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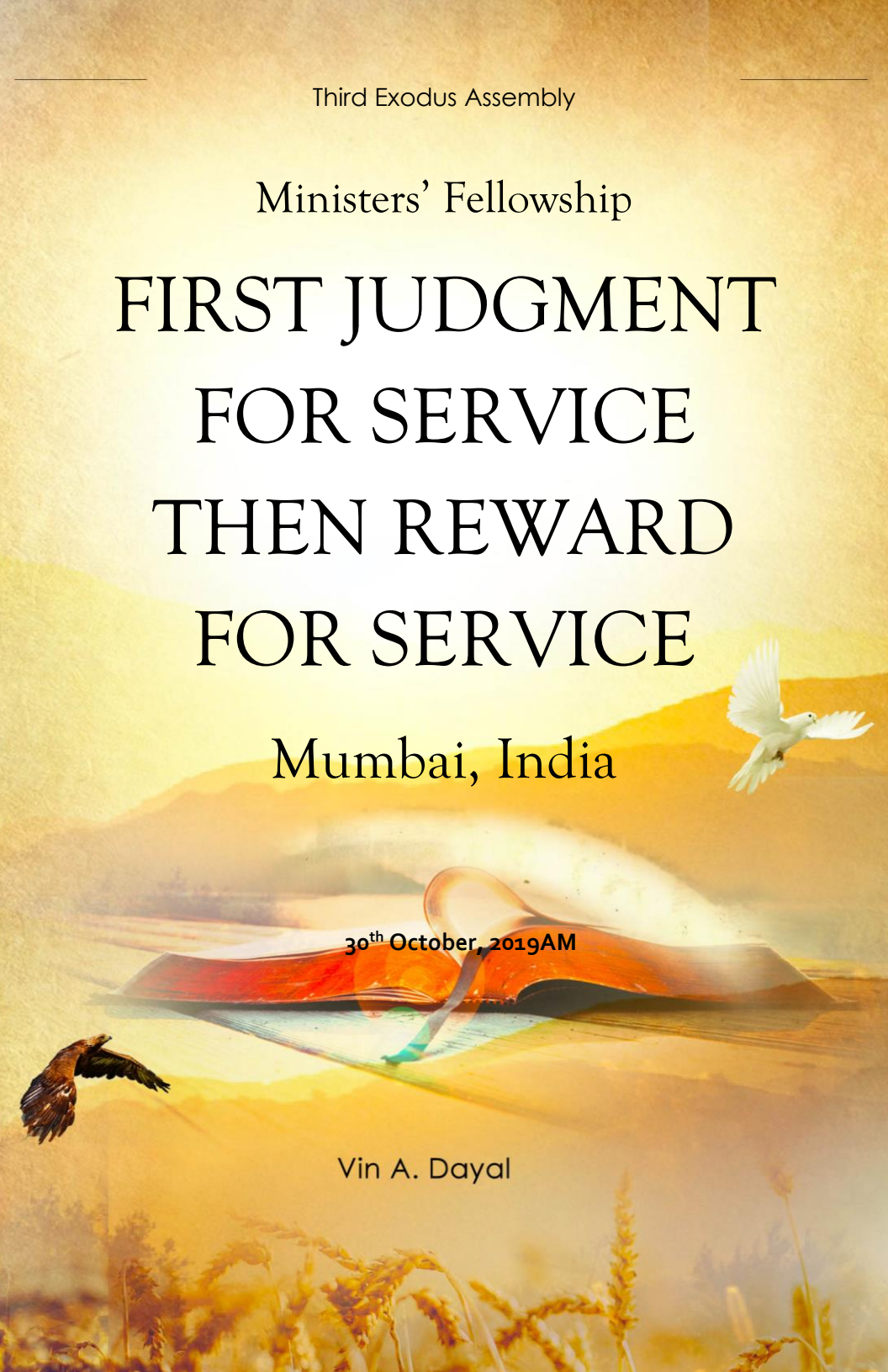
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FOREWORD

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God bless you, my brother.

I want to say a pleasant good morning to all God's servants. I feel very honored to be in the midst of the Ministers today. I come as one of you. I don't see myself above you (but it falls my lot to say something today), because we all have been given our ministry by the Lord Jesus, and in the end, we will all have to give account for the stewardship that has been given unto us.

Bro. Branham understood these Things when he went beyond the curtain of time. He said, "You'll be judged for what you preach." He never, maybe, had thought of that before. Those Scriptures might have not been made real to him at that time, but he had a desire in his heart, he wanted to do the best for the Lord, and he said, "William Branham, you haven't done much for the Lord as yet." He said, "You're getting old and your time is running out."

It was at that time, while he was thinking this, the Angel of God came and said, "Would you like to see beyond the curtain of time?" He told us what he was thinking at the time. He saw himself and his years had been advanced. He wasn't the young Minister on the river [Ohio River -Ed.] when he had heard the Voice saying, "As John, the Baptist, was sent to forerun the First Coming..."

The healing revival was over. He had seen the greatest healing revival that ever struck the face of the

earth. Many souls had also been won into the Kingdom of God and he realized that the few years he had remaining, he wanted to give it all to the Lord Jesus, because Jesus was his life. Even when he was out of the body (he had left the body on the bed and went over There and millions were running to greet him and said, "Our precious brother, our precious brother,") he said, "Where is Jesus? I want to see Him. He has been my life."

It showed that while he was in the body, he wasn't pretending these things. Because he could look back and see his body on the bed. And here he was in a World where you can't pretend, you can't try to impress people because everybody There are in theophanies and he was like a new arrival and so, the first thing he thought of was, "Where is Jesus." Not wanting to greet everybody, "Glory to God" or "I am the Prophet; here I am," you know.

I believe all of us who are shepherds and God gave us a little flock that we watch over, the Spirit of the great Shepherd of the sheep, Who has made us co-workers with Him in this Last Day, His Spirit will have to be put in us so that we can take care of the sheep like He took care of the sheep. In St. John 10, He explained this: "I know My sheep. I call My sheep by name. I lead My sheep into green pastures. I lay down My life for the sheep." And the sheep that we are taking care of are His sheep. The calling that He has called us with, and the gifts He put in our lives, and the virtues together with those gifts, is that we will do the service the way that He would have done it, if He physically was doing it.

I would think that we all will have this consciousness while we sit here and the words of the Prophet will come back to our remembrance of why it had to be shepherds. The Angel of the Lord appeared to them. The Word was born into manifestation. The promised Messiah was on the earth. It was being

made known to the shepherds. The Angel didn't go to the great cathedrals and the polished scholars, they went to shepherds and they directed the shepherds where to find the Messiah because of the kind of Message It was. It was the same way with those magis. They had seen the Star. Each one of them saw the Star. Each one of them had a gift in their lives and each one of them traveled in the light of that Star and that Star brought them to the Messiah; to the Word made flesh.

I believe we are like that. We have seen the Star for our Age and we didn't just get caught up seeing the Star by traveling in the light of the Star. Our gifts were not to honor the Star; our gifts were to reveal the Mystery of the Messiah, the Word made flesh that had come. The purpose of the Star was to bring them to the Messiah and that's why he said: *God's Gifts Always Find Their Places*. [1963-1222 -Ed.] He was talking about gifts and placing – how the gift comes to its place. When it comes to its place, it serves the purpose that the gift was given for.

So gifted men in this Age, you go into the Word because the Word had come for a purpose – God in service to die. That's why one had gold because He's a King: "Where is He born, King of the Jews?" One had frankincense and one had myrrh. It was not which gift was better. Each gift was a part of the Mystery and the Mystery was fully revealed when the gifts came together because the gifted men saw the Star.

Other men couldn't see the Star. The ones who really saw the Star, were the ones who had the right gifts. Oral Roberts and they didn't have the gifts for this Hour; that's why they didn't follow the Star. They built their own organizations. Their gifts never came to the Word made flesh; the Word that had come for Redemption to take man back to the Garden of Eden. That is Who Jesus is. That was why He came. He is

the Kinsman Redeemer to bring the work of Redemption.

People in this Day thought the Prophet was preaching a Christmas message. He wasn't preaching a Christmas message because, you know, Christmas is a pagan religion and Jesus wasn't born in December, but he used the background of that time to bring the Mystery out.

We all can look back at the time when we saw the Star. Because those same gifted men got seduced by Herod. They went among the theologians, they went among the politicians and subtly, they were influenced to be accomplices to Herod to kill the Word. He said, "Go and when you find the Babe, come and tell me; I want to worship Him too." He said, "How long ago had you all seen the Star?" Innocently they were giving information to a killer of the Word. When they found the Child, the Word made flesh, God had to give them a dream and said, "Do not go back to Herod." Herod had no plan to worship This. That was the Red Dragon trying to devour the Man-Child. That's right.

