

**PROPHETIC
REVELATION**

SCRIPTURALLY...
THE TRUTH

***from the mouth of the Prophet-Messenger
William Marrion Branham***

He that hath an ear, *let him hear!*

FOREWORD

In this issue we have compiled some *golden nuggets* gleaned from the various messages preached by William Marrion Branham. These *golden nuggets* contain the answers to some of our readers' questions on our Bible standing regarding the teachings of the Prophet-Messenger.

The *quotations* are not meant to provide comprehensive treatment of any particular subject, rather they are aimed at helping our readers to study and understand the teachings of the Prophet-Messenger in the light of the Holy Scriptures. The quotations are helpful not only in studying the Scriptures but also in maintaining the Bride's Christian walk.

There are over one thousand taped messages of William Branham. This book cannot and does not contain all the quotations pertaining to each subject matter. Any mistake found in these quotes or their sources of reference is unintentional.

As a Preacher of the Word of God, the Publisher has taken the liberty to highlight and add certain points to the answers on some subjects as revealed to him by the Word of the Lord.

PROPHETIC*REVELATION does not endorse, and has never endorsed, the words of William Branham as **Oral Scriptures** or **The Absolute Authority** of the Truth. Unfortunately many of the followers of William Branham are doing just that. They have become perverted cults. They have brought reproach to **THE TRUTH** that Bro. Branham stood for. For this reason **PROPHETIC*REVELATION**, which is a Gospel outreach ministry of Apostolic Truth, has been accused of being a part of that cultic movement by many of the denominational churches. On the other hand,

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

those perverted followers of Branham have pronounced that our ministry is **not “in the message”**; hence, a false ministry.

William Branham himself had not contradicted the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 — *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

The Holy Bible — Inspired Sacred Scriptures — is God’s Only Absolute Authority of Divine Truth to mankind. All teachings of man must rest on the **Sole Authority of The Word of God. *The prophetic Holy Writ is of no private interpretation.***

Like all Messengers of God, William Branham was an ‘Absolute’ with a *specific Message* for the Bride of Christ — to get her back to **The Word** in order that she could be made ready for the Coming of her Lord, Jesus Christ. Church traditions, creeds and dogmas have blinded worshippers to the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ and have caused them to be religious rather than spiritual. Hence, it is the plan of God that a Messenger should come and call us back to **The Absolute Word of God.**

William Branham was a very controversial figure in the Christian world. He was a simple and humble man of God. He had a supernatural ministry which was likened to that of Christ’s that no other man could emulate, and which many well-known preachers recognized as a sign of the near Coming of Christ. Yet, many abuses were hurled at him, much of which was a result of misrepresentation of facts by his false accusers (who probably got their ‘facts’ from those ‘cultic’ followers of Branham). He was accused of forming a cult movement. His words were so misunderstood by many of his followers as well as his accusers, just as the teachings of St. Paul and Jesus were misunderstood by many in their days (Mk.14:58-59 cf. Jhn.2:18-21; Jhn.6:51-60; 2 Pet.3:15-18). Was not the Lord Jesus Christ falsely accused by his enemies? Did not the mainstream religious cult leaders of His days — the Pharisees and the Sadducees — spread lies about Him to keep the people away from Him and from the Truth He preached?

It seems that all the existing *established* religious organizations within Christendom have by now forgotten that they were at one time or another classified as a **cult** by those which were already established before them. Each group believes in some doctrines and teachings that they term as

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

fundamental truth. Yet, basically all *organized* Christian religions — denominations — are cults, as implied in their manifestos. And in its blindness, the world has readily accepted the mainstream established churches as the *standard* by which all other smaller splinter groups are to be judged. But it is not a question of whether or not a church or a group is a cult since all denominations or groups are cults, but whether it is ‘**a false cult**’ or ‘**an evil cult**’. The answer to this question can only be found in the Word of God.

Since the Divine Word of God is considered to be the Inspired Absolute Authority of Bible believers, then any Christian group whose faith is *not* Word-centered must necessarily be a false cult. It does not matter whether their ways of worship and doctrines have hundreds of years of traditional history. If they are not Scriptural, then they are not of the Truth. That’s all! It does not matter if their doctrinal interpretations were given by some great men of God or priests. If they are contrary to the Word of God, then they must be lies. Period! “*For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;...*” (Rom.3:3-4a).

