted unto death. But it was true to God. It stayed with the original Word pattern. [It stayed with the original Word pattern.]

He said: Now don't get led astray here. When I said that God and His ways never change, I did not say that the church and its messenger could not change. The church isn't God. So she can change. But what I said was that because of the unchanging God with unchanging ways we can go back to the beginning and see the first and perfect act of God and then judge by that standard. That is how it is done.

Some people say, “No, we're in the Message, brother. We're in a Message church. We believe Bro. Branham. Come in our church and see. Watch we have the Stature of a Perfect Man. Watch we have the picture

with the Cloud. Watch we have this here. Watch we have all these things here.” This is not what he was talking about. Go back and see the pattern, because he was not talking about building now; he was talking about people. Those people were the pattern. See? Those people were the pattern. That was the fruit of the planting of the Sower Who went forth to sow. Jesus sowed for a Church that when it comes forth: “The works I do shall you do also; because I live, you shall live also.” And the life He was living, it was...

What is the Holy Ghost given for? To continue this same works. He said, “What was the works?” He said, “Intercession, redemption, different things, prayer, all these things.” What Jesus was doing, the Son of Man was doing, is going to be continued on. Now He has a many-membered body. Like God took the Spirit off of Moses and put it on seventy elders. God took the Spirit and put a double portion on Elisha, a type of Christ and the Church. God took the Spirit off of Jesus and put it on the apostles, on the Alpha Church. God took the Spirit off of Bro. Branham and put it on the last Day Church. It’s the same. Because the Bible says, “And the Spirit and the Bride.” So that Spirit, which is the one Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that was the Spirit on the Prophet. That’s the Spirit on the Prophet right there. Look

The True Church will always try to be like the original at Pentecost. The True Church of today will try to approximate that early first one. And the messengers to the churches, having the same Spirit of God in them, will try to approximate the apostle Paul. They won't be exactly like him; but the true messengers will be the ones that come the closest to Paul, who was free of all men, sold out to God, and gave forth the Word of God only, and manifested the Holy Ghost in power. None else would do. You have to work from the original.

You have to work from the original! We are not the original. Some man maybe in the Message was the

original. Look the original, the original [Bro. Vin indicates photo of Bro. Branham -Ed.]; the one who proved that that was the Original Life, the Original Seed, the Original Word, the Original Power, the Original Doctrine; he came back with everything. He could say, "The identified Masterpiece of God. God is identified by His Own characteristics!" That's right. "The identified Christ of all Ages now being identified in this last Day!" Oh my!

So as men today just like Zerubbabel, we have to have that plummet in the hand to make sure everything we do is according to the pattern. You're not going to work anyhow and expect God to back it up. Remember, when God sent a Prophet and God used that Prophet to condemn all organizations, and bring back the original pattern, and He, Himself had to be measured by the pattern and submit to the pattern, and approve of the pattern. Even the Scripture says, "Jesus Christ, a Man approved of God." God has to approve you. Then he said, "*Proving His Word.*" God proves His Word by Believers.

None of us is too big to be measured. We all have to submit to the measuring. And the love for God, and the love for God's Church, brother, if we have some excess it's like, "Cut it off, Lord. Cut it off." Because when we could have the fullness of the blessing in this Hour and try to live with half blessing, and then be a stumbling block, and be a misrepresentation, be some defect or something, no, it can't. There is quality control here. You know anybody putting out a product, they have quality control to make sure the best product goes out. So the true messengers, he is the pattern of the true Minister.

...the true messengers will be the ones that come the closest to Paul...

This is what we're saying now. Identifying the true Ministers and the true local churches. Now that we know the pattern, it's not people who make claims, it's

who meet the requirement – people who prove that they are built according to the pattern. See? And when you take the pattern and you put the pattern, they must match the pattern. Because remember God gave a pattern and that's the standard of measurement. And that's what God is looking at.

... None else would do. You have to work from the original. As like begets like, the True Church will always be the one that tries to follow in the steps of her founders at Pentecost...

That is what he was saying on, *Taking Sides With Jesus*. "I've been studying that," he said. He said, "And now I want to bring this vision I have for the future, how we are going to work, and how the tabernacle is going to operate." You see? So look.

...the True Church will always be the one that tries to follow in the steps of her founders at Pentecost...

