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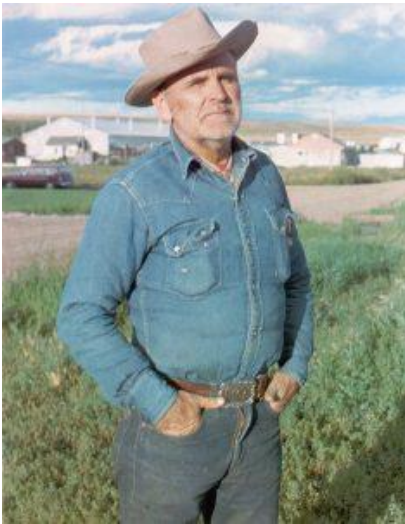


Rev. Raymond Jackson

We ended part 3 of our series speaking of some of the many things that have transpired since Bro Braham's death, among the people who claim to follow his teaching. Naturally we could never hope to say anything that would stop the mouth's of those who are forever promoting some strange doctrine, but perhaps we can say something that will be of help to those who must make decisions and judgments about those things that are taught to them. I take no pleasure in speaking against any individual person, but I consider it my God appointed responsibility to speak

out against error and false doctrine; therefore if an individual gets a finger pointed at him because of that, then that is just the way it has to be, for truth must prevail. God was not just wasting time when He sent a prophet messenger to this Laodicean church age, He fully intended that there be some hungry souls who would recognize truth when they heard, and stand for it no matter what. Now we are all very much aware of the fact that many people heard the truth and followed the man who spoke it, but most of them it seems, were not following for the sake of the truth; they just enjoyed being where the excitement was, or they took a special liking to the man himself. As for myself, I liked the man, my soul fed upon the truth from God's word that he preached, and I thoroughly enjoy seeing the power of God at work in his meetings, and I still enjoy seeing the power of God at work. He is not dead; He is very much alive, and anything that He has ever done, He will still do it. If the necessary conditions are

present. But Saints: Please believe me; the favor of God is not for sale. That which was wrought at Calvary is not to be commercialized. Neither is God bound by man's high education. I have nothing against people attaining all the education that they have available to them; but I do not like to see them act like their education makes them something special with God.



Bro. William Branham

EDUCATION — REVELATION

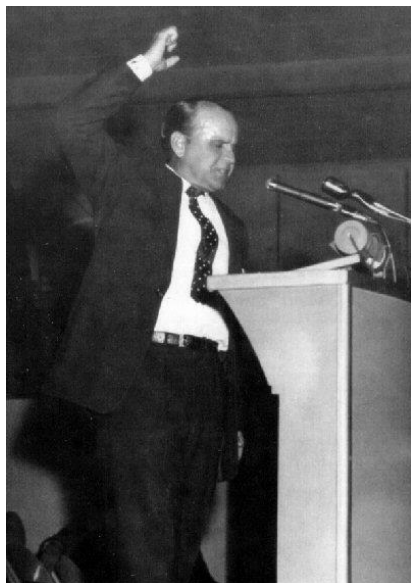
I mentioned earlier in the message, the man who has challenged Bro. Branham's statement concerning no eternal hell, and wishes to debate it with someone of this following, simply because he believes his Hebrew and Greek words prove otherwise. I do not know his denominational identity, nor what degrees he may have to his credit, but you would think that a man like that ought to know that the word

everlasting which is used in various passages of the scriptures could not possibly be taken to mean time without end in its every use, even if your Hebrew and Greek does show everlasting and eternal both to be of the same root. That man would try to prove Bro. Branham was a false prophet, strictly on the basis of his own usage of those two words. As I have said before, What will such a man do with the word everlasting, in Revelation 14:6 where it says. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the EVERLASTING gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people? Does he believe that an angel will continue preaching this gospel throughout the eternal ages, time without end? Does he actually believe that the cities Sodom and Gomorrah are still burning, just because Jude 7, says that they and the cities round about them, suffered the vengeance of ETERNAL fire? The people that perished in those cities are in the same place where Cain and all such like are awaiting their final judgment, and the literal cities no longer exist in any shape or form. Some people who just want to argue will say, But Jude was referring to the people of those cities. Of course we understand that it was the people of those cities and their ungodly ways, bring about such destruction, but the scripture itself applies to the geographical locations as pertaining to the vengeance of eternal fire. It is just like Capernaum and Jericho. There were certain cities where people committed sins so abominable to God, that He destroyed those cities, never to allow them to be rebuilt. In Matthew 11:23, we read the words of Jesus,

“And thou Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shall be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.” History tells us that an earthquake sank Capernaum below the surface of the sea of Galilee: the people of that city perished, and the only thing standing there today is a caretaker building. Where are the people of that wicked city? They are with Cain and all the other wicked and ungodly people that have perished from this present life upon earth. To any person who would want to argue or brand a man a false prophet simply because their Hebrew and Greek words have led them to disagree with his revelation, I would only say, You have the same old spirit upon you that was upon the Anglican church when John Wesley left their ranks. That same spirit was upon the Methodists, the Baptists, the Nazarenes and all such like, when the Pentecostal outpouring took place at the Azusa St. mission. While those hungry souls from those systems were coming out and being filled with the Spirit of God, those who stayed with the systems persecuted them. It has always been like that; therefore I say to you, whoever you may be, If you are not following revelation truth for this hour of time, and you are trying to persuade revealed souls that they are wrong, by using your education, you are being motivated by a devil spirit. It is just that plain and simple. God did not send a prophet messenger to this age simply to lead His true people into more confusion. That man was anointed to lead the people of God out of confusion, and that is exactly what he did. Have any of you U.P.C. people

been able to prove to the Assemblies of God people that their trinity doctrine is wrong, by the use of your Hebrew and Greek? Have you Assemblies of God people been able to prove that the U.P.C. one God teaching, and water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is wrong, by the use of your theology, your Hebrew and Greek words, and so forth? What makes the difference? I will tell you what makes the difference, a genuine Holy Ghost given revelation of the word of God. Once you have it, there are not enough demons loose from the pit to convince you that you are wrong. Furthermore let me say, Our eternal destiny is not dependent upon us knowing whether hell is eternal or not. But I will also be quick to tell you that there is no such thing as an eternal hell. Those who are interested may obtain our article dealing exclusively with this subject, simply by requesting it. Many of the things that people argue about, are things that were only intended for God’s true revealed people to understand, and there is no soul salvation virtue in them. Take serpent seed for instance; We have never taught that there is any soul salvation benefit in understanding serpent seed. Salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ, and Him only, but if a man needs salvation, then serpent seed lets you know why, and why it is absolutely necessary to rely upon the Savior that was born into this world through a virgin birth. You have heard me say many times, Sin was not imputed to every little baby as it left its mother’s womb; for the very moment conception took place, sin was there. Sin and death are hereditary, transmitted to every generation upon the face of the earth by a genetic law,

and it all started in the garden of Eden when the genetic flow of life was polluted. God's original creation Adam and Eve, would have produced sons and daughters with eternal life abiding in them if they had not disobeyed God and allowed that pollution. That is why the first book of the Bible is called Genesis; it is the history of the genes, not the history of the apples. I only have an 8th grade education, and therefore would never be able to prove anything, nor disprove anything with my education, but I am so thankful to God that he is able to instill a revelation in us without going through man's great seminaries, and without man's theology.