In the days of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *mainstream religious organizations* of the *Pharisees, Sadducees* and *Scribes* were so established in their religious traditions that their leaders, in their self-righteousness, spoke against the very Messiah whom they were waiting for. They accused the very God whom they claimed they served. They believed that the teachings of Jesus Christ and His disciples were totally wrong because the little group had **deviated** from the established mainstream religious teachings of the Scriptures. Unfortunately they did not realize that they themselves were totally wrong in their interpretations of the Scriptures. No wonder Jesus called them names — snakes, white-washed sepulchres, blind leaders of the blind, etc. (Undoubtedly, Jesus would use the same names to call many of the established Christian organizations of our day.) According to the definition of some *cult busters* — “*a cult is a group of followers who deviates from the mainstream religions and follows the teachings of a man of charisma*”. Jesus Christ and His followers certainly fit that description perfectly. The Early Church per se was also a *cult*. If Jesus Christ and His followers were here today, the established mainstream churches would certainly classify the little group as a *cult*.

A cult, be it religious, political, scientific, musical or whatever, is a group of people who idolized their leader (or leaders) and his (or their) words, or who are devoted to some passion. “The New Collins International Dictionary of the English Language” defines the word ‘cult’ as

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

follows: 1. *a specific system of religious worship.* 2. *a sect devoted to the beliefs of a cult.* 3. *intense interest in and devotion to a person, idea, or activity.* 4. *the person, idea, etc., arousing such devotion.* 5. *any popular fashion; craze.*

According to the above definition, every *religious organization* is, therefore, a cult. Is not every *Christian denomination* a specific system of religious worship? Is not *Charismaticism* a craze among many Christians? Did not the *disciples* of Jesus Christ possess an intense interest in their Master? Was not *Christ Jesus* a man of charisma who aroused the people's devotion? The *Presbyterian organization* is a sect which devotes itself to a modified form of *Calvinism*. However, there are different sects within *Presbyterianism*, some of which are *extreme Calvinists*. Who was the founder of *Calvinism*? It was certainly not *John Calvin*. Calvin was only a preacher and a reformer. What about the different sects within *Catholicism, Methodism, Pentecostalism, Lutheranism, etc.*? Certainly you cannot blame *John Wesley, Martin Luther* or the other preachers for their teachings. They faithfully preached their respective messages for their time. But the hidden mystery in God's Word is progressively revealed in each age (after the Seed [Word] was allowed to be *buried* in the Dark Ages) until the **Perfect** (Word of the Revelation of Christ) is come. "*For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known*" (1 Cor.13:9-12).

Although many followers of William Branham have *idolized* their leader even to the extent of *deifying* him, William Branham was not a man who desired to be worshipped. To him such an act was **ANTI-CHRIST, ANTI-WORD**. He even fought against that Antichrist spirit just as hard as he had fought against organized *Jezebel* Christianity. However, immediately after his death, those who idolized him began to organize around his words and produced another denomination called *Branhamism*. Truly, history has repeated itself.

The beginning of the Twentieth Century saw the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that lasted slightly more than half a century. William Branham was known as the leader of the *Deliverance Movement*. He had a genuine gift that no one could dispute. Today, however, we see a widespread impersonation of the real thing. Among the 'New Wave' *Pentecostalism* and the *Charismaticism*, there are hundreds of preachers

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

who claim to have some sort of gifts of the Holy Spirit — healing, miracles, knowledge, vision, etc. The fact is that many of such ‘gifts’, which these people claim they possess, are not genuine gifts of God. This causes concern, for those who recognize these movements as a form of deception that draws ‘Christian people’ into *Ecumenism* are quick to reject the genuine divine healings, miracles, and other supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit. When God sends a genuine gift, the devil sends hundreds of impersonating gifts — that is what confuses the people and destroys the faith of many.

Reading the *Golden Nuggets* in this book, you would notice that Bro. Branham was academically inadequate as shown in his speech. (*The quotations are taken directly off taped sermons and slightly edited and rephrased by the Publisher.*) Such academic standard was not quite up to the mark which most people had expected of a theologian of his standing. Though not a typical theologian he had the most profound understanding of Bible truths. He was not schooled in any theological seminary, something which organized churches normally lay down as a pre-requisite qualification for any person who desires to enter the Gospel ministry. His personal life and ministry had borne out the fact that he had the mind of Christ to an unparalleled degree. An outstanding Christian leader once said, “*We preachers talk about Christ. Brother Branham lives Christ.*” Perhaps this may cause us serious thinking Christians to seek the Word of God and to check our church ‘revelations’ more closely with the Truth.

Allow God to speak to you through these *quotes* to convict you, to teach you, to encourage you, and to help you obtain from Him that which you need to cause you to “*draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you*”.

May these *Golden Nuggets* be an enlightenment and a blessing to your spiritual life.