And that's why watch him how he said, "I preach what Paul preached." Even when he went beyond the curtain, he was out of the body to show it wasn't the flesh saying things to impress people, because over There, sin can't get There. So if he goes over There and he is telling a lie or creating an impression, he couldn't be There. So when he goes There he says, "I preach what Paul preached. If he is going in, I'm going in too." Millions said, "We are resting on that." And they are in a celestial body. If they couldn't judge on Earth in a physical body and they have a little paralysis or restraint, over There they have no restraint. So when he says he preached what Paul preached and they said, "We are resting on that," it means to say that is the very truth, because you have no lie There. Do you understand?

So look here and see, he says: *You have to work from the original. As like begets like, the True Church will always be the one that tries to follow in the steps of her founders at Pentecost and her messengers will*

follow the apostle Paul, the first messenger to the first church age. It is that simple, and that wonderful.

He says: [And] *With this key, so simple, yet so wonderful, I was able...*

Now, he didn't just say that is the key. He says now with this key I was able to place the messengers.

...I was able, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to read the Book of Revelation and the histories and find therein each age, each messenger, the duration of each age, and the part each played in the purpose of God from Pentecost to the consummation of those ages.

And when he finished what happened? The Pillar of Fire comes and writes it over and then shows it in the heavens afterwards to show that this is God's order! Any man that is foreordained of God to lead his church through, lead his congregation through, is a man who is following that pattern, because the standard has been brought back and established by the End Time Prophet so that Alpha and Omega will be the same; that Seed comes back to Seed. There is nothing beyond the Seed. Because some people say, "Ah, we aren't going back to Pentecost. We've passed that and we are going back to Eden."

Hear what he says in the same *Church Ages* book, in *The Resume*. He says, "As Adam and Eve were in perfection in the Garden there before they fell," he says, "so it was, Jesus, the Second Adam and the Bride before the fall was the same, because sin couldn't stand there among them." No man dare join himself to them. The Lord added such as should be saved, because that was the reflection. Adam and Eve in the Garden were the shadow of this. Here they had resurrections. They had healings. They had translation. Paul translated. Philip translated. They had filling and refilling. They had all things in common. They had perfect love.

Watch their prayers when they beat them and persecute them and whip them and told them don't

preach in that Name any more. They went and they prayed and they were refilled in the prayer meeting and the whole building shook; and they were all refilled again. Then watch the praise service when they were there praising God in prison in Acts 16: no keyboard, no guitar, no saxophone, no anything; no violin. Their hands were in chains, their foot were in chains, their backs were beaten, they were falsely accused and their Spirit wasn't broken. And Paul and Silas began to sing, and the Power of God came down there and shook that building, opened the prison door; chains fell off them and everything else.

That is prayer meeting and praise service. Watch prayer meeting and praise service in the Alpha. You see somebody accuses somebody, step on their toe, today they are bent all out of shape that they want to make a big war over it. This time they were falsely accused them, they beat them, lock them up in prison and everything else, and they stood there. They aren't complaining because they know, "God sent us here by vision. We came here for something."

Do you know what God did? God had them to go into the prison to get the Philippian jailer and his family. Look where God put them. They had to take that beating and go in, but in going in there they got that family. One soul is more than a million worlds. They get that whole family. You are seeing how the Philippian church started? And then when you read the epistle to the Philippians, you see how he commended that church, and the love he had for that church, and how that church loved him. Because the Book of Philippians is written because they sent a little gift for him, a little monetary gift, and he said, "I know you sent this, but I desire fruit." He said, "I am ready to be poured out."

He was in the prison. He was in his last days, but he was giving testimony in Caesar's palace. He even had converts. He came in there as a prisoner in

chains, in house arrest, but in Caesar's palace he had converts. Think. So when you see it looked like he so longed to go to Rome and they so longed that the messenger would come their way one day, when he came, he came in chains at the end of his life, at the end of his ministry. But that was so. That was great. That was what they called 'the eternal city'. That was the capital of the world where Caesar sat on the throne and they called him God. And here was the greatest man on the face of the Earth at that time, the prophet-messenger, a man who was caught up in the Third Heaven; a man whose Words became the Bible.

And while he was in prison, is where he wrote Hebrews, Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, all the great, deep Mystery Truths of predestination, and how we were chosen before, and our names are in the Lamb's Book of Life and these things. He had those things there. In his last days is where he wrote those things in prison. It is called the 'prison epistles'. Of course!