So we can look and see when we saw the Star. We can see where the Star led us. We can see where our gifts are today and examine and see if our gifts are operating in the channel for the purpose it was given, and if the Messiah is being honored and glorified through our gifts and our services.

Every man who has a gift will know that office gifts are without repentance. A man could pray for wisdom. A man could pray for knowledge. A man could pray for faith. A man could pray to prophesy. You could pray for any one of the nine spiritual gifts but you cannot pray for the five office gifts. You can't say, "I want to be a prophet," and go and start to fast and pray for God to make you a prophet. Office gifts are before birth, during life and after death. Death doesn't take it away.

God told Jeremiah, "Before you were formed in your mother's womb, I knew you, I sanctified you, I ordained you to be a prophet, and today I set thee over the nations." Before he was born, in the foreknowledge of God, he was predestinated to that place. He grew up to a certain place and then God called him and anointed him and then set him positionally.

Look at Elisha following Elijah; look at David – they all were elected. We were elected before we were called. God told Samuel, "Stop crying for Saul. I have chosen Me, a king. Fill your horn with oil and go to the house of Jesse; I have chosen one of his sons to be king." So Samuel went. God was speaking about David. David was chosen not knowing he was chosen.

God refused all the other sons until Samuel had to say, "You must have another son."

He said, "Yes, but he's with the sheep. He's the young one."

He said, "Bring him here."

David was already chosen not knowing he was chosen, but he was being called under the message of the prophet. When he came in the presence of the prophet, now he was elected and called. Now he recognizes, "A prophet has been sent." And now he was in the presence of the prophet and from the Word in the mouth of the prophet, he was understanding that he was to be king, and he received an anointing and a promise to be placed positionally as king.

We were chosen before Bro. Branham came. We were chosen before the foundation of the world in Christ, but we got our calling under the ministry of the Prophet because we were to carry this Message. And from the mouth of the Prophet, we began to understand how ministry in this Hour should operate because he began to tell us about a *God-Called Man* [1958-1005e -Ed.], God-trained men to carry this Message. He began to tell us about five 'musts' to do God a true

service. He began to tell us how a man should use his gift and how a man will have to give account for what God has made him responsible for, and he began to instruct us as Ministers.

He preached messages like *Influence*: how Isaiah was a prophet, foreordained, but when the time came... He had no vision yet. He might have had a little vision about things around the kingdom, but the vision that was going to begin to make him ready for ministry...

He was in Uzziah's kingdom. He was influenced by Uzziah. He looked up to Uzziah so much because of his blessing and his prosperity, and instead of being 'Isaiah', he was being like a little 'Uzziah'. But his ministry was too important. He could not see the spirit of arrogance and the spirit that could not take correction in Uzziah.

So when Uzziah couldn't take correction from men who were quoting the Word of the Exodus prophet, who got that Word in the Cloud on the mountain... It said, "You're not abiding in your calling. You're trying to do God a service you aren't called to do. This is not your position. You're trying to do a priest's work and you are a king." They were quoting the words of Moses, and he became arrogant and he threatened the priests. And while he was exalting his knowledge above the Word of God, the leprosy struck him in his forehead. Your 'forehead' is your '*revelation*'.

Just like king Asa died with diseased feet because he put the prophet's feet in stocks because he disagreed with the prophet, and he died with diseased feet. [1st Kings 15:23; 2nd Chronicles 16:12 -Ed.] Like Miriam when she spoke against Moses, the leprosy from the mouth covered the whole face and they had to take her out of the camp.

When Uzziah exalted his knowledge above the Word and the leprosy hit him, he couldn't sit down on that throne again. They had to move him to the leper's

house. And the same priests that he threatened to kill, it was their job to determine whether the leper was good enough to come back in the camp or stay in the leper's house, and he died in the leper's house.

Young Isaiah with human love for his friend, king Uzziah, he couldn't understand how God could kill such a man. A great man like this? Because Uzziah didn't die from old age; he didn't die from an accident. He died under the judgment of God for arrogance and rejection of the vindicated Word of a prophet, for refusing the correction; for trying to do God a service he was not ordained to do. That is what made Isaiah run in the temple.

He said, "In the year that king Uzziah died, I also saw... I saw king Uzziah die and I also saw another King high and lifted up." [Isaiah 6 -Ed.] In his vision... Remember, it was God giving him the vision, and God was giving him the vision for correction because God knew what was troubling him. And in the vision, he found himself before the Throne of God, and he was watching the seraphim with two wings over his face, two wings over his feet, and flying with two wings. And he saw how this seraphim that Lucifer couldn't deceive because this one stayed with his King, how he was behaving himself in the Presence of the true King.

When God is talking to you, you can understand, you know. Isaiah immediately understood because he realized he was following an earthly king. His Heavenly King made him a prophet and his eyes were supposed to be on this King but his eyes went on man. And when he went on man, man who was exalting himself above the Word of God, he was being influenced by a wrong example.

When he saw it, he began to see sin in himself, he never saw before. It made him cry out, "Woe is me!" Not, "Woe is this Minister," and "Woe is that Minister," and "Woe is that church, and woe is this next one." He said, "I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell

among unclean people.” [Isaiah 6:5 –Ed.] Because it is not what goes in the man’s mouth that defiles the man; it is what comes out of the man’s mouth. And he was supposed to be the mouthpiece of God but out of his mouth, he was defiling people by his preaching.

He knew where the sin was. He knew where his problem was under the vision. There was no confession until the vision. The vision produced confession. He saw his condition and he cried out, “*Woe is me!*”

When confession came, it didn’t take a month, it didn’t take six months; immediately. The Bible said, “The seraphim flew swiftly.” Where was the seraphim going? He went to the brass altar to get a live coal because this man could not be cleansed by theology. This man’s birth and ministry were too important. He was to carry the fullness of the Word.

What are we called for? To carry the fullness of the Word. Nobody in this Age can carry the fullness of the Word until they see the vision, the Heavenly vision. Like Paul said, “I’m not disobedient to the Heavenly vision.” [Acts 26:19 –Ed.]

When Bro. Branham saw the vision of the Angels coming, he said, “Woe, woe is me! I feel like Isaiah in the temple. I’m a man of unclean lips.” Read it, *In His Presence* [1962-0909m –Ed.], *Sirs’ Is This The Sign Of The End?* [1962-1230e –Ed.] He said, “For the whole week, I’m still numb under the effects of the vision. I’ve never had a vision like this.” He said, “I feel like Jacob at Bethel,” when he saw the Angels. He cried out. This was a Prophet under the effects of the Heavenly vision that was being sent by the sovereign grace of God to him to teach him what is required to carry the Message that this vision is opening up.

From what is being said, you realize how many Ministers today in the Message are walking unconscious of what ‘ministry’ really is, and how many blind are leading the blind. And the awakening...

Because these things pertain to Ministers. There was no repentance until the vision came. The vision produced confession, confession produced cleansing, and cleansing brought commission.

God said, "Who will go for us?"

And the man under the effects of the vision, who was now cleansed by Fire, said, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

So Bro. Branham took that and preached it so many times: *Influence Of Another* [1962-1013 -Ed.], *Influence, An Influence*. He was preaching this to show how God prepares a servant who is to carry the fullness of the Word: he has to receive the vision of the Lord – twenty-seven miles high, thirty miles wide; high and lifted up. We see the Supreme Authority of the universe. The same men who see the Star, also see this same vision. The same men whose gift is to reveal the Word made flesh, also, are not carrying half of the Bible or quarter of the Bible; it's the full Seven Sealed Mysteries that opened up the whole plan of Redemption.

Men who see this become prisoners of Jesus Christ. Like Bro. Branham said, "When Daniel saw the vision of this Mighty One, he said, 'My comeliness turned into corruption.' When Job saw Him, he said, 'I'm vile.' When Abraham saw Him, he said, 'I am dust and ashes.' When Peter saw Him, he said, 'Lord, depart from me; I am a sinful man.' When Isaiah saw Him, he said, 'Woe is me!'"

Paul, who was trying to do God a service, not knowing the plan of God, and was given instructions by political, religious men to go and root up all of these Message churches who were talking about Elijah has come and the Son of Man has been revealed, when the Lord appeared to him on the road to Damascus, He threw him off his horse and smote him blind, and said, "Why persecutest thou Me?" When Paul came to that place, he said, "What must I do, Lord? What did You call me for?" He realized he was serving man in man's

kingdom just like Isaiah and now, he had to become the prisoner of Jesus Christ to carry the Word.

I remember the days, I used to cry as a young Minister and people were coming around me, and I said, "Why didn't Bro. Branham preach messages for Ministers?" All kinds of problems were rising up and I didn't know how to deal with it because I had no religious background; never got near a denomination or a Bible school, and you wanted to be sincere to tell the people the right things; how to run the church. So, little things maybe, you could read in *Conduct, Order And Doctrine*, the do's and don'ts, but you're conscious, "Something must be revealed." Ministry—the Prophet said, "We are cut out differently, we are natured differently, (given different natures,) we are anointed differently (because every man is anointed for the kind of work and ministry God gives to him), and we are placed differently."