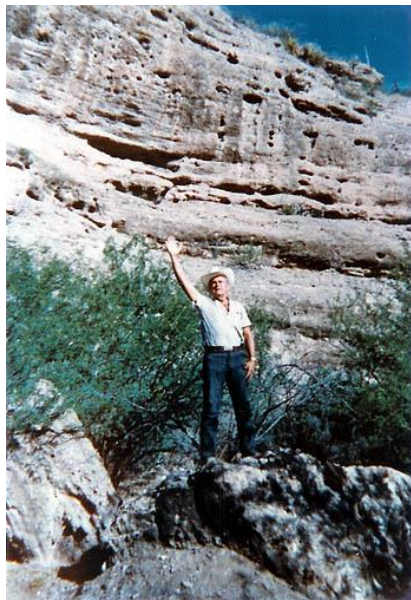
Bro. Branham preaching at the Tabernacle.



Bro. Branham prays for a little girl.



Bro. William Branham at home.



Bro. William Branham at sunset mountain.



• Bro. William Branham with his son Joseph.



Bro. Branham preaching his sermon entitled 'A Paradox'

GOD'S WORD CHANGES THINGS

There was a time when I did not want to get too close to the Bible. I respected it, but I had dreams of being a big farmer, and I somehow had the feeling that if I got too close to the Bible, it would destroy those dreams. Well, God had his ways of doing that, He destroyed those dreams, drove me to His word, and that has been my dream ever since. I could be looked upon by some people as a fanatic, and others could very well call me a heretic, because I have departed from what they consider to be established doctrine. But, Praise God! I, like the apostle Paul, do loudly proclaim, After the way they call heresy, so worship the great eternal God. They accused Bro. Branham of teaching heresy, and me likewise, but I am here to proclaim that what they call heresy is revealed truth from the word of God, and Bro. Branham was the man that pointed me to that truth. Furthermore I will say this, Since his death, there has been about three times that Brother Branham has appeared to me in a dream, and the things that were communicated to me at such times helped me through certain hours of



• Bro. William Branham at a campaign meeting.

discouragement. I have told them in previous messages, so I will not go into that now. One particular man that read of it, immediately jumped up and branded it as spiritualism. But, Saints: Dreaming of the dead is not the same thing as talking to the dead. To the man that said that, and to any others who might. Let me say this, You evidently do not know your Bible. Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and went upon a mountain and was transfigured before them, and the glory of God upon Him caused His face to shine as the sun, and His raiment was as white as the light, and those disciples saw two men talking with Him. Who was it? Moses and Elijah. Not their literal bodies; they appeared to Him in a vision and talked with him concerning His death at Jerusalem. Was that spiritualism? One of them was definitely a dead man, but that was not their literal bodies standing there. Neither was it their spirits, but in the form of a vision, was communicated what they each stood for concerning the word of God. To dream of the dead, or to have a vision of the dead is not spiritualism. God can project a person's image to anyone He cares to, and at any time, and He does it for our spiritual benefit. He can use the image of someone we respect or admire many times, to impress certain things upon our minds in dreams and visions. When God allowed those disciples to see a vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah, that was actually for the purpose of showing that the same anointing that was upon those two prophets in their day, would be upon two certain Jews in the last days leading right up to a time just prior to the return of Jesus in His literal body. Many have spoke of the mount of

transfiguration, but I suppose only a very few of them actually know what the purpose of it was. Jesus allowed those chosen disciples to look two thousand years into the future and see Him as He will be, when He returns to earth again.

WHAT PAGANS DO

Now to any who may be hearing or reading what I am saying for the very first time, I am sure that there will be a lot that you may not understand, so I hope you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to get your questions answered by communicating with us further. Then for the benefit of those who may become offended at some of the things we have said, let me just say this, God only has one right way for His people to walk in, therefore all the other forms of religion are Antichrist inspired. That is why I wish to call your attention to a lot of unscriptural things that are being promoted in the world of religion. Millions of people are involved in religion in one way or another, but it is just like Gentile mankind was 2,000 years ago, before the gospel was given to them. Go back and study the history of mankind prior to that time, and you will see that they had gods by the dozens, but they did not know the living God. As the Roman empire grew, they had the philosophy that they should not destroy the gods of their enemies, so they just incorporated them into society and left it up to each individual to choose which god he would serve. That is why there were so many temples and altars built; they were trying to accommodate all the various

elements of people. Some of you were with us when we went on a tour that took us into the country of Lebanon where we saw the remains of the great temple that was erected for the god of Jupiter at old Baalbek. You saw that it had some of the largest columns of any human construction in the world. Some of them are still standing. Those columns were brought from the upper regions of Egypt, floated down the Nile River, along the Mediterranean coast to Beirut, and then taken over a 10,000 foot mountain and back down into the valley of the sun, and then on to Baalbek to be erected, which is another 15 miles. I tell you all of this just to remind you of the extreme measures people have taken in order to build such temples to their pagan gods, and then I want to remind you that religion in our day is returning to what it was then, before the gospel of Jesus Christ was ever preached. Jesus Christ is being pulled down into a natural minded realm of human thinking, and they use the Bible just enough to be able to say that they are Christians, but what they teach could never be found in the Bible except where it speaks of what other pagans have done in former times. The Bible to them is just another honk, yet to us it is the only book that contains the true word of God. Furthermore there is no way that it could ever be used to justify different beliefs in God, for it only teaches one true way. Denominations are a result of human minds taking scriptures out of context, and interpreting them to make their religion easy for them. In the book of Acts one gospel was preached and all that believed were baptized into one body, and that body of believers later became known as Christians because

they were followers of Christ. You cannot find Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, nor any of your other brands of religion even mentioned in the scriptures, nor any justification for anyone to ever even think that the body of Christ could be divided: yet your modern day evangelists will tell people to go to the church of their choice. It doesn't matter what denomination you belong to, just as long as you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, they will tell them. But I am here in the name of the Lord to tell you that Jesus Christ is not coming back to rapture a bunch of people who go to the church of their choice. He is coming for a people that does truly know their God, and that worships and lives accordingly. Over in the little epistles John wrote these words, (1:7) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Brother! That does not just simply mean that He has cleansed your appetite from beer, cigarettes and all such like; it means that you are cleansed from unbelief, and when a person is truly cleansed from unbelief, all their evil and lustful appetites are changed too. it is still unbelief toward God that is causing people to sin against God. The book of Revelation tells that story, and allows us to see where it all will wind up eventually. That is why we refer to the book of Revelation as a letter to the bride of Christ.

ANTICHRIST INSPIRED OBSERVANCES

Many people do not actually know that the spirit of Antichrist is a religious spirit. Some think it is an atheistic spirit, and others think it is an evolution spirit; therefore at this point in the message I would like to feed in some data on what this religious spirit has been doing in the past 1900 years since Gentiles became partakers of the gospel of Christ. Naturally Roman Catholicism comes to the forefront at a time like this, so let me say first of all, I have nothing whatsoever against any individual Catholic person. I have met many good people who were Catholics. As far as the natural person goes, they are just as good as any Protestant. I would just as soon have them as neighbors as a lot of Protestants I know. When it comes to doing good deeds they will outshine most Protestants; But when you look at them through the scriptures, you realize that they belong to a system that the Bible calls a whore. Furthermore we also learn from the scriptures that the old spiritual whore has a lot of daughters that are spiritual harlots and abominations upon the earth. No one can deny that the Catholic church is a powerful organization, for she has her finger into every political structure upon the face of the earth. She has rode every kind of political government that there has ever been. She has pulled strings in democracy right on through the years, but if it should ever become obvious that democracy in America was going to give way to a Communistic ideology, Catholicism would go for Communism in a minute. That is the way they play the game.