That's why when they thought Bro. Branham was washed-up and he was disillusioned and he said, "Why would He have me back here in the desert? He says, "Out here, God sent me back in the desert." Then he said he caught it. Moses was in the desert. He had to write the five Books. He said Paul was in the desert where he wrote those epistles. And he would bring out *The Church Ages* book. All the Doctrine of the Bible are locked up inside of there. That's right!

The Seven Church Ages, the Revelation Of Jesus Christ. [Cpt. 1, para. 15-34 -Ed.] He said: *Let me show you another reason why Satan hates this Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the church.*

[Bro. Vin repeats -Ed.] He says: *Let me show you another reason why Satan hates this Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the church.*

Have you ever noticed how people hardly preach the Book of Revelation? I'm sure many of them are

unconscious it's the devil keeping them away from it. He said, "Satan hates two Books: Genesis and Revelation. And to preach those two Books, it takes the Holy Ghost."

He knows... [He knows. He is telling us what Satan knows.] He knows that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, and He changes not. [Satan knows that.] He knows that a whole lot more than do ninety percent of the theologians. He knows that since God is immutable in His nature, then He is just as immutable in His ways. Thus Satan knows assuredly that the original church at Pentecost with the power of God (Mark 16 in action) is the True Church that Jesus claims as His own. All else is false. It has to be. [All else is false. It has to be.]

Oh God, give us all a church like that! May when we look at our church, it's not just we have twelve hundred tapes on a shelf and the pictures of the Prophet. May we have that in the people living out! May we know to create that atmosphere! May we be so aligned with God that God is so pleased that God comes down because God sees that we have taken a stand for His Word and we are lining up, and we are measuring ourselves with the pattern and not taking things for granted, and thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think of ourselves! But to measure ourselves with the pattern and say, "Is that so? If that is not so, that is wrong." That's right.

Because remember, once you have a standard and a pattern, anything off the pattern is wrong, because God works from the pattern. Noah couldn't alter that ark. It would have all been destroyed. Solomon couldn't deviate from that pattern and expect the Glory to fill it. After Moses measured everything and everything was correct, then he didn't have to pray, oh God, send the fire. The Glory just came down and filled everything because it was built according to the pattern.

Thus Satan knows assuredly that the original church at Pentecost with the power of God (Mark 16 in action) is the True Church that Jesus claims as His own. All else is false. It has to be.

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. [He says: Now remember this now that Christ in the True Church is a continuation of...]

The Book of Acts is a church with five offices; five office gifts and nine. That's why I say we have to look now, raise our view to another horizon and not get locked up in 'me and our little, local church'. We have to see the Body of Christ. We have to see the Body of Christ. Because when we do that now, we are unintentionally, (let me put it this way,) keeping the Body divided not realizing that is what we are doing.

We must have discernment to know, "Okay, here is man. He maybe is very dogmatic in his preaching or whatever it is, so I don't like him to come. He moves a certain way." Sit down and talk to him. Say, "Brother, you have a really nice gift. You have a good command of the Word, but the way you approach things, I haven't trained my people like that. I find you get in the pulpit and you move a certain way. I would like to have you, but we can work on this. I am not telling you to change the Word. I am not telling you to change anything. Take a look at the Prophet again. Take another look at the Prophet and see. He knew how and when to move."

It's like a doctor with a patient. You don't rough up the patient and put them there and say, "I am the doctor inside the room. Keep quiet!" No, no, no. You want to help the person. Because of love and you want to help the person, you have consideration that they might not respond to the treatment well. You might put a spirit of fear on people or something, when the Word is to take the fear out of the people.

Sometimes it's not what we do; it's how we do it. You see, it's how we do it. That's why he said, "I show you a more excellent way." You see! Bro. Branham said, "For my first twenty-five years, I was killing the snakes. Everything I see, I want to fight." He said, "My second twenty-five years, I gained experience. I don't do like how I used to do in my first twenty-five. I realize that is a little garden snake. That helps keep things out – bugs that want to eat up the plants, so that is good to be in the garden. But when I see it now I wanted to kill it, because in my mind I felt threatened by it. But it doesn't have any poison. It can't sting me. It's not going to do that. It is afraid of me, but I am showing more fear for the thing." You see.