Afterwards, the Lord began to teach me and show me how many messages he was preaching for Ministers. Like I was quoting some just now: *We Have Seen His Star* [We Have Seen His Star And Have Come To Worship Him - 1963-1216 -Ed.], *God's Gifts Always Find Their Places, Trying To Do God A True Service*; what you must have before you attempt to go and work for God. People come out of denominations with denominational zeal and say, "I want to work for God. I want to work for God." In this, nobody works for God. In this, God wants empty vessels that He could work through. That's right. It is God working through them. It is they under the headship of God.

When you read the Book of Acts... Look, Acts 16 is a good example. Paul wanted to go to Bithynia. God said, "No." Maybe he had meetings arranged there. He wanted to go to Lycia. God said, "No." He kept going. When they came to Troas, a vision broke; he saw a man calling him: "Come over here and help us." Then they had to cross the ocean to go into Europe to

Philippi. When they went there, maybe looking for a big work in the city, no synagogue; it's a Roman colony. He looked around—they were looking around the place, saw a little river out there, some women were sitting down there on the Sabbath and they were praying. He was directed to go and he found Lydia. The Bible said, "God opened the heart of Lydia to attend unto the things that Paul spoke."

That was the beginning of the Philippi church. We have the Book of Philippians where the Prophet preached *The Unveiling Of God* [1964-0614m -Ed.] from, to show how God took the form of a Man, became of no reputation, exalted so high, far above the Heaven where He looks down at Heaven, and how every knee has to bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. And look at Paul in Philippi telling some of the believers, "Your names are in the Book of Life."

Why? Bro. Branham, when he went beyond the curtain, he said, "I saw some of you all over there." On, *It Is The Rising Of The Sun* [1965-0418m -Ed.], he said, "I saw some of you all over there." So here Paul had gone into the Third Heaven, saw things not lawful to speak, saw celestial bodies, he said, came back and spoke these things in a mystery. And the Last Day Prophet, when he went beyond the curtain himself, because it's the Hour for preparation of the Rapture, he began to open up this – the World beyond this world.

Scientists are beginning to come to the conclusion that there is a parallel universe right here. It's not somewhere way out there, it's right here. Like the Prophet said, "But that isn't twenty feet away." They were trying to find some life in the universe somewhere out there. He said, "If you give scientists a chance, they will find God before the Church." Because the Church is so slumbering, he said, "Scientists have taken fallen man further in their five senses than Ministers have taken the Church in their souls."

So when Bro. Branham went There, he was told, "You will be judged for what you preach." It struck him. "Oh my God!" He could look back and realize, "There was an Influence on my life that made me look at Paul." Later on, he came to find out that Paul was the pattern of every true Minister. Paul said, "God will judge the world by my Gospel." Paul was caught up into the Third Heaven.

Matthew and Mark wrote one Gospel each. Luke wrote one Gospel and the Book of Acts. John wrote the Gospel of John, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Epistle of John. Peter wrote 1st Peter and 2nd Peter. James and Jude, the Lord's two brothers by Mary and Joseph, James wrote one and Jude wrote one. Paul wrote fourteen, more than all of them put together.

Then he set the Church in order. He was not one of the twelve at the Communion Table, the Last Supper, but all who were at the Last Supper had to step back and he set the Communion, 1st Corinthians 11, in order. He set the office of a Minister and a deacon – the qualifications for it. He's the one who looked back in the beginning and said, "As the Serpent beguiled Eve, so it's doing the same here with the second Eve." He was the one who said, "Adam was first formed and then the woman." He said, "The woman was deceived, but Adam was not deceived." He said, "Adam was a figure of Him Who is to come," talking about Jesus, and called Jesus the Last Adam. And he taught us in Romans, "In Adam, we all die and in Christ, we are all made alive," and showed to us, a fallen head with a fallen creation and a New Head with a New Creation.

This Influence... All those Mysteries sealed up in the Book, that Influence was on Bro. Branham that he could show, Paul laid the foundation and he brought the Headstone, (that's right), the Capstone revelation. And the Capstone revelation is that original foundation that came back here now, in revelation to us because it was sealed up in the Bible.

Paul goes before the foundation of the world to tell us, we were chosen in Christ and showed how we are manifested in the flesh, how we walked after the course of the world, but how we are quickened and raised up and now we're in Heavenly Places, and what we will be in the World to come. His teaching is showing us from Eternity back to Eternity. Watch *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* [1963-0728 -Ed.], watch the Scriptures Bro. Branham used to bring these things out. Watch Paul talking about the theophanies; the celestials bodies made without hands, eternal in the Heaven.

Paul's 1st Epistle is Thessalonians. In the 1st Epistle, he had the threefold Mystery of the Seventh Seal: the Lord will descend from Heaven with a Shout, a Voice and a Trump. From Genesis to all the apostles who walked with Jesus, none could open the Mystery of Jesus saying, "I will come again. In My Father's House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. I'll come and receive you."

This is *The Rapture* [1965-1204 -Ed.] and *Things That Are To Be*. [1965-1205 -Ed.] This is *Who Is This Melchisedec?* [1965-0221e -Ed.]; the Book of Hebrews; thirteen chapters. In chapter 7, Paul goes into Melchisedec; mentioned only twice in the Bible: coming to Abraham and David talked about Him in Psalms 110. But Paul opened this. He told us Abraham was looking for the City because he had met this King Who came down because that is the One Who came to Paul. He said, "*The angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve.*" [Acts 27:23 -Ed.]

Look at God in the Alpha Church. It opens up to us what God is in the Omega Church. That's right. That's why today, when we understand, this is the restoration of the Bride Tree. In the vision, the same Bride came back a second time to show it's the same. The Foundation Stone that was laid, Christ was that Foundation. The Headstone that has come is Christ.

Over the years, I've heard many Ministers say, "Paul didn't have the full revelation; Bro. Branham had the revelation." You know, like little children, "My daddy is stronger than your daddy," because they're talking like a baby. The man said, "God will judge the world by my Gospel. If an angel comes from Heaven and says anything different to me, curse that angel." The man said, "Not the Lord say but I say, because I know I have the Mind of Christ," and it became the Bible, and not one jot or tittle in the Bible could pass away.

So when we can look and see what has been delivered to us, who have seen the Star, who have seen the Heavenly vision, who are to carry the fullness of the Message, we can't alter the Robe to fit ourselves. Elisha tore up his robe to fit into the robe of Elijah. Elisha was chosen and didn't know he was chosen; God came to Elijah. Just like David, how David was called.

When God came to Elijah, he said, "Anoint Jehu to be king over Israel, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria and anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat to be prophet in your stead." Elijah did not anoint Jehu or Hazael. He went to where Elisha lived. He saw him plowing in the field like a farmer. He did not know he was to fulfill a portion of the Word revealed to the prophet. He knew this was the prophet. All Israel was at Mount Carmel that day for the big showdown. He saw Elijah, with the vision, call fire.

Like you Ministers in Mumbai, when Elijah, the Prophet, stood here and challenged every religion and said, "I will become a Muslim if you open this man's eyes. I'll follow your religion. I see you levitating, I see you writing things with your eye on a beam and all those kinds of things, showing like you have power; showing you're in contact with some god." He said, "Here is one of your followers who became blind following your theology. Open his eyes." He said, "It was the quietest group I've heard."

He said, "In the day time I went and listened to all of them" after they had shown all their different things that they had. He said, "I invite you tonight, come to the meeting." He said, "But God already showed me the vision saying 'Bring them to a spot.'" It was like nobody was coming. "What about you, sir? You were there today; you had some nice things that you were showing. Could you help this man? I am ready to change my religion if anyone of you can do this because the God Who does this has to be God." And that is what Elijah did.

So when Elisha saw this man coming, he knew who that was. The man passed, took the mantle and waved it over him. Something struck him. But the man didn't stop for fellowship, and said, "Hi! Do you know me? I am Elijah. So how are you doing? You look like you have a calling in your life." No, no, no. He just did that [waved the mantle -Ed.] and moved.

Elisha realized, "That's a call of God. I need to talk to him because he would not come to me except he has some reason to come to me." So he said, "Give me a little moment. I want to go and tell my family I'm going to put down this plough for a season." When he looked, Elijah was way down the road. "You handle your domestic problems. You got your call; you get lined up with God." He ran after him. He began to learn.