They are doing it in South America right now. They always get in on the ground floor and manage to keep poor innocent souls in bondage, people that have grown up in their system and do not know anything about the true gospel of Jesus Christ That old system of religion has certain rituals that their people are obligated to participate in, lest they be thrown out of the church and treated as a heretic, and there is not one ounce of salvation in any of them. We will endeavor to list some of the observances of that system, and when they were adopted into their cardinal teaching. First we will mention the year 375 A.D. when the federation of angels, and dead saints was incorporated into their cardinal teaching Then 394 A.D. when the mass was adopted as a daily celebration. In 431 A.D. the

worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, was included, and also the term, Mother of God came out of the council of Ephesians in 431 A.D. In the year 500 A.D., priests began to dress differently, and history reveals that this was the beginning of what is now known as Roman Catholicism. Of course the spirit of it was already there. but this was about the time when that certain form of religion began to stand out. The papacy is of pagan origin, and they have no scripture whatsoever to justify such an office. The bishop of Rome assumed a place of preeminence over all other bishops very soon after the original apostles of Christ passed from the scene, but it was not until 610 A.D. that the wicked emperor of Rome actually gave him the title of Pope, or universal bishop.

In the year 709 A.D., the practice of kissing the pope's feet was adopted. Of course we know from history that it had always been a practice for his subjects to kiss the Roman emperor's feet, so the pope just adopted pagan practice. Temple power was given to the popes in 750 A.D. and the worship of the cross, and of images and relics was authorized in 788 A.D. Holy water, which is nothing more than water with a pinch of salt mixed in it and blessed by the priest was authorized in 850 A.D.

Canonization of dead saints was first instituted by Pope John the 15th in 995 A.D., and the fasting for Lent was imposed in the year 998 A.D. Celibacy of the priesthood, which is a much protested doctrine in our day, was first imposed in the year 1079 A.D.

THE GREAT WHORE AND HER DAUGHTERS

Now we could go on and on with this, the rosary, the sale of indulgences, transubstantiation, and a lot more, but this is enough to let you see that all these things have been added to, or in place of the gospel that was taught in the first century. It is absolutely man's religion, and just think for a moment how the minds of well educated people are so numb to spiritual reality, that they do not even know the difference. They claim the power to turn the bread and wine into the literal body and blood of Jesus Christ as they mutter a few words of Latin over it, yet we know that even if they could do that, it would be against the word of God for people to partake of the eating and

drinking of it, for God's word absolutely forbids the drinking of blood, and the eating of human flesh. Nevertheless you can see what the effect of all that tradition is upon natural mankind, for they now claim that over a thousand years of tradition puts it on equal authority with the Bible. Brothers and sisters, that is the very thing Jesus had to rebuke the Pharisees for: they held their man made traditions above the word of God. They came to Jesus saying, "Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders, for they wash not their hands when they eat bread?" You can read it in the 15th chapter of Matthew, how He told them that by their traditions they transgressed the commandment of God. He then called them hypocrites, and told them their worship was in vain, as they taught for doctrines the commandments of men. No wonder Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Just learning a bunch of creeds and rituals would certainly never satisfy the hunger for righteousness in a soul that was hungry for God. All of that color, pomp and well performed ceremony appeals to carnal flesh, but as far as the spiritual benefit of it all, a person would be just as well off if he counted backwards from 100, or stood on his head for five minutes. Saints! Are you hearing me? Can you see why the Reformation was necessary? Can you see why it was necessary for God to send a prophet messenger to this age? You can, if you will study your Bible, and then compare this age of religion with what you read from the word of God. Like we have said many times before, The Reformation restored the lost truths of the gospel

back to the religious society, but it took a prophet of God to put all those truths together and present them to the people who were hungering and thirsting for righteousness in this evil age. Protestantism is a product of the Reformation. It is a term applied to those who became protestors against the rituals and dogmas of Catholicism. Now I believe it is safe to assume that those men like Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Huss, Swingley nor any of the others actually understood that the Catholic Church was the great whore, Mystery Babylon the mother of harlots, that John wrote about in the 17th chapter of Revelation, in 96 A.D., and naturally there would have been no way for them to know that the term harlots and abominations would apply to the very religious systems that were founded off of their teaching, but I am so thankful that God has allowed us to understand all of that in our day. Do you realize that except for His grace and mercy, we would every one still be trapped and held in bondage by those systems? None of those Protestant movements in their infancy, while they were still under the leadership of the Holy Ghost, and moving in all the light they had, ever planned to play the part the Bible gave them. But the simple truth is, after they had served their purpose in the redemption plan of God, they began to attack the word of God just like their old mother had been doing. Now Brothers and sisters, please believe me; I am not talking about individual persons that may still be a part of those systems: I am talking about the leadership, and the spirit of them. It is the leadership of those systems that actually steer them down the road of life and cause them to fulfill what the word of God has

prophesied about them. In just a few moments we will read some statements made by some of these great doctors of divinity, and you can see for yourself why their systems are called harlots and abominations of the earth.

WHAT THEOLOGIAN SAY

The World Council of Churches (an international body of Protest-antism) was first formed with the sole purpose of uniting Protestants for the purpose of fellow-ship one with another. Little did they know that they were forming a tool that the devil would one day use to persecute the true people of God. Their great theologians speak, and the rest just follow along, right into the devil's hands. They have no genuine revelation of the scriptures, and a great percentage of them do not even believe them to be the inspired word of God. I will now read you some statements made by various ones of these great ecclesiastical leaders. Here is what Doctor Michael Ramsey said about heaven. "Heaven is not a place (or Christians only. Those who have led a good life here on earth, but found themselves unable to believe in God, will not be denied. I expect to meet some present day atheists there." Now my Bible tells me that heaven is a place for Christians only, in the sense that heaven is used here. Let there be no unclean thing enter therein. Furthermore, we know where he is going to meet those modern day atheists, and they are not going to be happy there. Brothers and sisters, this old religious world is just rocking on down the road of life, having their

good times now, and they have no idea whatsoever what their payday is going to produce for them. Many people speak of their love for God, and how they enjoy serving Him, but they have no love for His word; therefore their love is vain, it will not produce their expected results. When Christianity started out almost 2,000 years ago, they did not have a sticker on the back of every chariot proclaiming, "Go to the church of your choice this Sunday." There was only one church, the church of the first-born, and I have news for them, That is all there is now. This church of your choice business is what man has done trying to make religion fit into their modern society. Through their great schools of learning, they have torn the Bible to pieces, not literally; they still have the book, but the revelation in it is ripped to pieces. It is now a book of your choice. You can read it any way you want to.

WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS

Bishop Oxnum (known as the Red Bishop, because of his communistic leanings) says this, "The God of the Old Testament is a dirty bully." Doctor J. W. Nixon, professor of Christian theology said this, "We shall hardly waste time, or words about the finality of Christ. The field is wide open for anyone, at any time, to mean more to men than Jesus Christ has meant. He was just a human being." Now listen to this statement made by Bishop Pike. "The kind of God I first believed in, that would limit salvation to a select group of people who have happened to have heard the news is an

impossible God. As to this God, I am now an atheist." Doctor H. E. Fosdick said, "It is heresy, to say that Jesus is God. Belief in the miracles belongs to ancient ignorants. I do not believe in the physical return of Jesus." Well I am one of those ancient ignorants that truly believes in the miracles of the scriptures, and I am most assuredly looking for the visible, physical return of Jesus Christ to this earth, just exactly like the scriptures proclaim it will be. Doctor Buttrick, Federal Council president, made this statement, "Infallibility of the scriptures is a fortress impossible to defend." Saints: If I couldn't believe that this Bible contains the infallible word of God, I would drop it in the nearest trash can and go back to reading wild west stories. Why waste time on a bunch of suppositional theories? Praise God! I am thankful to know that this is the only book in the world that contains prophecies of the cry things that are taking place in the world in our day. Now there are other books, but their information was derived from this one. You know what I mean: this book has stood the test through the ages. One hundred years ago, there was no Jewish nation. The Jewish people were scattered among the Gentile nations, but look at the nation of Israel today, and read Ezekiel 36, 37, 38, and 39, then tell me whether this book is accurate or not. The Lord took Ezekiel out in the spirit and showed him a valley of parched dry bones, and said, Son of man, can these bones live? Ezekiel answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Then the Lord told him to prophesy to them. When he did, the wind began to blow, and the first thing old Ezekiel knew, there stood a mighty army. Ezekiel's

prophecy stood there for 2500 years before it was fulfilled concerning the dry bones. It took W.W. II and the slaughter of six million Jews to get the necessary wheels rolling for the fulfillment of that prophecy, but it has been fulfilled. The Jews are the only people upon the face of the earth that have a book that tells of their origin. No Gentile society, not even the Indians have a book that tells where they came from, and where they are going, aside from the Bible. The Bible is a Jewish book. Gentiles have only been caretakers of it until time for the Jews to receive it back again. What does the Bible say concerning the Jews? I will return you back unto the land that I gave unto your fathers, and I will plant you, and establish you according to your former estates. In other words, They are the only race of people upon the face of the earth that has a signed deed to the Middle East. Reagan doesn't like it. Breshnev doesn't like it. The U.N. doesn't like it, but there is very little that any of them can do about it. Those who have God on their side are a majority, no matter how it may look to the natural man. Brother! Don't tell me the infallibility of the scriptures is a fortress impossible to defend; God Himself will defend it. All we have to do is just reap the benefits. But to the unbelievers and skeptics, there is no benefit to reap, only consequences. Studying theories (that is what theology is, just theories) may have had its place in bygone days, but we are living in a day when God has revealed His word to His people; therefore there is no longer any place for man's theories.

TRUTH WILL ALWAYS OFFEND SOME

Now listen to what this professor C. T. Chale (former World Council of Churches president) says. "The gospel and the apostolic letters (that would be the epistles of the New Testament) are unreliable. Jesus is the natural son of Joseph. The supernatural element must be excluded; Jesus did not walk on the water, He did not multiply the loaves and fishes, was not transfigured on the Mt. and did not raise Lazarus from the dead." Saints if I didn't believe any more of the Bible than that, I wouldn't even waste my time with Christianity at all. What could Christianity live on, if the very foundational structure of it was all a lie? I do not understand why such people as this even go to church and clutter up their mind with something they absolutely cannot believe, nor why others will sit there Sunday after Sunday listening to them explain the scriptures away. If a person cannot believe that Jesus was born of virgin birth, and that He was God incarnate who bore our sins and reproaches upon the cross, and that He arose from the dead, and that He is now in heaven interceding for us, Why go to church at all? What hope could such a person have? My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. Brother, you have to believe what is written in this old time tested book in order to sing that song from your heart. All of the education that the world has to offer could never take the place of simple faith and trust in the shed blood of

Jesus Christ. The very society we live in today proves the accuracy of the scriptures. Did not Jesus foretell of a time when it would be like it was in the days of Noah, and of Lot? Did not Paul write of a time when men would be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof? What else did he add to that? Get away from that kind. He said, They are ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Does that sound like our day? It surely does. These who resist the truth and speak evil of that which is good, he says they are men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. In this age of modernism, men have come up with something to explain away every real truth from the word of God, and the multitudes are swallowing their every statement hook, line and sinker, and they are heading for destruction while God's chosen few are still believing His word, and being molded into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, to be ready when He comes. The Bible teaches that man is a fallen creature, yet modernism denies the fall, and claims that mankind is steadily evolving toward betterment all the time. Present day crime and moral statistics prove that claim to be false, to all who care enough to check up and see. It is true that there are more people upon earth now than ever before, but man has lost his belief in the existence of a living God that can be talked to and fellowshiped in prayer.

He is a God that desires to live in the hearts of His people, yet modernism has made Him only a mental belief. God to them, is only a state of mind,

nothing more. These people are trying their best to produce a Bible that will be completely acceptable to Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants, male and female, black and white, so that no one will be offended by anything they read therein. Brother: Listen to me, When a person is truly born of the Spirit of God, it is not another Bible he needs, he just needs a revelation of the one we have had all the time. God will not be looking for a modern translation to judge this evil age by, He will judge this world by the same word that stood the test through the ages, even before there ever was such a thing as a modern translation. When God I sent a prophet messenger to this age, to call us back to the apostolic faith; He did not instruct him to use a lot of Hebrew and Greek in an effort to make his message more acceptable. He was not preaching to those that require such, and neither am I. The apostle Paul wrote, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and DOCTRINE. For the time will come when they (Who? Those who are led by a spirit of modernism.) will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." There is no way that any man. Holy Ghost filled, and called to preach the gospel, could preach without offending someone, for people get offended at what they do not agree with. Therefore we must preach the truth and just simply leave it up to the Holy Ghost to apply it to individual souls that are hungry. Do you think Bro. Branham would have ever preached on serpent

seed, predestination. eternal security, or against denominations. If he had just been trying to make a name for himself, or to please people? Do you think Jesus Christ would have called the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites and children of the devil, if He had just been trying to make Himself acceptable to everyone? Absolutely not. No true Christian enjoys offending anyone, but every true Christian should be willing and ready to defend truth no matter who may get offended. God does not require us to go around picking at people, scheduling debates, and challenging the devil. All of that is vain, for God must first deal with a person before they can even receive truth, no matter how much they hear. Of course I realize that some people may accuse me of being hard, or harsh, or prejudiced, and many other things, but one thing they can never accuse me of. I never scheme to get into their churches to preach. Besides Faith Assembly, I only preach where I am invited to preach, and then I only go where I feel led of the Holy Ghost to go. I endeavor not to go to seed on any particular subject, but I do my best to get people to stop being Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, and all such like. and just start being Bible believing Christians. I will never criticize your experience, but I will try to encourage you to get your experience lined up with the scriptures. I have no objections to your speaking in tongues, but I do object to your trying to prove that you're more holy than anyone else, just because you do and they do not. Saints? My real point is this, Do not cheapen your experience with God by becoming lopsided about it. Just be pliable and allow the Holy

Ghost to administer all of the full benefits of your salvation to you. Most Christians are not robbed by the devil as they sometimes testify that they are; they rob themselves by not allowing the Holy Ghost to lead them into the fullness of this Christian life. In other words, Most Christians are living way below their God given potential. Just for instance, some people experience a miraculous healing in their body, and from that time on they only seem interested in scriptures that pertain to healing. Others will speak in tongues, or prophesy, and they spend all their time justifying that, yet the very Spirit of God in you, that allowed you that particular experience, holds the potential for every other gift of the Spirit that is mentioned in the Bible. When the early apostles preached, people were healed, filled with the Holy Ghost, some spoke in tongues, some others prophesied, some interpreted tongues, and others discerned spirits, but their sermons were not designed to emphasize any of this. They just preached the gospel of salvation with the evidence of believing God's word and being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and all these manifestations followed in various degrees among those that believed and obeyed the gospel. In other words, any religious idea that does not give you every potential benefit of the scriptures is not worth wasting your time with. Furthermore, any time you listen to a bunch of people that are finding fault and criticizing someone or something, and you do not investigate it for yourself, you have done yourself a terrible injustice. Certain religious people have called Bro. Branham a false prophet, and a devil, and certain

others have just accepted their word without ever taking the time to investigate what he preached. Sooner or later, those people end up back out in the world, or sold out to some religious cult.