So sometimes suspicions, people see people a certain way. And sometimes when you go to talk to that person, you realize, oh, the person—when you know the person's background... Like a certain Minister I know, good friend of mine. Before I used to ever preach for him, people used to tell me, "Boy, that brother is not easy, the way he talks; boy, he roughs you a certain way." So when I started to preach for the brother I realize he used be a crane—he used to operate these big cranes that lift up these big containers on the docks. You don't be driving a truck and say, "Young man down there, could you move from there please because I don't want the container to fall on you." You know! He is like, "Move from there! What are you doing there?" So when I met the brother and I realized, oh, he is a product of his experiences. And after I look beyond the manner of speech, I realize he is a kindhearted man. He loves people. You see! But people were watching the wrapping and getting confused. You see! The man had a soft heart.

So you know sometimes you meet people like that, they are on edge. It's maybe they are always defensive. Maybe they were in a lot of battles so they always feel, "Everybody wants to attack me. I always have to

defend myself.” So when they go to talk to somebody now, they are already coiled and set in case somebody makes a wrong move. But after a while they get to realize, “No.” And then sometimes you can do good for that person too. You could help to defuse some of the tension in his life by befriending a person. Paul said, “I became all things to all men and was able to win some to Christ. I know how to abase and I know how to abound.” See? And you know in the Gospel of Jesus Christ it does this.

I remember Bro. Roy Roberson’s testimony. He said when his son died—He was with the old veterans in the army, and his son had died. And Bro. Branham went out there for his funeral, and all those generals and all of them were around. He said, “When I saw Bro. Branham stood up and talked with those generals,” he was so—but the Prophet was so adaptable. He got among all these military men who have to make big decisions in the army if to blow up a place, what to do; fire on them or whatever it is, and he could just move among these men and talk to them. He wasn’t stiff. He was able to, no matter where he was, to display this because of the Spirit of God on his life. Because when the Spirit of God is in a man’s life, he is raised up in a place where the Spirit of God begins to move through the man. He makes that man an ambassador of the Kingdom. That man could represent Christ in any situation. You see!

Sometimes you meet Message people they are always ready for a fight. You know! And sometimes you listen to a man, you give a man a good hearing, you realize at the end he isn’t so bad after all. He has a point. He’s making a point in something. Maybe you would not express it that way. You come from another angle. Then you realize the only difference between us is our makeup. I am maybe a little more patient. Maybe I am a little slower. He is a house on fire on a windy day like Peter. Prophet said Paul was

more scholarly. Peter was a firebrand. He said Andrew is a prayer warrior. He said, "In my father's house are many kinds" (I don't have to add) but I say "many kinds of mansions." God gave each one his own personality for the work that he is called for. They are built for a certain thing. You see!

So he says: *Satan knows assuredly that the original church at Pentecost with the power of God (Mark 16 in action) is the True Church that Jesus claims as His own. All else is false.*

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. But the Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless. It exposes Satan, revealing his works (attempted destruction of God's people and the discrediting of God's word) right down to the time he is cast into the lake of fire. He fights that. He cannot stand it. He knows...

Look at it here. It's about five or six things he is telling us that Satan knows here.

...[and] that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army. If they get a true revelation of the two spirits within the framework of the Christian church, and by God's Spirit discern and withstand the antichrist spirit, Satan will be powerless before her. He will be as definitely thwarted today as when Christ withstood his every effort to gain power over Him in the desert. Yes, Satan hates revelation. But we love it. With true revelation in our lives, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us, but we will prevail over them.

He says: *Oh, how we need revelation by the Spirit. We don't need a new Bible, we don't need a new translation, though some are very good, and I am not against them, BUT WE NEED THE REVELATION OF*

THE SPIRIT. And thank God, we can have what we need, for God wants to reveal His Word to us by His Spirit.

He said: May God begin by His Spirit to give us continuous life-giving and prevailing revelation. Oh, if the church could only get a fresh revelation and become by it the living Word manifested, we would do the greater works and glorify God, our Father in heaven.

*Oh my! So I think I took enough time so I'll just close off on that. I think maybe anything else will come up in the preaching. Or maybe I could read this last quote, just that it goes with this, *The Restoration Of The Bride Tree* [1962-0422, para. 25-27 -Ed.] and to show you how that goes together with this.*

He said: Now, God talking of restoring. Now, here in Joel he's talking about... (I preached on this once before and took it in another angle... I never thoroughly went through it as I intend to do today, and won't have time to do it, where it ought to be done.)