That's us, who left everything to follow Elijah in this Day. Elijah taught us 'demonology'. Elijah taught us 'ministry of angels'. Elijah taught us about dimensions. Elijah taught us what is going on in the Faith Civilization. He taught us about visions and dreams. Elijah opened up the Bible to us; showed us the devil hates two books: Genesis and Revelation. These are the two key Books in the Bible. That's right. One is the Seed and one is the Harvest.

If we aren't awakened up to see how we were supposed to follow... Ninety percent of the Ministers

are: "Oh, my baptism is wrong; I need to baptize over. Hey, I have two sisters in my church: one is a deaconess and one preaches. I have to put them to sit down." They learn a few dos and don'ts and they thought that is why Elijah came. Look at Jesus: Jesus taught them that their names are written in Heaven. He said, "Don't rejoice because the devils are subject to you; rejoice because your names are written in Heaven." [Luke 10:20 -Ed.]

In one season they cast out two or three little devils: maybe an alcohol devil, a vagrant devil, but when they met the epileptic, they didn't know what to do. They shook them: "In Jesus' Name! Come out in Jesus' Name! In Jesus'..." Nothing was happening.

They said, "Lord, it's like You took back the Power?"

He said, "I didn't take back the Power." He said, "This kind doesn't go out except by praying and fasting."

He started to teach them, when the devil leaves a person, it walks in dry places. It goes and comes back after a season, finds this person is going to church, who they used to live in; they're carrying a Bible. But after awhile, the devil realizes, "This person isn't filled with the Holy Ghost." So the devil goes and gets seven worst than himself, and this person starts to go through hard trials. "I became a Christian. What is going on with my life?" And the desire to go back in the world is coming and they don't know what is happening. And the preaching is not taking them to the Holy Ghost. The preaching calls them a Christian because they got baptized in water and said, "I love Jesus."

Bro. Branham said, "Watch, Billy Graham: thirty thousand saved. In the newspapers: 'Great evangelist came to the city. Glory to God! Great crusade.' If you go back two months after, you can't find them." He said, "Paul got one and brought them to the Holy

Ghost and when they got Spirit-filled, they became a coworker.”

Why? Because the ministry has to be conscious. Jesus was teaching them, who were coming out of Sadducees, Pharisees, what kind of Age they came into; how ‘ministry’ operates. Jesus wasn’t just another Rabbi in a synagogue; He was living in two worlds. He was conscious of the unseen world, so He was opening up the supernatural world to them in His teaching.

People say, “Oh yeah! I think I want to preach on ‘Demonology’ one of these days.”

Somebody says, “No, brother. You have to preach from 1963 to 1965. That is when the Seals opened. That is the real Message.”

They’re preaching in the church and they don’t know anything about why the church can’t move on, how the devil is hindering the people, how the religious devils come in and sit down there, how the devils begin to change the dressing because they don’t understand the spiritual world in the Day when the pit is opened; in the Day when all hell is against the Truth; in the ‘evil Age’ that Paul talked about, where the Church has to have on the whole armor of God; where the Word has to be mighty to the pulling down of strongholds.

That’s why he taught: *The Greatest Battle Ever Fought* [1962-0311 -Ed.], *The Contest* [1962-1231 -Ed.], *Wisdom Versus Faith* [1962-0401 -Ed.], *Putting On The Whole Armor Of God* [1962-0607 -Ed.], *God Versus Satan* [Conflict Between God And Satan - 1962-0531 -Ed.]; hell is opened. Why was he teaching us this? Because this is the Age. There are many great battles, but this is the greatest battle that has ever been fought. Under the Fourth Seal, hell is open and death is uniting his powers: religion, politics, economics – uniting his world.

We look and see the Message; what really had been brought to us. That is why today when you go through churches, people say they have a ‘Message’ church.

They alone know what they mean, what a 'Message' church is. And when they say they're preaching 'the Message', they alone know what they mean when they say they're preaching 'the Message'.

What is really 'the Message'? It says, "Blessed is the faithful and wise servant, who, when the Lord comes, in the Coming of the Lord, finds him giving out the Meat in due season." [Matthew 24:45; Luke 12:42 -Ed.] What season are we in? Coming out of Egypt; going through the wilderness? We had those seasons. A man must know where he's taking his church.

Every individual and every church started from Egypt. That is where they see Moses. That is where they see that a Prophet-deliverer has come. That is where they're being separated from the world and separated from religious systems. There is no way to come out of Laodicea without seeing the End Time Messenger. He is the voice saying, "Come out of her, my people." He is the one saying, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet Him." He is the one showing us what Age we're in; how God is separating the Bride. There was no way for Rebekah to ever get close to Isaac outside of the messenger that was sent, which is Eliezer, to take her *out* from Babylon and bring her *into* Hebron. That's right. As long as Moses hadn't shown up yet, Israel was in Egypt in bondage.

When God came in the form of the Angel and commissioned Moses giving him two signs, this was a private thing between God and His servant. Who was with Moses on the mountain? Who was with Bro. Branham in the cave? The Church world didn't know this. The Messenger has to come and testify: "God came to me and God has sent me." Then they must look in the Bible and see: "We are expecting a Messenger at this time." Then if this man says he has been sent, then God has to vindicate this man and prove this man is not speaking his own words, then

we'll start to recognize who this man is. That was why he said, "There is no way to get to the Word made flesh if you didn't see the Star."

Our gift is not in operation following the Star. We have the right gift, we are living in the right time, but the role of the Star was to bring us and place our gift there. And it's not a one gift thing. We realize there are others with gifts too, and those ministries are doing the same work, though the gifts are different. Like in the first Age, they had no place for Paul because they already chose Matthias. Matthias didn't do anything. Paul was that one because he wrote to the Gentiles and he wrote to the Jews; he preached the Book of Hebrews.

All of those Jews who are trying to build the third temple for God to come and fill it, are wasting their time. All of those Jews who are trying to breed the new red heifer and come back with animal sacrifice, are wasting their time. When Moses and Elijah come, they'll be bringing them to the true Atonement, because the blood of bulls and goats never took away Moses' sin or anybody's sin; Joshua's sin; none of them. Abraham and Sarah, all of them, Job, had to wait until the real Lamb came and shed the real Blood and moved them out of there. So what is the use, going back to animal sacrifice?

Then you have these Message Ministers, "Oh, I'll go to Israel. Oh, I feel the anointing in Israel. Whoo!" And when you're gathered together with two or three believers, you aren't feeling anything. It's just the emotional mind getting worked up. That's right. And they say, "Brother, Bro. Branham said when you go to Israel, you will really know your Bible." Which version? You need the Spirit of Truth in your life to know the Bible.

You see, all of these little things people take and bring themselves in a certain way to impress people. And maybe they mean well; they're not bad people. I

don't want to sound like I'm condemning that. But it's just that most of these men haven't gone far enough into real spiritual experience for this Hour, because when you go in their churches, the people sit down there sleeping on themselves. Oh my.

Brothers, I'll like to read something for you because I don't want the time to run out and... We still have about forty-five minutes. I want to read something for the Ministers here because I believe God put this... I thought I would have spoken something different and the last night, it happened to me again. I was there, tired, going past midnight. And I want to speak something like, **"FIRST JUDGMENT FOR SERVICE THEN REWARD FOR SERVICE"**. Bro. Branham found that he'll be judged for his service.

He said, "Will Paul be judged?"

He said, "Yes, everybody has to be judged."

You're not going to have a ministry and just preach and go on. In the Coming of the Lord, which we are in, every man's work will be tried by Fire. Today people are operating ministries and they're not conscious that everybody has to give account for his stewardship. God gives us health, God gives wealth, God put a flock under us; God gives us an opportunity for us to serve Him and do Him the service He wants of us. God gives us helpers to work alongside us.

The same way, God took the Spirit off of Moses and put It on seventy elders, and God took the Spirit off of Elijah and put It on Elisha, and God took the Spirit off of Jesus and put It on the apostles in the early Church, and God took the Spirit off of the Prophet and put It on the Bride. The Bible said, "And the Spirit and the Bride." And the Bride will say back what has been said by the Prophet because She's the Final Voice under Her Messenger. So God gave us all these things, and if in the end, we don't get the portion He made us responsible for, we'll have to give an account why it wasn't done.

A man might not lose his salvation, but he can lose his reward. The Bible teaches that. His work will be destroyed yet he himself could be saved. Because every man's work is to be tried to see how he builds. And Paul, it said, "When the Chief Shepherd appears, the elders that served faithfully, who didn't become a lord over God's heritage, will receive a reward." Paul said, "I have kept the faith, I've finished my course; there's a crown of righteousness awaiting me that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me and all them that love His appearing." [2nd Timothy 4:8 -Ed.]

We have seen the Chief Shepherd appear. What do you think It was when we saw That in the sky? Is that Jesus? Is He the Chief Shepherd? Which one of the Ministers down through the Ages saw This? When we saw This, we knew our Redemption draweth nigh; the end of time Seal is running out. That's right. And we look and see, "What are we going to present." Because He called us; He gave us health. What did we use it for? He brought money into our hands. What did we use it for? We got two cars, three cars, four houses and then nothing in the Gospel. We found a form of security.