CHURCHES ARE FULL OF CORRUPTION

For a number of years now. I have observed people's reactions to truth when they first came face to face with it. Sometimes it scares them half to death, because it is so contrary to their previous beliefs, but one thing is sure, Every true child of God will eventually submit to it and allow it to clean up his life and experience of salvation. Truth is light, and light always exposes dirt and filth that has easily been overlooked in the shadows of darkness. That is why there is so much spiritual house cleaning necessary when we first begin to walk in the light of revelation truth. Furthermore, that kind of house cleaning is never done without a fight, not a carnal fight. a spiritual one. Paul described it as spiritual warfare, and in 2 Cor. 10:4-5, he wrote. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and high thing that exalteth itself against the KNOWLEDGE of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Then in the 6th chapter of his letter to the Ephesian church he wrote these words while dealing with this subject. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, (You do not put

on a suit of armor unless you are going into a battle.) that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the DARKNESS of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand, Stand there, having your loins girt about with TRUTH, and having on the breastplate of righteousness: and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (the revealed word of God) "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." How many of you think that only applied to those first century Christians? Brother, if it took that for them to make it, Don't you ever think you are going to make it with any less. Furthermore, don't ever think Washington D.C. is the only place where corruption is found, for the churches are full of it. Too many people just simply shut their eyes and refuse to believe that this could be so, and they will say, Don't tell me that kind of thing preacher – I don't want to hear it. Well, I am going to tell you anyhow; I owe it to you. The Bible has already condemned everything that does not walk in revealed truth, and that includes all of your denominational churches whether you want to hear it or not. Some people

say, I don't believe in fighting churches. I don't either, but there is only ONE church, and the sad part is, it has been scattered around in Babylon just like the Jews that were led off into captivity into the natural Babylon. They could never sing the songs of Zion while in a foreign land. But there came a day when God released them from Babylon and gave them an opportunity to return to the land of their fathers. Now my Bible tells me that somewhere in the end of time, and I believe that this is the generation that it applies to, the church will be dealt with by the hand of God in such a way that not one true believer will be left in denominations. Some will always say, But, Bro. Jackson: There are many good people out there in denominations; surely you do not believe that. Yes I do, and furthermore it is not for you to judge who is good, for the Bible says, None are good, and all judgment is in the hands of God. I say, If Jesus should walk upon earth as He did two thousand years ago, and do the same things He did, then, a lot of those good people you speak of, would be yelling, Crucify him, Crucify him, just like those religious Jews did in that day. Now tell me again, who is good, and tell me also, what you base your judgment upon, since it is obvious they do not have a love for the truth. Those who have a love for the truth are coming out of those denominational systems, and seeking a place where they can hear the word of God preached.

FULL BENEFICIARIES OF TRUE REDEMPTION

In the past three decades of this 20th century, God has dealt with this generation to draw out a people for His name from among all those denominational systems. Men like Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, and T. L. Osborne have made the rounds among every one of them to get attention focused upon the moving of the Spirit of God. The devil did not anoint those men to preach, and heal the sick; God did. Then He sent His prophet messenger to call them to a revelation of His word That is why we can say that God has given everyone their chance. Yet there are thousands of people right in this area that never have even heard the name William Marrion Branham, and the reason for it is that they have no desire nor love of revelation truth. They have been completely satisfied with their traditional way of life, and their traditional religion. It was a completely different story over in Durbin, South Africa where thousands of people were hungry for reality. There, practically anyone you would meet, knew the name, William Branham. I have said it before, and I will say it again, That man's ministry outshined all the others, even from the standpoint of divine healing, not to mention the gift of discernment and the message to this age. I do not make these remarks to discredit any man, for a man can only do what he is anointed to do, but those other men that had successful healing ministries, usually had only that; not one of them had a message to the people that would put them back into the Bible, believing an

apostolic gospel. Many people bitterly resent it when they hear you say that the early apostles never preached a sermon on divine healing, but it is the truth anyhow. What they preached was a total message of redemption; therefore when believers were added to the number, they became beneficiaries of all that God's plan of redemption covered, and that included divine healing. Their main emphasis was upon the salvation of lost souls, and growing up in the stature of Jesus Christ; and that was hinged upon true repentance and water baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. One translation records Acts 2:38, like this, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins, **SO THAT YOU MAY RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.**" That just emphasizes the fact that repentance and scriptural water baptism, are the conditions upon which the gift of the Holy Ghost was promised. No one has any scriptural right nor authority to expect the Holy Ghost outside of first meeting those conditions. Then once you receive that true gift of eternal life (the Holy Ghost) you have the eternal security that so many people get upset hearing about. I have never yet understood why anyone should get so upset over the doctrine of eternal security: it should make them glad. To me, it is a wonderful thing to know that the Holy Ghost in a believer is a seal, sealing him eternally in the redeemed family of God. I do not see how anyone could ever enjoy their salvation if they hold the idea that a person can be saved today, lost tomorrow, and saved again in the next revival, and so on. Furthermore you can never get anything like that out of

the Bible; it has to come from hand-me-down religion. That kind of religion would have the Lamb's book of life looking like a huge ink blotter. Well, Bro. Jackson, Don't you believe that a person could have their name blotted out of the book of life? I will just answer your question like this, If a name was ever blotted out, it would never be put back in again. Do you know what I mean? Your name was not written in the Lamb's book of life because you quit smoking, drinking, cursing, and carousing around, and it will not be blotted out because you start doing those things again. All those things are attributes of unbelief, and many times the devil uses them to trap a child of God, but God's eternal purpose in every true child of His will be perfected in their lives regardless of how many traps Satan sets for them; The big question is not whether a born again soul could be lost again, but rather, Was that soul ever truly born again by the Spirit of God – The Lamb's book of life is not kept in earthly headquarters for man to write in, and erase from according to his own understanding, it is kept in the great mind of the eternal God, and it was written before the world was ever created, according to the perfect foreknowledge of the Creator. That is why predestination is a true doctrine of the scriptures, for if God through foreknowledge could see you as born again even before you were ever born physically, then you were predestined to be born again. Your destination was predetermined by the great council of God when He counseled with Himself before the foundation of the world. I believe Paul made that as clear as anyone could, in his letter to the Ephesian church, so let us open our