But God is speaking here in Joel ... God is speaking of His fruit Tree that He had planted. God planted a fruit Tree. He planted It on the day of Pentecost, and He brought that Tree there for a purpose. He wanted It to bear His fruit Word, God's Word. He wanted a church that would keep His Word all down through the age. Eve had failed to keep It; the Jews had failed to keep It; the law had failed; all had failed, so God planted Him a Tree...

Now, remember, there was two trees in the garden of Eden; we know that. You can call them whatever you want to; I have my idea. But anyhow, one of them was a defiled tree; it got defiled, and the other One wasn't defiled. That Tree of Life come from God out of heaven. He said, "Your fathers eat manna and are dead; but this Tree, you eat and you live forever."

And the Angel guarded that Tree of Life from the garden of Eden, kept It in Eden; that Tree of Life is in Eden, now, spiritually speaking now.

Eden is the Church, spiritually speaking.

Notice. Now, when this Tree that God planted, It was to bear nine different kinds of fruit, nine different kinds, which means nine spiritual gifts, nine fruits of the Spirit to go with the nine spiritual gifts. That was God's Tree. He planted It in the earth on the day of Pentecost.

Now, let's stop. Always so limited with time; I'm going to skip down here a few Scriptures and go down here to Psalms the 1st.

David saw this Tree a long time ago. And of his writing of songs for something joyful, that was the first thing he wrote about. He saw this Tree, and It was planted by the rivers of water--this Tree. ... And he shall be like a tree," God's Tree. Planted where? "By the rivers (rivers, plural), the rivers of water (singular)." Not a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, so forth. No, no. ...Just rivers of one water: nine spiritual gifts by the same Spirit, nine fruits of the Spirit coming from the same Channel. "He shall be like a Tree that's planted by the rivers of waters."

David saw it, and he spoke; he said, "Blessed is that man..." And notice ... he could not die. His leaves would not wither. No, no. No matter what they do, they'll never kill that Tree. Why? It's where It's planted. That's what does it. It's where he's planted. He's planted by the rivers of water.

He said: Now, what if a man's planted in such a thing as by the river, where the springs, nine different springs feeding into him? Oh, my. What ... a establishment he has. And a man that's planted by the river, the rivers of water (one water, one Spirit)... There are gifts of healing (same Spirit), gifts of prophecy (same Spirit), all the same Spirit but many gifts, one Giver.

Now, David saw him, and he was planted by this Tree. Now, he could not die. Now, notice. Why? He had Life in the roots. Where is the roots--or life of the tree? Stays in the roots. Certainly. Comes up and bears its

fruit. ...watch. His roots had Life in them to bring forth His fruit in seasons.

Now, remember, this Tree will not cast Its fruit. Now, you take a tree and put it away from water; the first thing you know you got little old apples; they're all knotty and worm-eaten. But it'll cast ... it's crop. And that's what's the matter with the churches today.

And that's what's the matter with the churches today. You've done got away from that River, got away from them gifts of the Spirit; they got just a church natural. And they get away from the spiritual gifts and the spiritual things, and they cast their fruit.

And that's why all we have is a natural church in most places. They got away from the River. They have failed to see Christ in the True Church is the continuation of the Book of Acts. They fail to see the Book of Acts is the demonstration of five office gifts and nine spiritual gifts in the Body of Christ operating, because this comes from the Life of Jesus. Because when Jesus stood there, he had all offices and all gifts, because he was the fullness of the Godhead bodily and he was manifesting all of these things. See! He manifested all these things because this was the Spirit, and the Spirit now, it just changed bodies; same Spirit just changed bodies.

And so when they started this is how it was. But then the church fell away and it fell into organization, because that antichrist spirit came in the church and begin to kill the spirituality of the Church. And you see that creeping paralysis and that impotence because they drifted away from the Word. They drifted away from the Word. And when we see that, that's what we see happening.

And that's why we see so many ministries today, like Saul. Saul was called by a prophet. The same prophet that anointed David anointed Saul. Saul was chosen by a prophet. Saul was anointed by a prophet. Saul was set in office by a prophet. But Saul had self-

will. Saul was affected by jealousy. Saul, because of his desire for popularity, Saul persecuted David. You never saw David persecuting Saul.

You see David, when Abishai draw the sword and said, "Say the word. I wouldn't have to smite him twice."

He said, "Put back your sword. Touch not God's anointed."

David knows, "I am not going to kill him to come into power. If God wants me there, let God put me there, because I wasn't praying to be king. I was taking care of my father's sheep. God sent the prophet and called me and anointed me to be king. And if God started that, let God finish it. I don't have to take it into my hands." See! And you see Saul with self-will, how he ruined his ministry.