How much time did we invest? The Prophet preached *Investments* and was showing you, we're investing our time; our lives. Everything that God gives us, we're investing it. Why? We are conscious that we are at the end of the Age. We are conscious that the Gospel is going back to the Jews. The Gentile nations have already been condemned; indicted for the second crucifixion of Jesus Christ. And the Gentiles now are blind and reject the Messiah, just like the Jews were blind and rejected the Messiah. That's right. Nations are breaking, Israel is awakening; the flashing red lights of the sign of His Coming – the last sign before the change of the body. And yet you see so many Ministers in the Message for so many years and

haven't grasped how to operate their ministry. They end up in church wars.

I don't want to say this wrong. Sometimes we get up on the pulpit and we talk things irrelevant because we're not conscious of where we are, what is happening, and don't even have the presence of mind that that is not to be said there. That just shows the lack of spiritual awareness. People didn't gather for that. This is because somebody can't bridle their tongue and hold their emotions subject. This is a lack of wisdom and immaturity.

On the message *Why Little Bethlehem*, 1958 [1958-1228 -Ed.]; not the one in 1963, in 1958, he said, "Ministers don't tell their congregation everything." Sometimes Ministers go through their battles; people want to affect them. You don't come and say, "You know these men, they did this to me, this one did this to me; this one did that to me." Unconsciously, you're sowing hate and resentment in the hearts of your own people. And then they meet some believers from that church and they can't shake their hand; they watch them with a stare. The weakness and the ignorance and the immaturity of the Minister has created that unintentionally in his people because he lacked wisdom. Satan stood up and watched them and observed them and knew how to make them fight one another; how to bring discord. And they lack the maturity.

I was saying in one of the services in Andhra Pradesh that Modi [Narendra Damodardas Modi, Prime Minister of India -Ed.], Putin [Vladimir Putin, President of Russia -Ed.], Trump [Donald Trump, President of the United States -Ed.], they all have nuclear power that could obliterate each other and yet they could sit at a table and talk and discuss matters. And yet Ministers have a higher calling than them because you're dealing with Redemption. People don't conceptualize their ministry the way it should be.

Bro. Branham was an uneducated man, only in the sense of worldly education, because the wisdom he had and the things he revealed, the greatest scientist can't even break into it. But he carried the Message with such dignity and he lifted the Message so high.

Like when he told you about the African king's son: he was a slave out there but he carried himself with such dignity and a presence because he was conscious of who he was. He was not in his homeland, he was out there as a slave but he did not descend into the thing and said, "Well, look at what they did to me. Look at how they treated me. Look at what I am here. Look at what I'm going through here." He said, "My father is a king and has a great kingdom, and I'm here, and this is a testing time for me. But I'm going to stay in the identity of who I am. I will master my circumstances. I will control the environment around me. I wouldn't let that frustrate me and push me down because I have royal blood in my veins. I came from the loins of a king. I am a prince. I'm going to walk like a prince and act like a prince."

And they were watching him. He asked, "Why is he different?" He asked, "Is he the boss over these?"

He said, "No."

He asked, "Do you feed him better? Does he have better privileges?"

He said, "They're all eating the same."

It's the same Message they're eating. And they are all slaves down here eating the same food. But he had an immunity; he had a repellent. He exercised a dominion because his revelation empowered him knowing who he was. He didn't look at circumstances. And we are living in the most evil Age and everybody wants to complain, "Well, you don't know, brother," as if God made a mistake and put you here. "Brother, if I was in America and I had a good house and a car, I will serve God really well. Brother, you don't know

what India is like.” So God made a mistake by putting you here?

So the cactus should say, “Take me out of the desert; I want to be a rose. Every day they’re watering me and they’re putting nice things and fertilizing me.” Did God make a mistake? “I don’t want to be an oak tree; I want to be an apple tree. I’m not getting enough attention. I want people to come and get my juicy apples.” Okay. After you eat that and that goes out in the draught, what is going to build your house? You need good, strong oak and cedar. That’s right.

God designed everybody for the place He put them. God’s gifts always find their places. We glorify God in the... Because everybody has the same, ‘what it will take to be an overcomer’ in the place God puts them because God doesn’t give anybody more than they could bear.

Do you remember in the Book of Joshua, the children of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh’s children? When Joshua divided the land, he gave them a place. They came back to Joshua, “Is it here you’ve put us? Don’t you care for us or what? We’re from the same tribe. Look what you gave Judah. You don’t see that you all don’t know how to treat your family! Look what you gave Zebulun and look at what you gave us. Look at this narrow piece of land. And the enemy, they have iron chariots and things.”

Joshua represented the Holy Ghost dividing the inheritance; placing you positionally to serve where you’re gifted to serve in that place. Joshua sent them back to their position. He said, “If you’re so great, go and develop the place.” There is a way to do it. God didn’t make any mistake by putting you where He put you. God equipped you to overcome in the place He puts you.

That’s why a lot of people become beggars. A lot of people are under temptation and influence. They’re looking for foreigners to come and subsidize them and

all kinds of different things and they sell their dignity to become servants of men, and they feel prestigious that they have 'foreign connections'. And watch them, they never go far in the Message. They never come to a true understanding of the Message. They never come to adoption and their placing because they aren't watching Bible examples.

The men who did that were Balaam and Gehazi and those kinds of men. When Naaman brought the whole chest of silver, Elisha didn't run out and say, "Oh yes, I am the man you're looking for." Elisha stayed in the house. He told Gehazi, "Go and tell him to go in the Jordan that he just passed there; that river where the pigs and they are bathing and the water is really low and muddy, go and wash there."

He blew up. [Got angry -Ed.] He said, "Go back and tell the man who I am. I am General Naaman, and here are my papers from the king. My king and your king gave me free passage to come here."

Gehazi came back. He said, "What are you doing inside of here? I have nothing further to tell you. I have spoken to him already. Tell him to do what I said." That's right.

He went out there and he saw them walking around: "Look where the man sent me. Look where he sent me here. Me, General Naaman? What if some paparazzi [freelance photographers who pursue celebrities to get photographs of them -Ed.] are hiding somewhere in the bush and takes a picture here and put it in the newspapers tomorrow: 'General Naaman down with swine'?"

His problem was not the leprosy, his problem was his pride. And his men said, "You've come so far. Do what the man told you. He didn't ask you to do anything hard. You're worried he didn't come out and see you. Maybe the man has other things he's 'seeing about'. [Giving attention to -Ed.]

He said, "Yes, but I brought this big offering for him."

He said, "We're kind of confused too. It just shows that not all men are going after money."

That's right. Because Elisha's objective was: "Let him go back to Syria and tell them, there is a God in Israel." Not all men chase money; they want the glory for God, because they see too many men are being bought and sold so they have conviction. We saw a Prophet who gave back a million and a half dollars and said, "No, keep that." That's right. Because he knew, "I am sent to be an example."

Peter and they said, "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have, give I unto you." [Acts 3:6 -Ed.] Paul, who was caught up into the Third Heaven, was getting cold down in that Roman prison and he said, "Tell Mark to bring my little, old coat from up there; bring it down for me." One coat!

When a man understands his election and calling and the service he was called for, and he understands that there are millions of these fellows, all on the TV everywhere, who have brought the Gospel so low by conning people of their money and these things, they have gold tried in the Fire that they might be rich. The character of God, it costs a price.

Somebody says, "But that brother knows the Message. God is using that person." Yes, because he refused to become a servant to men. Yes, because he knows godliness with contentment is great gain. He knows, the men who see themselves as the boss and they want now, to pass out some money to control people and say, "Oh, they are my Ministers," that is a disease. That's a sickness. That person needs healing in their soul and their mind. That's right.

God's men are not organized men. Bro. Branham said, "Paul was unorganized but Spirit-led." What was over the Prophet? The Pope? The President of the U.S.? No. It was the Pillar of Fire, the God of Heaven. And every son of God, God has to be there too. That's right.

That is why when you look, it's what you see. Gehazi, when he saw Naaman opened the lid and say, "Look what I brought for the man and he refused," he couldn't sleep. Elisha already saw that from the time Naaman was bringing it, you know. While he was in Syria packing it, Elisha saw it already. That's why he didn't come out. That's why he didn't come out to him.

But Gehazi saw that and he ran around the side, took a shortcut and he said, "General, General, the man of God has been going through a lot of problems lately. It's not that he disrespected you." He was trying to apologize for the prophet and the prophet didn't do anything to make an apology for. He said, "But you know how things are in these times with all the political tensions and these things." He said, "We really have a lot of needs around here because there are a lot of people following the prophet, and they have a little school of prophets, but the building is kind of falling apart. I'm sure he might regret it to know that he didn't receive it and we have all this need. So if you still desire to give it, I can take it and I'll explain to him the circumstances." He took it, he put it aside and then he came out.