Bibles to Ephesians 1:3-11, and notice how he expresses his revelation of God's foreknown and predestined plan of redemption. People who want to get mad about these scriptural doctrines ought to realize that it is actually God Himself that they are finding fault with, for those early apostles only wrote it, and we only preach it, but it was God Himself that set it all in motion. Now let us see what the Bible has to say as we begin reading in verse 3, of Ephesians 1, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath CHOSEN US in Him BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: HAVING PREDESTINATED US UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN by Jesus Christ to Himself, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS OWN WILL. To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence: Having made known unto us the mystery of HIS WILL, according to HIS GOOD PLEASURE which HE HATH PURPOSED IN HIMSELF: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times HE might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being PREDESTINATED ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF HIM WHO WORKETH ALL

THINGS AFTER 1 THE COUNSEL OF HIS OWN I WILL." Who was that scripture written to? Believers. Unbelievers have no part in it. You hear people from time to time say, I don't believe that, even if you did read it in the Bible. Such a person is an unbeliever, and the provisions of God do not apply to them. There is a place prepared for all unbelievers and ungodly souls though, and they do not I have to believe anything whatsoever in order to go there. It is Christ in you and me that makes the difference, and we just must face the truth; He is not in everyone that professes to be a Christian. You do not have to know everything that anyone else knows in order to be completely acceptable to God, but you do have to be a person that believes in the word of God. You have to be a person that is willing to be turned from your hand-me-down religion, to follow truth. Otherwise, God will just send you strong delusion that will eventually lead to your destruction. No person that is genuinely baptized by the Holy Ghost will ever be found fighting against revealed truth. Like I have said so many times, you may not understand everything the first time you hear it, but if you are truly born again, you will not outrightly reject a truth from God's word.

KEEP A SPIRITUAL BALANCE

The reason I am going through these things again is because it is so important for us to realize what has been taking place spiritually ever since the beginning of the Reformation. God had restored truth to the church a little

at a time, but the universal church of the living God had not received it all. It was scattered around among various groups that had denominations around the truth that God imparted to their forefathers, and no one before Bro. Branham had ever been called of God and anointed to collect up all those truths and present them to the church in one package. Man has always been guilty of being a very weak minded creature. It seems that his finite mind can only take so much truth, and that is as far as he will go. He is ready to sit down and try to hold on to what he has. Brother! You could never say that about the early apostolic believers. When you read the book of Acts, and the epistles, you become conscious of the fact that they were to be fed the meat of God's word, and that they were expected to grow up and have their understanding enlarged, and walk in all the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul even prayed that God would make known unto them the manifold wisdom of God, and also that they might be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that they might be filled with all the fulness... say from time to time that Bro. Branham's ministry had an effect on some people that has caused them to act just like a chicken with a limberneck, spiritually speaking of course. There is a disease that sometimes hits among poultry, that affects their balance nerve. Even though their feet are on the ground and they mean to be walking upright. many times they will be looking straight up when they think they are looking at the ground. Their balance nerve is affected and they just cannot

hold their head in an upright position. Now Saints, I do not say that foolishly, but I have watched people that have come into contact with Bro. Branham's teaching, and their spiritual actions are just exactly like that, especially some of those that knew him personally. God set a voice in the earth, with a message to turn us back to the faith of our apostolic fathers that wrote the New Testament scriptures, and some called him a devil while others called him God. Even while he was still alive, there was a spirit rising among his followers to defy him, and even though he preached against it, and thought that it would subside, the thing kept on gaining momentum, and now, almost 17 years after his death, many of those people are just like a chicken with a limberneck; they just cannot keep their spiritual balance. They talk about Bro. Branham and say, Don't you know that he was the Messiah for our day? Don't you know that he was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ? Others sit in church with a very nonchalant attitude about all this, having a feeling of church security, and say, I'm glad that I am not involved in any of that. and they are just as bad off spiritually as these others, for they are not grounded upon a revelation of the word of God either. Brother! I want you to know, You are not going to get out of this world in the rapture, without being first in a spiritual fight of some kind. Just don't go off half cocked and try to fight against one Antichrist spirit, with another one that is just as far from revealed truth as the one you are fighting against. Any spirit that would try to make him the Messiah, Elohim, Melchizedek, or anything else other

than God's anointed prophet messenger to this age, is just as anti to the word of God as the spirit that elevated the Roman pope to the position as the vicar of Christ. That man usurps authority that belongs only to God, and millions of people look upon him as God, and every last one of them are motivated by an Antichrist spirit.

ONE SOVEREIGN, HOLY SPIRIT

In regards to Bro. Branham some have piously said, Of course he is not the Messiah, but he is Elohim. That is even worse, Elohim is a word in the book of Genesis that implies, the almighty God, the self-existing one, the self sufficient one. How could that term ever apply to a man that was born of natural parents, and that was only born into this world in the 20th century? What you do need to understand though, is that the Holy Ghost that indwell Bro. Branham was the same Spirit that moved upon the face of the waters in Genesis 1:2. But by the same token, He is that Spirit that indwells every born again child of God, for the Spirit of Jehovah in the Old Testament, and the Holy Ghost in the New Testament are both one and the selfsame Spirit. He created everything that was created including man and every other living thing upon the face of the earth, making Him Father, Father of creation. But that very same Spirit also indwells every born again believer, because He is the Spirit that was in the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is His Spirit that in the New Testament is called the Holy Ghost. As for this Melchizedek idea

that is being promoted by some, there is not one word of scripture to justify such a thing. The Melchizedek that met Abraham returning from battle, and blessed him, was not a permanent human being. That was a manifestation of the eternal God Himself, in a geographical area that would later have significance, portraying attributes that I would one day be invested in the Lord Jesus Christ. Melchizedek made himself known to Abraham as king of Salem, and priest of the most high God. The old Jebusite city called Salem in Abraham's day, is now known as Jerusalem, and right there, is where those attributes of Melchizedek first began to be exemplified in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was led out to Mt. Calvary where He was crucified. He was laid in a tomb like any other dead person might be, but the thing that made the difference was, on the third day He arose from the dead, victorious over death. Forty days later, He ascended into heaven where He has remained ever since, fulfilling His office as high priest after the order of Melchizedek. In Hebrews 5:6, the apostle Paul quoted from a Psalm of David concerning Jesus Christ, "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. (Ps. 110:4) Of course the term for ever, as used here, has certain limitations, for Christ will not be in His mediatorial position throughout the eternal ages. There will come a time, and very soon we believe, that His mediatorial work will be finished, and it will be time for Him to don the robe of King of the most High God. Hallelujah! He is coming back to earth! Praise God for the accuracy of His word. Because other

men have been faithful to fulfill their calling in their hour of time, we have the written word of God to show us what is ahead in God's great plan of redemption. By that, we know that Jesus Christ is yet to rule on earth for one thousand years upon the throne of His father David according to natural genealogy, in which time, "The law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem," says Micah. (4:2) But my real point of this is, The Spirit in Jesus Christ was the same Spirit that was in Melchizedek, and that is in every true born again believer, but there is no scriptural provision for a Melchizedek ministry to this age. Furthermore to do exactly what God has called him to do, is the greatest thing that any mortal man could possibly do. no matter how small, nor how great that calling might appear to be in the eyes of other men. Bro. Branham had no desire whatsoever to be elevated above what God called him to be. All of this fanaticism is a result of overzealous human flesh, that without a pure revelation, always try to build something great for God, and we all should know that anything God does not build will surely be thrown down. Therefore let me say this to all of you who might have it in your mind to run from this deity spirit among the following of Bro. Branham. There is an eccumencial spirit out there, just waiting to swallow you up, so if you run from one, and get caught by another that is just as bad, you will still miss God completely. It is better to stand in the midst of idolatry with a genuine revelation in your heart and fight when necessary, than to try to run from it, and get caught by something else.