Look Jeroboam because of fear—called by a prophet, anointed by a prophet, set in order by a prophet. He was so industrious that Solomon made him in charge of the whole construction at Millo where they were building this tower. And then the prophet comes and anoints him and tells him, "I am going to give you ten tribes. God is going to tear the kingdom from the house of David and give you ten tribes and only leave two there, which were Judah and Benjamin. When he heard that, he figured, "Well, if the prophet said God is going to give me ten, what am I waiting for? He runs forth to fight Solomon and he lifted his hands against Solomon and he couldn't overcome Solomon, and he had to take off and run. And he ran down in Egypt and he had to stay down there for a season.

And you see men, gifted, called by a prophet, put in office by a prophet, anointed by a Prophet and you see how—When Jeroboam realized now it was time to go up for the feast in Jerusalem, he said, "What! They are going up there; they are going to influence my people. No, no." He decided to counteract that so he set up his own feast. He made his own priesthood and he brought men into the priesthood who were not in

Levi, and he set the dates for his feast at the same time when they are going for this feast. But the whole move is to hold them here and contain them so they don't go there. And now he takes them away from the worship that Moses, the exodus prophet, went up in the Cloud, saw the whole plan of God, came down and set everything in order, now he is taking them away from that Word so he could maintain control over the people. Yet he had ten tribes. Yet he saw the word of the prophet come to pass in his life! And he doesn't have the confidence. See? He ruined his ministry. He set up two golden calves: one in Bethel, the house of God; one in Dan, the eagle. Do you understand? Bethel and Dan.

Jehoshaphat, this man loved fellowship and because of his love for fellowship, Ahab knew which buttons to press. So Ahab had a big meeting, invited him over, wined him and dined him; all the little children with the little flags: "God bless the king of Judah." And when the time comes and he says, "Okay, make a speech, Jehoshaphat. The people are waiting." After they treated him so nice and exalted him and, "God save..." you know, he gets up there and says, "Your horses are my horses. Your men are my men." And he is carrying his church into this union where Jezebel is the power behind Ahab.

And so when they begin to prophesy with one voice, four hundred of them, and Zedekiah, "Make your horns," and all the drama and, "Push them to the East, and push them to the West, push them to the North, and we will take back our land; this is possession time," you know, and all these different slogans that they had. The next thing you know, Ahab, something told him something is wrong here. He said, "You don't have a next prophet?" "Next prophet?" The king said, "What's the matter with you? You want a next prophet? There are four hundred."

He said, "Yeah, but it still has one."

He said, "Yeah, there is one – Micaiah, the son of Imla. But this fellow, he doesn't like me. Watch and see, he will come up here and preach against me."

Micaiah came and he said, "Go on up and the Lord prosper you."

But the tone he said it in and the manner which he said it, Ahab knew he was mocking him.

Ahab said, "Come on man, speak the truth."

He said, "Hear the Word of the Lord. If you go up there, all of you are scattered sheep!"

And he began to speak. Zedekiah walked up and gave him one slap.

He said, "Where did the Spirit of God go when it left me?" In other words, "I am the prophet here. You aren't anointed like me."

He said, "If you come back," he said, "God didn't talk to me."

See? Ahab sat down and watched all of that—Jehoshaphat rather, and then still led... Ahab said, "Well disguise yourself. If you have a little fear, put on a little disguise." When he put on the disguise now, the Syrians thought he was the king of Israel. The men draw the bow. When he saw the bow, he screamed. When he screamed and they realized it's not Ahab, it's Jehoshaphat, he got away. And he was going home and God had a prophet who came out. He said, "You love what God hate."

But the great thing about this man, this man the Bible said went all through Judah and brought the people back to God. In other words, he humbled himself. He said, "I misled you all, church. I carried you all the wrong way. I got you all into this political thing and we suffered for it and it displeased God." God didn't remove him from being king.

Three powers were coming against him, and when Jehoshaphat saw that, he brought all the people in Jerusalem. His sin was repented, everything was

cleansed, and the Spirit of God came down upon Jahaziel and said, "Tell king Jehoshaphat, you don't have to fight in this battle. God will fight for you in this battle." He said, "You just get your singers, put them out and let them sing. And when they begin to sing, watch and see what is going to happen." And so this man made a bad move. A good man made a bad move. But look how he humbled himself and look how the people, and God who controlled the hearts of the people, the people stayed with the man and brought everything back.