From the time he walked into Elisha's presence, he asked, "Where are you coming from? Did not my Spirit go with you? You're around me all of the time, you saw me knowing what was happening in the king's bedchamber, you saw me exposing all their plans, so don't you realize the kind of man I am? Tell me who I followed. I followed Elijah. Do you know what kind of man Elijah was? Do you know what Spirit is on me? The Spirit of Elijah! Look at you; look at your spirit, it's different to my Spirit." He said, "Not only did you get the money of Naaman, now you've got the leprosy of Naaman, you and all your seed."

You see, this is the thing. A thinking man's filter. A 'thinking man' is a man who has the Mind of Christ

because we are in the Age of the mind. And the Secret in the back-part of God's Mind is put in the heart of the Bride, and now the Bride has the Mind of Christ and She knows what He wants done with the Word. That's a thinking man. He's not leaning on his own understanding. Bro. Branham preached *Thinking Man's Filter* [1965-0822e -Ed.]; *Lean Not On Your Own Understanding* [1965-0120 -Ed.]. A 'holy man's taste' is to see the Word for your Age confirmed in your life.

It's not, "Bro. Branham was right." God waved a life before us. God showed us the example. God showed us the standard of the ministry. God showed us the kind of man who came into condition to speak into existence. He said, "All the rest has to become ripe like this one." Watch how he handled money. Watch how he handled women. Watch how he handled popularity. Watch his conviction. Watch his humility; watch his boldness.

He wasn't a little, pious Bro. Branham. No, no, no. He stood up in a meeting and said, "You three hundred Ministers, you've come to challenge me on my doctrine." He said, "You want to challenge Serpent's Seed. You want to challenge water baptism. You are the 'Godhead' specialist; you prove it's three persons. You want to challenge me." He said, "Bring your Bible and stand here in the Presence of the Angel of God." All of them lost their degrees immediately. [An academic rank -Ed.]

We see how he stood fearless. They were servants of God, but this is 'son' of God. So God told the son, "Go and stand by the window. They've set a trap for you." God was telling him what they planned for him. He even told him where they were going to sit down. He even told him, "They're not going to get the room that they want to have the meeting in." Look how God was confiding in His son. In other words, God was saying, "They think it's you they're against, but it's Me they're

against.” What did God tell Samuel? “Samuel, it’s not you they reject; it’s Me they reject.”

When God calls a son and God anoints a son, and God’s life is in a son, God stands with His son. That is why on Mount Transfiguration: “This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him.” Those things are not sermons. This is God shaping man, making the son a vessel to bear His Name.

Amen. So let me read this and close. Matthew 25, verse 13 to 30:

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Now you remember, Matthew 24 and 25 are the revealing of the Seals. Matthew 24 and 25 are Seven Seals in written form. Revelation 6 and 10 are Seven Seals in symbol form but the same Jesus. Jesus was answering three questions: “When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of Thy Coming, and of the end of the world? And in answering these questions, He opened those Seals. And from Matthew 24:36 to Matthew 25:30, He was speaking parables about His Coming because His Coming is that Seventh Seal.

So in Matthew 25:13, He said:

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country...

This was Jesus. He had done a purchase work on Calvary, and after His death and resurrection, He was to go into a mediatorial work. He was to leave earth and go into Heaven for Seven Church Ages, then He is to return and appear. When Jesus was on earth, we saw His ministry. Acts 1, we saw His ascension into Heaven: “This same Jesus Who is taken up in a Cloud, will return in like manner.” And He has appeared in this Day.

So Jesus was telling this parable about:

¹⁴ For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Remember, before He ascended, He had the apostles and them, and He told them that they had to go into all the world and preach the Gospel and that the Holy Ghost was going to come. They would begin in Jerusalem and Judea, they will go into Samaria and then to the uttermost parts of the world. And all of that has happened down through Seven Church Ages. And at the end of the Seventh Age, we saw His reappearing. And when we saw His reappearing – coming back in like manner.

¹⁵ And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability...

Each one of them had their ministry: “Thomas, you go to India. Peter, you are an apostle to the circumcision.” Later, Paul knew he was an apostle to the uncircumcision; a light to the Gentiles. And for Seven Church Ages, seven messengers and Ministers that were helpers to the messenger in every Age.

In the time of the Seventh Messenger, He reappeared after a long journey. He was coming back out of Heaven where He was doing a mediatorial work. And when He was coming back, the Last Day Messenger identified to us, the Bride is called out and the fivefold ministry has been instructed. The instructions are lying in book and tape form: how to do God a true service, how the gifted men when they see the Star, how their ministry will be; how the unchanging God will prepare a servant to carry the fullness of the Word in this Hour like Isaiah, and how we are the ones left with the ministry after Seven Messengers have come and gone, each one fulfilling his course, but they did not see a Church in a

Rapturing condition; none of them. And the Church is still in mortality. And we are left with the Message, preparing a Church for Translation; to bring a Church into a Rapturing Faith; to bring a Church to know their position.

If Seven Messengers couldn't do it, yet God is going to do it and finish it through the Ministers He has who could be surrendered to God's will; who could overcome their own self-will and the will of others. There is a will of many others: "Brother, you are our missionary worker. We will send a salary for you every month; you will send us a report. And you will work and we will put that in our magazines." It doesn't have that. You don't see any of them in the Bible, who are called with the Holy Ghost, like that.

Somebody sits down in an office, on a computer sending you your instructions. And then they bring you in a convention to stand up and say all that you do for them, so the people who fund them will keep funding them and they will keep you gainfully employed. You are an employee in somebody's company. That is denominational, not apostolic. So it shows your heart right away is not turned back to the faith of the fathers because you're operating in a way that Bro. Branham never operated.

Who was poorer than Bro. Branham? He picked up eighty cents for the offering and he had a dirt floor. Yet the Angel was telling him, "Your Message will forerun the Second Coming." Yet he never moved from the Bible principles.

So, Jesus was telling this parable. And I want to move quickly because the time is up. And it's not necessarily three men He's sending out but three categories of men. It says in verse 14, "He called His Own servants and He delivered to them His goods." The servants are His and the goods are His. Did you catch that? "You are not your own; you are bought with a Price." His Blood bought you. When His Blood

already bought you, how could a man buy you? You are His purchased possession. He has rights of ownership over all His Own servants.

Like when He was sending the young boy to Africa, and they said, "Brother, have some sanity. You will die going to Africa. There is diphtheria, there is typhoid, there is malaria; where are you going? Look at the children. Come on, man. Have some sense."

He said, "If God sent me there, it's the safest place in the world for me to be."

God will send you to places and men want to talk you out of it so men could keep you under their control. That is on the message, *The Key To The Door*. [1962-1007 -Ed.] The man found the key to his calling.

On, *Paul, A Prisoner Of Jesus Christ* [1963-0717 -Ed.], he said, "Paul was free-born." The people in Jerusalem wanted to control Paul. That's right. They wanted to get influence in his churches and get them circumcised because they felt that because Jesus was from Palestine—the same way people feel that the Message is from America. The Message is printed in America but the Message, Angels brought It from Eternity. That's right. And people figure because It started with them, it makes them an authority over everybody else. That's right.

That's in the Bible. They came down from Jerusalem because they thought, "Who sent Paul out to the Gentiles? The work is in Jerusalem and Judea. When that time comes, God will talk to us and then we will send somebody. And if we didn't send you, you're not correctly sent."

While they sat down in Jerusalem, it had already changed in Antioch. Read your Bible. When Jerusalem now, got tied up in politics and then famine, it was the Gentile church that had to pick up money to help them survive. And they sat down there politically, as administrators over the Kingdom of God until God had to bring persecution, shook up their

nest that they got scattered and that's how the Gospel started to spread beyond Jerusalem.

Look in the first part of the Message. The fathers from America, they were going into every country. You don't see them again. Now their sons sit in an office and employ people to send a report. Is that apostolic? That is ignorance. Their eyes are already off the way the Prophet worked. They have Bro. Branham's Message but they have Oral Roberts and Billy Graham's program. Bro. Branham's Message can only work with Bro. Branham's program. That's right. They've become servants of men.

Here It is showing, He called His Own servants and gave them His Own goods. He gave one, five; gave one, two; gave one, one. Some men have a bigger ministry, or a smaller ministry but God designed it like that. It's not sliced bread. [All are not the same -Ed.] Just like your hand, you have five fingers but all are different. That's right. But they are on the same hand and they work for the same cause.

Then, after He did that, He took His journey. That's the Lord.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

19 After a long time [Seven Church Ages] the lord of those servants cometh...

Remember, Matthew 24 and 25 is the Seventh Seal. Remember, the parables are parables of the Seventh Seal.