GOD'S WORD REMAINS THE SAME

I am sure many of you have been approached by certain ones who have said to you, The Bible contains the word of God for Paul's day, but the Spoken Word books contain the word of God for our day. Does God have two standards of grace? No. Absolutely not. His standard is the same: therefore His word is the same. It is just the fact that the harvesting process is a different operation than that of planting the seed for a future crop. Furthermore these people who try to do away with the Bible and use only the sermons of Bro. Branham, still have to go back to the Bible, back to Malachi 4:5-6, to establish Bro. Branham's authority, and those same two verses plainly state that this Elijah is to turn the heart of the children to that of their fathers, not give them another gospel. I will say also, Those who listened to Bro. Branham with a spiritual ear while he delivered, what they call...certainly ought to realize that in his own words, he preached what Paul preached. Let us realize Paul preached. Let us realize also, that God would not have used 500 years of time restoring gospel light back to the church, just to turn right around and send a man so anointed of the Holy Ghost, to lead people away from those restored truths just before Jesus Christ comes to rapture a word washed bride. No, my friends: I am afraid many of those who followed so close to him in the flesh, never heard what the Spirit of God spoke through him. They were preoccupied looking for some great secret thing, some great mystery that would require a soul to make a complete turn around in order to

follow it. We will readily agree, and state emphatically, that the revealed word of God will turn a person completely around many times if they have been following traditional religion, but it will not put them into a secret cult, so that their message can only be whispered privately to a select few. That is not how God has chosen to fulfill the words of Jesus concerning the strait and narrow way, that only a few will find. No. This gospel message, this message that is to perfect a people for the Lord is just like radio and television signals. It is preached to the world, but only I those that have the proper I receiver within them will receive it. That is the reason the Bible says, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Anyone can hear with their natural ear, memorize and repeat what they hear, but I only a foreknown child of God will receive a spiritual revelation of God's word, so that it actually becomes a part of his or her very own make up. As I have said so many times, Bro. Branham was not a writing prophet, and neither was John the Baptist. They were both revealing prophets sent to awaken an element of people in their respective age of time to what the Spirit of God was doing in that age to fulfill what was already written. That is why we cannot say, Now let us open our Bibles to the book of John the Baptist, or William Branham, they simply were not unctioned of God to add anything to the scriptures that were already written. It seems that those who know who Malachi 4:5-6 ought to be able to read verse 6, and know WHAT each man was ordained to do. John was to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and William Marrion Branham was to turn the heart of the

children to their fathers. How? Simply by pointing them back to the scriptures that were already written. Therefore I cannot turn you to the book of William Branham, but I can turn you to the book he preached from, and because he did preach from that book, he pointed Raymond Jackson back to the Jesus Christ of the Bible, instead of the one the Methodist church preached about. They said He was alive, but they acted like He was still dead. They preached about His resurrection, but they did not know that He was doing anything in the earth in our day. Brother, I want you to know that this little man, known by many as Brother Bill, made the Jesus of the Bible so big, and so alive, that you would just sit on the edge of your seat with great expectancy, waiting to see what He (Jesus Christ would do next. Bro. Branham did not have much education, but he had a mighty God. He made the Bible a living book that could talk to my soul.

POSSESSING THE REVEALER

Many times, out in the corn field, my heart would become so full of gratitude because God had allowed me, a Methodist, to see and partake of what He was doing in the earth in our day, that I would climb down off my old tractor between the corn rows and pray. I said, Lord, I do not know how much longer it will be before you come again, but just help me to live a life that portrays what is read in your word. Lord, I want to believe like a Bible Christian, and walk in all the light of your word. I am thankful today, that God heard my prayers back

then, otherwise I could have been just like a lot of others that sat under Bro. Branham's ministry: I could be carrying a briefcase full of Spoken Word books quoting only what the prophet said, and miss God completely. I am thankful to God for what He allowed Bro. Branham to bring forth revealing what those symbols pertained to, as he preached on the seven seals in the book of Revelation. No I other man was ever anointed to do that, so naturally the Seven Seals book has things written – therein that you could not read in t the Bible, and they were revealed by the Spirit of God, but that still does not make the seal book, another Bible, nor put it in any place as equal authority with the Bible. It is simply a book of sermons in which God's anointed prophet messenger taught and explained the symbolic language used when John was commissioned to write those things. It was the Holy Ghost that hid those things from the natural man by using symbolic language: therefore it took the Holy Ghost to reveal to Bro. Branham what was hidden therein, and you will need the Holy Ghost in you in order to understand what was revealed but none of that changes the word of God one bit; it still remains the same. That is why I say, God will not give the bride of Chris another Bible; He will just reveal to her what is written in the one we have had all along. True children of God are just like little lambs; they cannot stay away from their source of nourishment very long at a time without returning to have their supply replenished. We survive on inspiration, stimulation, and revelation which gives us strength for endurance as the pressures of life press

in upon us: therefore we must keep our supply line open and active through prayer and study of God's word, and fellowship with other saints when possible. The church is built upon the rock of spiritual revelation. That is why the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. But within that revelation are the very attributes of Jesus Christ Himself, and that is why those who have a genuine revelation instead of just a head knowledge of revealed scriptures, actually portray the very nature and characteristics of Christ, in their daily lives, so do not be satisfied just to know what certain scriptures mean. Seek that living reality that goes with them.

MYSTERIES BEING REVEALED

That caused me to feel led to preach this series of messages. and then we will try to bring it all to a climax, but before I do. I want to say a few more words to those of you who feel that all the mysteries of the Bible were explained by Bro. Branham. Take the woman of Revelation, chapter 12, for instance. You can search through all of your tapes of his sermons, and search your books from cover to cover, and you will not find anywhere, that scripture fully explained. He made various statements about that woman, but I would like to call your attention to some of those statements, so that you may know what I mean. One example was that while teaching in the book of Revelation, he went to chapter 12, and said that the woman there in verse 1, is the bride of Christ, crowned with the gospel of the twelve apostles. Then at another time while preaching,

many months later, he said the woman in Rev. 12:1, is Israel fleeing for her life, and he left the scene in death without ever straightening it out. Ever since then, the quote men have been making the rounds with those statements, some with one, and some others with the other, and I suppose you could even find a few trying to teach both. Brothers and sisters, please do not try to convince me that these men who grabbed the statement about this being the bride of Christ, have any revelation of what the prophet taught, nor what some of these statements were made for. The woman definitely is Israel fleeing for her life during the great tribulation hour which is not too far off. Bro. Branham made what I generally refer to as plural statements, throughout much of his main ministry, but one thing I have always found, each time a plurality of statements was made about the same subject, one of them would always point the children of God right to the word of God. He left many things

hanging like that when he passed on. That is why I can safely say that all the mysteries were not completed before he left us. But I do know that somewhere along the line he gave a little profile of them, that has served as a key to unlock the mysteries to the true children of God. I will say also, that the children of God know more today than they did 16 years ago. Now please notice that I said, "The children of God," and certainly not everyone that believed he was sent of God to this age. Through the Contender we have tried to show the purpose of God in allowing so many statements by His prophet messenger that were exactly

opposite of each other, but some have misunderstood our purpose. What you need to understand is that God Himself is the one that causes the tares to be separated from the pure crop of believers at harvest time. Therefore I have always said, Any time Bro. Branham made contrary statements, I always looked for the one of God, for I am persuaded that the other version was for the tares and shucks to run with. Why? To separate them from the children of God here at the end. You just have to remember that the parables of Jesus were not meant to be fulfilled in a day's time. They spread out over long periods of time.