Balaam, a next great ministry, Supernatural, gifts, prophecy, different things, but the thing was, the man loved money. The man loved money. And so he started to market the gift. He started to play up to men. At first the man put up a stand. Balak sent some men.

He said, "Take your silver and gold and go back. I can only speak what God shows me."

So when they went back Balak said, "When is he coming?"

They said, "Coming? He isn't coming."

Balak didn't say the man is a strong man, you know. Balak said, "I sent the wrong men." He said, "I sent the wrong men. You all are weak." He said, "I will send the heavyweights. Watch and see."

He sent three different men.

When the men came now and they started to put over the case, he said, "Stay tonight. I will ask God and see what He says."

See? Watch a man being persuaded after he knows the revealed will of God. Watch a man enticed by position and honor and wealth, he found himself halting now and leaning into a place where he was going to become a servant of men.

Samson. Watch what women did to Samson. Great gift, power, demonstration of great power. And then the enemy said, "You're fighting this man the wrong

way. You are all attacking the man strength for strength. Find where his strength lieth.” He got a woman. When he got the woman, that woman did what ten thousand soldiers couldn’t do.

Uzziah, a great man, popular man, great ministry. In the end, arrogance, pride; he refused correction. He was stepping to do God a service without it being God’s will. He didn’t think that the Word of the exodus prophet, when he said, “You have to have five musts to do God a true service,” that God really meant that. He tried to do God a service that he wasn’t called to do. And he exalted his knowledge above the Word, became arrogant with the men who were quoting the Word of the exodus prophet, and the leprosy struck him immediately. The same man ended up in the leper house. And the leper before he could come back in the camp must be examined by the priests. So the same men he tried to kill and put his arrogance upon, now he had to subject to their examination. He died a leper in the leper house as great as he was. He found out that God keeps His Word.

Korah, a man who was discontented with his place; great ministry. He looked at Moses; he is the prophet. He looked at Aaron; he is the priest. He looked at Miriam; she is the prophetess. He is the cousin. He was their cousin. They were sons of Kohath: Amram and Kohath. Moses from Amram; he from Kohath. And when they looked so he said, “I’m folding up the tabernacle, everything; we have to take it down. That is my work. And my cousins and them, they have all the main offices.” He said, “You don’t see that is a family thing here. This is politics in the church.” It wasn’t politics. God chose it like that. And Moses used to stutter and stammer. And this man doesn’t have any Pillar of Fire, no Cloud, and no signs in the hand, no rod, not anything, and this man had two hundred and fifty princes of Israel with him to challenge Moses – the gainsaying of Korah. This man

could manipulate people. This man could move people.

Isaiah, a great man like us called to carry the fullness of the Word but leaning on the arm of flesh. And when he saw Uzziah was struck and died in judgment, it shook him up. Because, how could this great man, so successful, so powerful, die under judgment? The man didn't die of old age. The man died of judgment, swift judgment. And Isaiah ran in the temple to pray, and when he ran in the temple to pray, God broke the vision and God showed him the King, the Lord, the King on the Throne. And from the time he saw the King on the Throne, he knew what God was showing him.

Then he saw the seraphim – two wings over the face, and two wings over the feet; flying with two wings. And then he saw the altar with the fire. And in this vision he was right before the Throne and he cried out, "*Woe is me. I am undone.*" Because he understood what truth was being communicated to show him his condition! His eyes were on the wrong king. The king he was leaning on ended up a leper. And the King that could never fall, whose train and Glory filled the temple, he hadn't his eyes on this King. And he saw the seraphim in the Presence of the King, and the seraphim in action with reverence and humility, he saw what kind of example he should have been. He said, "*Woe is me. I am undone. I am a man with unclean lips among an unclean people.*"

And a man with unclean lips defiles his congregation. That's right. A man preaching false doctrine is a man with unclean lips. A man preaching for popularity is a man with unclean lips. A man playing politics with the people is a man with unclean lips. A man manipulating the people, handling the Word of God deceitfully for his own selfish motives, is a man with unclean lips. And when that vision broke, here was a man, foreordained prophet, here was a

man a gifted man, a moral man. His sin was not like he was living in adultery or stealing, or lying. But yet this moral man under the influence of this vision could look into his life and look beyond his morality and find sin that he could not see in himself before he received the vision. The vision brought him into a depth of self-examination that he couldn't just consciously examine himself.