...the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

It means, 'when all accounts have to be settled'. When God puts gifts in your life, He made an investment in you. He gives you work according to your gift. He puts a pastoral gift, a teaching gift; He

makes you a helper in a church to work with the ministry; you take your place. That's right.

Peter had his helpers. Paul had his helpers: Titus and Timothy and Epaphras. They never desired Paul's place. They understood Paul's place. That's right. They realized they were to work together. They could be under authority, and when they could be under authority, then God could give them more authority. But people don't want to submit to authority but they want authority. They think the pulpit is a glorified place. "To whom much is given, much is required." That's right. "And he that knoweth and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes."

It is teaching us that there is privilege and privilege goes with responsibility. If you want plenty revelation, plenty revelation equals plenty of work. If you're only sitting down with revelation, you're so revealed and you're only talking you know this and you aren't working in the Kingdom; only debate and looking for argument about who's deep and who's not deep, and who should be more deep... We see so much of this. They don't understand what they're called to.

I have a statement I make a lot these days: Most preachers like to preach but they do not know how to work. They want to preach all of the deep Mysteries and when you go and see their churches, it's not in order; it's in disorder. They have a lot of young babies and children but they're bringing all the deep Things that they can't eat yet. It shows there is no spiritual understanding. Because they say, "I preach the Thunders, you know. This is the Hour for the Seventh Seal, you know, brother. Eagles eat Meat. We are Eagles." They twist the thing and nothing is happening in their churches. They do not know how to work.

Now these men, Jesus was telling them, "You're getting gifts; you're going out to work. I am coming back, but when I come back, I am coming to you to see

what you did with the gifts; to see if you have advanced the Kingdom.” That’s why in one of the parables: “Blessed is the faithful and wise servant giving out the Meat.”

The evil servant was only smiting his fellow men: “Brother, this is not the Hour for compromisers; take the gloves off.” And they’re lashing out at everybody and they’re filling up the people with bitterness. They’re not leading their churches forward. They’re not bringing their churches in condition to go with Perfect Love because they’re picking up men’s spirits who influenced them and they fail to see the ways of how these things ought to be carried out.

And when the Lord came, He started to reckon with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

This parable is showing us, when He comes back and is reckoning with the ones who have to give account for the ministry, He commends the servant for his service and He said, “I will make you a ruler.”

Now, Bro. Branham had two experiences beyond the curtain of time, which he puts on *The Fifth Seal* [1963-0322 -Ed.], and the reward for service, he puts on *The Sixth Seal*. [1963-0323 -Ed.] Beyond the curtain of time, they said, “You will be judged for what you preach.” That is judgment for service, whether you’re going to go to a reward or not; whether your work for the Lord was acceptable and approved. This is not about salvation; this is about service. And then the next one

was the dream with the Roll called, going for their rewards. And as the names were called, they went up and everybody was applauding; went up the ivory staircase, received their reward and they went into the New World.

It's put on *The Seals*, both of them: judgment for service and rewards for service because it concerns Ministers who were delegated a responsibility and a ministry with spiritual office gifts in their life equipping them for the service they were called for. They were to be helpers to the Messenger of the Age; sons that were born from the faith of the Messenger.

That's why Elisha said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel," because Elijah was his father in the faith. That's why Paul said, "Timothy, my beloved son, will bring you into remembrance of my ways that are in Christ." That's why he said, "Titus, my son," because they were born from Paul's faith. They carried Paul's message. Paul told Timothy, "Commit these things to faithful men that can teach others. Don't be ashamed of me and my words."

When we see that, how they were around Paul, we are understanding how we need to be around Bro. Branham, how the apostles were around Jesus, how Joshua and Caleb and those seventy elders were around Moses; how Elisha was around Elijah. This is Bible pattern. This is what it's there for. You see?

And that's where today you look at the Ministers, most have not conceptualized that we are under the administration of Elijah – Bro. Branham. Elijah only anointed Elisha. But Elisha, knowing Elijah is gone, (we are carrying out the unfulfilled things that God spoke to Elijah about,) so he anointed Hazael. And when the time came for Jehu to be anointed, he had one of his servants who were following him because he had followed Elijah, he said, "You take this vial and you go to the military summit." He said, "After you pull captain Jehu aside in a room by himself, you pour

this oil on him and you say these words, then you close the door and run out and come straight back here.” Read the Bible. He carried it out precisely, exactly the way he was instructed.

Solomon was building the temple. Solomon maybe didn't push a shovel. He was commissioned to build the house but it was not him laboring on the building. The ones under his administration had done it, but it was considered that Solomon had done it because he was the head.

David talked about ‘the blessedness of the unity’. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. The unity, it is like the ointment that was poured on the head of Aaron; not on the hand, not on the foot. The anointing comes on the head first, and comes down the beard, comes down the garment, right down to the feet, to the very hem. [Psalms 133:1-2 -Ed.] What is this he's describing? Unity. Do you know what it is? The same anointing on the head comes on the beard, comes on the shoulder, comes on the chest, comes right down to the very feet.

A church doesn't have five spirits; a church has one Spirit – a real church. And the Spirit on the head of the church there, is to come upon all those who are under that headship of that ministry – the unity of the one God in the one Church. But in the kingdom, sometimes you have a Joab. After a while, those soldiers are his soldiers. David was captain (right?) and king, but he put Joab positionally there. So Joab had those men under his influence and he was playing his politics at the side: “The king is getting old; let me handle this.”

So when the time came and we see Abner came over with David now, and David gave Abner a big position, Joab was feeling, “It can't have two of us. He used to be against us. David is getting ‘soft.’” [Compromising -Ed.] David had compassion. David had forgiveness. But Abner found a way to kill him because he did not want

any competition. So David said, "Abner, you'll die like a fool!" In other words, "You should know the kind of man Joab is." Amasa, the next one came. Joab wanted to run the church outside of David. At the end, when Solomon came, David said, "Shimei, Solomon, Joab" he pointed them out, "root this out of the kingdom."

People do not know how to reverence a ministry that God used to raise up a church. They see it as a competition thing. They start to compare. They should reverence that person as their father in the faith (that's right), because that was God's choice.

It's not what we think, it is how... You must know your origin: how God started the thing; how God worked. God didn't start with Lot; God started with Abraham. Lot didn't realize he was getting blessed because he was faithful to Abraham, you know. Afterwards, he started to feel, "I'm great like Abraham." He had no fellowship with God the way Abraham had, you know. God came to Abraham; God didn't come to Lot. Lot was getting blessed because of Abraham; not realizing it.

When he went with his political friends and they captured him and they were going to kill him, his wife, children, everything; all the goods; in one day he lost everything, he wasn't saying, "Send for the king of Sodom. Tell him I need some help; I need some backup. Tell him to rescue me. Work out a deal and get me out of this." Do you know what he remembered? He told the man who was getting away, "Go to Mamre. I have an uncle. His name is Abraham. Tell him where I am and what is happening."

Abraham had no animosity. Abraham didn't say, "He deserves that. His head got too big. He went down with the king of Sodom and now he's calling me? Call the king of Sodom!" Abraham got his best men,

best horses. Maybe a couple of those men came with an old mule; a donkey.

Abraham said, "Where are you going with that donkey? You have good horses in your stable."

He said, "Well, it's not my family, it's your family."

Abraham knew, "This is my nephew. I am his kinsman. I am obligated to him. That is my brother's son. My brother and I are from the same father. I have an obligation and God is with me, and these people are on my territory. They're within the boundaries that God told me belongs to me. I cannot lose this battle."

Abraham made sure he put the best efforts, laying down his life for his captive brother; disobedient, went astray brother, but Abraham could look beyond the fault and see the need. He didn't carry some old horses and some old, dull knives and said, "If we don't get him back, at least they can't say we didn't try. They saw us ride out, you know." No, no, no. He wanted to make sure he made the best effort.

God was testing Abraham there. And when Abraham passed the test... Because he went from Dan to Beersheba. He brought them back, putting his own life in jeopardy going against four kings with their military; trained soldiers, and he was with some farmers and different things going. And when he went out there, he delivered his kinsman and restored his kinsman with all his possessions.

He was typing Christ, Who left Glory and came down to the lowest hell to get His kinsmen and redeem them and bring them back with all their possessions. And when He did that, the King from Above, Melchizedek, came down with Bread and Wine, showing: "You did what I am going to do. You spoiled principalities and powers. You delivered your kinsmen. You brought them back with their possessions. This Bread and this Wine are Flesh and Blood, and I am the Word, King Theophany, Who's going to become flesh and go to

Calvary and spoil principalities and powers and destroyed every enemy and bring My people back.” He said, “You did the same. I came down to have communion with you because you are a reflection of Me.”