TARES MUST BE FED SOMETHING

Many of these people who try to explain dual statements will say, Bro. Branham was the church age messenger according to Rev. 10:7, up until 1963, and we more or less accept that he might have been a little wrong here and there during that time. But after God anointed him to step into his Malachi 4:5-6 office, in 1963, he spoke everything precise, in perfect order from then on. Saints: That will not explain it either, for I found him making dual statements between 1963, and the time he was killed in that accident. In other words, He kept right on feeding both elements of people right up to the time God took him home. I never did have to have anyone tell me that he was a prophet, nor that he was the messenger to this age. His qualifications were recognizable to those who had ears to hear, and eyes to see. The sad thing is, Most of those that followed so closely with him did

not have such eyes and ears. They were just typical Gentile minds, ready to believe anything they heard. It was the same with 900 souls that followed a man down to South America, and ended up dead because of it. Do you think even for one minute, that those people were following God? It was a tragic thing, but not one among them was following God. But, Bro. Jackson, some of those people were sincere. Yes, I know. But not one of them was following God. Can a statement like that be established by the Bible? Yes, it can. Read John, chapter 10, and you will hear Jesus say, My sheep know my voice, and another they will not follow. There was not one among them that had the Holy Ghost. Now, Bro. Jackson, that is pretty harsh kind of talk. I know it is, but are you listening to me? I hope you are, because I am now going to make another statement that I want you to hear. There are a lot of Charismatic people singing in the spirit, with the Catholic nuns and priests, and they really think they are the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, but as long as they continue singing to the tune of the rosary, and as long as they preach to the tune of the papacy, they are not on their way to be with Jesus. This is that strong delusion that the apostle Paul wrote about in his letter to the Thessalonian believers. Why would God send them a delusion? Simply because they have no love for the truth. Those who reject the genuine are suckers for the counterfeit. This world of religion reminds me of a bunch of hungry fish that will just strike at any little shiny object. Satan has his lures out there, and they are striking them by the thousands without even considering whether it will lead them

to the word of God or not. Saints: let us not be so careless with our eternal destiny. God knows all them that are His, but we do not, therefore let us encourage all men everywhere to follow revelation truth from the word of God, and allow human flesh to be only the vessels that God uses to make that truth known. Give every vessel his proper respect, but do not be guilty of deifying that which is only a vessel.

WHY PRINT THIS MESSAGE?

Now if you will bear with me for just a little longer, I want to tell you the dream I had.....and print this message. Being aware of the reproach that has been brought upon the image of Bro. Branham around the world. I have been greatly concerned for a long time now, that there never has been anything done or said, that could really and truly give his image a genuine resting place in the scriptures. I have felt for a long time that the world should be given an opportunity to know just exactly what kind of man it takes to fulfill what John the Baptist, and Bro. Branham fulfilled in the redemption plan of God, but it was actually the dream that caused me to go ahead and do what I am doing.

MY DREAM

On the night of November 22, 1981, in this dream it seemed as though I was standing alongside a road that was close to my own dwelling, yet in the dream, the dwelling that I was standing close to, was not the natural dwelling where we live, for in the

dream, this dwelling was much more elaborate than the one we live in. (Brothers and sisters, I am so thankful for the revelation that my spiritual dwelling is in Jesus Christ, in the word of God, for a natural dwelling can burn to the ground, or a storm can rip it to pieces, but when we are dwelling in Jesus Christ by a true revelation of the word of God, we have an habitation that nothing whatsoever can harm nor destroy, a place where our soul can rest.) I looked up and saw Bro. Branham walking slowly down the road approaching me. As he came near, he began to talk, and in the dream, he did most of the talking, and I only responded with, Yes. That's right, and so on. He first greeted me, and I could see by the expression on his face that he was in deep sorrow. There was such a depressed look. (Not because of what he had said, but because of what other people were saying and doing as a result of what he had said.) After greeting me, he began going into great detail explaining what certain ones were saying and doing and so on. By the time he had finished, I was convinced that he was feeling like everything he had said, and done, and stood for was in vain. Then he said, And now my wife has been laid to rest, and he looked on down the road with a very discouraged look, and said, but I must be going on. (At that time, his wife I had only been dead a few months.) By that time. I was feeling very sad for him, because of the way he had said everything, and I thought to myself, But, where will you go? It seemed like the darkness of night was settling in, so I said to him, not knowing what.....Bro Branham, it is getting late. If I was to prepare for you a place to rest, would you accept

it? Yes, I would be glad to, he replied. That really surprised me. I thought, a great man like this, that has traveled the world over, known by Pentecostal leaders, Catholic priests, and Full Gospel Businessmen around the world, a man that I have been privileged to sit under, and he has just said, Yes, I would accept, to my invitation. Immediately, I see myself going into the house. (Now if this was in the natural, it would be much different. I would say to my wife, Honey, So and So is going to stay with us tonight, and she would very quickly go about, saying, We will do this, and this, and so on. But in the dream, I could see her standing there, and it was as though I was relating to her what I was to do, but I was the one that was to prepare the room for Bro. Branham. That is why I know, and am completely convinced, that it is for me to prepare his image as a scriptural resting place. If he really was who we believe he was, and if he truly was ordained of God to do what we believe he was, then someone, somewhere, must prepare a resting place in the scriptures for the man's image, in order that those who were never privileged to see and hear him, could still have the same scriptural opportunity as those who did. There is no reason for any believer to question the authority and anointing of John the Baptist: therefore there should be no reason whatsoever for any genuine believer to question that of William Marrion Branham. Did you ever stop to think that if there had been no John the Baptist, there would be no you and me, speaking from a spiritual standpoint? We would be in the world, but we would be pagans. I think you know what I mean. I can see John the

Baptist. How many of you can? You see, there is no question in our minds about John's place in the plan of God, so why should there be any question about the man that fulfilled the "B" part of Malachi 4:5-6? I said to my wife first of all, I am fixing Bro. Branham a room to rest, a place to retire. Then I went to a room, and I could see myself completely rearranging everything, for in the dream. I seemed to know exactly how he would want it. The quality of everything I prepared for him was in my opinion the best there was. When the bed was fixed, and all the furniture placed, I turned to Bro. Branham and said, it is ready. He went in and started to prepare himself for the night of rest. Then I came out and shut the door, and when I shut the door. I said, God, may you help him to rest. may you give him good rest. No.

accomplish His purpose in it all. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

That... body; that has already been done. It was placed in the cemetery up there by the tabernacle, but up until now, his spiritual image in the world of religion has never been allowed to rest. When I was in school. I read about Martin Luther. John Knox, John Calvin, Wesley and all those others that mankind has recognized and made a place for in the history of mankind, but I have been made to wonder if this modern society, with so many warped minds and peculiar ideas would ever make a place for a true record of the acts and deeds, and purpose of God that was fulfilled by Bro. Branham. Therefore in closing this message, I just want to say this, I feel that I have now done what I felt led to do, so I will just leave it all in the hands of a true and living God, and allow Him to



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