When Bro. Branham saw those Angels, he said, "Woe is me. I feel like Isaiah in the temple. I feel like Jacob at Bethel." See? And this was the thing. And then he preached *In His Presence*. [1962-0909e -Ed.] He said, "Watch, watch those men when they came in the Presence of God." Daniel said, "My comeliness is turned into corruption." He said, "Job said, 'I'm vile. I'm dust and ashes.'" He said, "Paul said, 'What will thou have me to do, Lord?'" Because he realized he was a servant of men, breaking up all the churches for the high priest. He was their 'whip man' that they used to use to root up all the churches. And then when he saw the vision, Jesus said, "You're kicking against the pricks. Why persecutest thou me?" And he was smitten blind, thrown off his horse and these things.

And to see how all of these great ministries—You never saw David persecuting Saul. You never saw Isaac persecuting Ishmael. You never saw Abel persecuting Cain. You never saw that. Because just like Jesus, He could be dumb before His shearers. He opened not His mouth. If He had to speak the Word, He had to speak the Word in truth. If He has to expose the thing, He could expose the thing. But yet He carried Himself in such a way that they looked at Him and they knew there was something different about Him. Even His Own apostles, they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

When we see the Prophet, we see he even testified people said, "Bro. Branham, you're an antichrist. You

are this, all kinds of things. I don't believe you and your Doctrine." They said, "But I have got to admit, you have the Spirit of Christ." Yet there was something about him, and yet he could preach, take the gloves off and lay the Word so strong; but yet you can know he was doing that with a motive and an intention to get the people to line up with the Word. He wasn't using It to politicize or manipulate the people. And this is the great thing.

And as Ministers tonight we see. I say these few words to show that look what the church is, look what the pattern of every true Minister is. He said Paul had three things: the Word, the fruit, and the signs and wonders. He didn't have it because of his ability. In other words, when God build something according to the pattern, it comes this way; it comes with these things. He said, "We may not get to the heights he got. We may not get to certain things. But we all see the ones closest."

Today if you go into a city and you want to know who the true church is, how are you going to know? You have to go back to the pattern. Watch that church that is established. Watch that Ephesians. Watch that church there that knows its place, that knows its position; that has grown up into the Head. Watch that church that carries the mystery of Christ in the Church; a church that is in submission, a church that God can have the preeminence in, submission to the Word. When you look at the church that has the Word, the prayer—he said, three things: the sacred bedding ground only for the husband's seed. Three sacred virtues. And when you look and you see a seed gets into the bedding ground that's only for the husband's seed, you know that church has drifted away and become influenced by another influence. We have to watch the pattern.

That's why today, we might be in the Message; we are not to compare ourselves with denomination. We

have to compare ourselves with the standard – the first church and the first messenger. Every time we compare ourselves with a denomination and say, “We’re better than them,” of course we’re better than them. But when we compare ourselves with the standard, and if we miss that standard, then we have failed like the other churches have failed the same way. And that’s what we strive for. Every Minister is striving to be that kind of Minister. And that Minister had come back to us in the form of the Prophet because he had that exact pattern. “The same Zerubbabel,” the Word says, “Who laid the Foundation Stone will lay the Headstone.” And that was the Holy Spirit, Christ, in them.

And God bless you my brothers. Thank you so much Bro. Chesa to give me the little space. You arranged it this way under your direction. And I trust that what I have said has been acceptable; it has been something that will help us in focus to the Word. [Ministers give God a hand of praise. –Ed.] I say good men can make mistakes, Isaiah, but he was cleansed by fire. And when the Voice said, “Who will go for us?” He said, “Here am I, send me.” Confession—the vision produced confession; confession brought cleansing; cleansing brought commission. And he went with the fullness of the Word.

That’s a type of us in this Day. The fullness of the Word has come into existence. All Seven Seals have opened up and God has a ministry. And when Bro. Branham preached those messages, *Why It Had To Be Shepherds* [1964-1221 –Ed.], *Influence* five times to show what kind of influence must be upon the ministry today, and what kind of influence is to be upon the Bride. And he said, “Watch how you go in a church, you see the spirit of the pastor on the congregation. If he’s radical, the people are radical.” And that’s why in this Hour how we need the Spirit of Christ on the

ministry that the Spirit of Christ can be on the Church.

God bless you. Come my brother.

[Ministers give God a hand of praise. -Ed.]



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