God puts us in situations to see if the Spirit of Christ is in us. This is not church life. These are Eternal attributes of God, put in the same kind of situations to display that we have the same potential like our Father.

That’s why it was the Spirit of Christ in Joseph, the Spirit of Christ in Moses, the Spirit of Christ in Elijah, the Spirit of Christ in Paul, the Spirit of Christ in Bro. Branham, and now it’s the Spirit of Christ in us doing the same because we are the Harvest. We are the Harvest. There is no Age after this. This is Harvest Time. This is the maturing sons. This is the Ministers in this Hour who are given the Seven Seals. Because the Bride is Life of Christ’s Life, Spirit of Christ’s Spirit, Word of Christ’s Word; acts of Christ’s acts. He said, “She is Him revealed.” Just like Eve was bone of Adam’s bone, flesh of Adam’s flesh and life of Adam’s life. That’s why the two can become one. And that’s what it is.

Here we are in the testing time when He comes to say, “Give an account of your stewardship.” And He met the one with one.

He said, “You are a hard Man. You reap what You don’t sow. I couldn’t work with You so I took mine and buried mine.”

He said, “Thou slothful and wicked servant.” He said, “Take what he has and give it to somebody else.”

That’s right. His work was tried by fire and he lost it and he went without a reward.

Hear what Bro. Branham said in *The Seven Church Ages, Pergamean Age*. [Church Age Book Cpt.5 - para. 208 –Ed.]

He said: *Each message to each age holds out an incentive to the believer, encouraging him to be an overcomer and thereby be rewarded of the Lord.*

Referring to the Pergamean Age, he said: *In this age the Spirit is promising the hidden manna and a new name written in a white stone.*

In *The Smyrnaean Age* [Church Age Book Cpt.4 - para. 133 -Ed.] he said: *All too little time is spent on laboring for the eternal rewards of God. The recompence of God is too lightly esteemed. If we believe in the reality of the resurrection of the body, and an eternal kingdom of substance, then we ought to lay up in heaven those good treasures that are available to the faithful saints.*

Both Paul and Peter... In 1st Peter 5, Peter said, *"When the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."* [1st Peter 5:4 -Ed.] Paul said, *"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."* [2nd Timothy 4:8 - Ed.] Peter, Paul and Jesus spoke of when He appears. When He is coming, He is coming to judge them for their service.

That's what Bro. Branham saw beyond the curtain: *"You shall be judged."* Then we see in the dream, which he puts in *The Seals*, that opened the part of the rewards. Because remember what the redeemed said?

He said, *"Well if Paul is going in, I'm going in because I preached exactly what he preached."*

They cried out, *"We are resting on that! We are resting on that! You preached the Word, you lived the Word, you were an example; that's why we followed you!"*

Ministers have to know, are they that example to their church? Because the Scripture shows plainly, judgment for service. It's not just messengers. He gave one, five; He gave one, two; He gave one, one. Everybody had their portion. Everybody had to come

and give an account of their stewardship. That is what comes at the end of our journey; at the end of our ministry. And this is where we're at, at present.

When he went up for his reward, remember, even his wives and they were going with him? He said, "They were connected with me in life." He said, after he received the reward, "We were going over into the New World. And the Voice said, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord that has been prepared for you." That's right. Paul was looking to receive his. He said, "The righteous Judge when He appears, I will have mine." Peter was telling them, "When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive yours."

That's why in 1st Corinthians 3, "If a man builds with wood, stubble or hay..." The messenger laid the foundation. Upon this rock, the Church is to be built. And the Ministers in this Age, who build with wood and stubble and hay, they didn't take heed how they should build according to the pattern. He said, "The fire will consume it. But those who build with gold, silver and precious stones, the Fire wouldn't consume it; It will just purify it." That's right.

What is gold, silver and precious stones? He said, "When He put that sword in my hand, it had a gold guard, a silver blade and a pearl handle." Gold, silver and precious stones is adoption; is placing. "You have the Word, the King's Sword. This is the vindication of your ministry – the Third Pull.

We are not just preaching. It's not just saying, "We're preaching Bro. Branham's Message," it's election and calling. The office gifts are with you before birth, during life and after death.

Samuel died. He was the one who had ordained Saul. He was the one who anointed Saul. He was the one who instructed Saul, and Saul went away after popularity. And Samuel heard the bleating! He was sitting down there, and dining with Agag, the very man who should have died first. Samuel said, "Rebellion is

like witchcraft and stubbornness is like idolatry. You kept the sheep to sacrifice?" He said, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." Samuel drew a sword and chopped Agag to pieces right there at the table.

Because of Saul's compromise, Agag's sons got away, and in the time of Esther, you had Haman, the Agagite, who had the plan to kill every Jew in the kingdom. Because of Saul's desire for popularity and compromise, all the Jews would have died in that genocide. That's right. He couldn't see that because he was so self-willed.

When Saul couldn't hear from God and they called up Samuel, he thought, "Well, Samuel will be glad to see me."

Samuel said, "Thou enemy of God." He said, "Remember that day when the garment tore? Quite back there, God took the kingdom from you and gave it to somebody better than you," which was David. He said, "And tomorrow you and your sons will be here with me." He was still prophesying, though the body had rot in the grave and he was there.

Do you think Bro. Branham is dead? The body might have rot in the grave. How did Samuel know a war was going on? How did Samuel know that his sons were alive still, and they would die in the battle together with him and come there? Do you think Bro. Branham didn't see what happened to the Twin Towers in 2001; what America did there and deceived the world? Do you think he doesn't know what is going on with the war in Iraq where they killed over a million people, saying they had weapons of mass destruction and it didn't have any, and they were stealing the oil? Do you think Bro. Branham doesn't know what is going on in Syria with this war?

If Samuel knew what war was going on, and Bro. Branham showed Samuel was a type of him: *Hear His Voice* [1958-1005m -Ed.]; *The Voice Of God In This Last Days*. [1963-0120m -Ed.] Read the message. On *Rejected*

King, Bro. Branham was showing Samuel, the prophet, who was rejected because the people wanted another king; another kind of system. And Bro. Branham was calling them back to the Word but they wanted to be like denomination. And God said, "They haven't rejected you; they've rejected Me." That's right. And that's why these things...

Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus and were prophesying about the death Jesus would have to face. They were still prophets though their earthly journey had ended. That doesn't leave you because that is foreordained of God.

Ministers, may God help us to be faithful to the Word that has been delivered to us. We must be able to look and see mistakes we've made down through the years. I'm maybe stepping out of line here, but I remembered when I came to Bombay... It was Bombay in those days, 1992. The first church I saw, I said, "These are Hindus," in Chennai; in Madras. And then we came to Bombay and I walked into the church here. I said, "My goodness! There are few churches like this with this atmosphere in the world." And Satan fought and tried to bring divisions because sometimes people are coming along.

Bro. Branham said, "Joshua and Caleb stayed with Moses; nobody could move them." He said, "If they thought Moses made a mistake here or made a mistake there: 'God will take care of that because God is the One Who chose Moses and commissioned Moses.'" Nobody could move them.

Korah had two hundred and fifty princes. The earth opened and they disappeared. How could a man like that have so much influence? He did not meet any Pillar of Fire, was not vindicated; nothing. The Bible calls it, "The gainsaying of Korah."

Sometimes we have a good church going and God allows the enemy to test us and then there is a shaking, and then sometimes there is a breaking, but

then we must be able to stop and see: "What is God's thoughts? What is this?"

Remember, Israel broke into two kingdoms. It was the permissive will of God, because we see in Ezekiel, the two sticks had to come back as one stick. We see the church, they say it's thousands of denominations, but then God called His people out and brought them back to one apostolic Church.

May God help us to see God, not circumstances. Sometimes we judge things by circumstance. It's a wrong judgment. We need to see God, what was in God's Mind, why God permits things, how God tests us; did we pass the test or did we fail the test. The law of kinsmanship is still here to redeem each other. It may cost us putting our lives on the line but this is only to show forth Christ's victory in us.

So God bless you, my precious brothers. Thank you for affording me the time to speak a few words. I trust it has been an encouragement, it has been edifying, and it will give us a view of the ministry we have been given, and how God expects us to carry it out, and keep our eyes on the example, the Prophet, who brought us back to the Word and showed to us, we've come back to the original order. There is only one way provided by God for everything. God's provided way for this Day. United under one Headship, which is the Head that appeared in these last days, that as we glean from the Message, It can bring us into that kind of fellowship with God, and there can be Love and respect and consideration.

There are always leaders. Peter, James and John, they were on Mount Transfiguration, they were in Jairus' house; they were in Gethsemane. God deals with His people. When we take our eyes off the Bible, we misunderstand a lot of things. But when we see things through the Word, we see the way that is pleasing unto God.

So, God bless you. I'll turn the meeting back to our beloved brother.



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