Richard I.s.Gan
The Publisher
* 1992 *

顏
連
生

Subject Titles

Three Things You Must Not Do...7
Vindication of A Christian...8
To The Ministers...9
The Holy Ghost...11
Rapturing Faith...14
The Genuine Bride of Christ...17
Of Importance To Men...19
Of Importance To Women...21
Christmas...23
Tithing...24
Christian Baptism...26
Salvation...27
Fasting...28
Foreign Missions...31
Perfection...31
The Second Advent of Christ...32
The Mark of The Beast...35
The Three Ordinances...37
Christian Fellowship...40
Unpardonable Sin...43
Revelation of God...44
Insanity...45
Mixed Multitude of Believers...46
The Bride Age...48
Admonition...53
Who Was William Branham?...55

GOLDEN NUGGETS

THREE THINGS YOU MUST NOT DO

1. You Must Not Misinterpret The Word

To **misinterpret** Jesus in the form of *God in a Man*, you would make Him one God out of **three**. To **misinterpret** Jesus Christ being the **Word**, you'd make Him the *Second Person* in the **Godhead**. And to do that you'd **mess** the whole Scripture up. You'd never get no where. So **it must not be misinterpreted**. If anybody **misinterprets** Jesus Christ in the Bible as not being God Himself, make Him *Second Person* or *One God out of Three*, this would **upset** every Word in the Bible. It would break the first commandment: "*Thou shalt not have any other God before me*". It would make the whole Christian race a bunch of pagan worshippers worshipping three different Gods! So you see, **you mustn't misinterpret the Bible**, for **Jesus Himself is the Interpretation of the Bible** when He's made manifest in the Age that the part of His Body is to be made manifested. If it's a Hand Age, it must be a Hand, it can't be a Head Age. If it's a Voice Age, well then it can't be a Foot Age, see? And **now, we're at the Eye Age, the next thing is He Himself to come: seeing, "prophetic"... the complete Body of Christ is revealed in a form of a Bride that was taken out of His side.**

2. You Must Not Misplace The Scripture

When every Scripture in the Bible has the same application you got to set it in its place: for to **misplace** it, you might make Him God in one Age and the next Age you'd make Him a **History**. So **you mustn't misplace the Scripture. He's God all the time**. If you make Him, today, a God of History, what was He back yonder?...He isn't the same today. What are you going to do with Hebrews 13:8, see? **He's the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever**. Now, see what this would do and what it has done, it's already done, made Him deny His own Word.

3. You Must Not Dislocate The Word

To **dislocate** the Scriptures, you might put His Body together wrong; the Foot where the Head should be or something. Just the same as

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Wesley teaching Luther's Age. You might have our Age teaching Pentecost, the Pentecostal Message. You see what a **mess** it would be in, Pentecost has already shown its colours. Luther's already shown his, went into denomination, it died right there. The Age struck, there it went! Notice: just as soon as it organized it dies...it became a worshipper of the god of this world. It went off into organisations, denominations and illusions; a bunch of "Rickies" got into there, injected their own thoughts into it, and what did happen? It became a **mess!** Gonna head up in the god of this world where they'll throne Satan himself, thinking that they're having a great world leader to bring them peace.

[Christ Revealed In His Own Word]

What is the Seed of Abraham? *Those that believe the Whole Word of God regardless of what denominations, or Papa or Mama, or anybody else says; they believe the Whole Word of God!*

[The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed]

And ***many times*** that God has...did things or ***let his servants do it that was mistakes in order to prove these things.***

[Standing In The Gap]

Spiritual Revelation is the only way you will ever know the real meaning of power and healing and salvation... It is a Spiritual Revelation of the Will and Word of God.

[How To Approach God]

VINDICATION OF A CHRISTIAN

We're not asked to manufacture fruits. We're supposed to **produce fruits**. We're supposed to **bear fruits**. **God's Word will vindicate itself, It'll bear fruit as long as the Word is in there.**

[God In Simplicity]

Christians are known by the fruits of the Holy Spirit. that's what dominates a Christian's life — proves what he is. And the Fruit of the Spirit is: Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, etc. Those Fruits manifest themselves through Christians.

[The End Time Seed Sign]

The fruit that you bear before people proves where you're from. So, you are here what you are somewhere else. *Your life that you live here is just reflecting what your inheritance is when you leave here.*

We are right now glorified in the Presence of God — Born Again Believers...*"Those whom He justified, He also glorified"*. And **do you**

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

realize that our Glorified Body is waiting in the Presence of Jesus Christ right now, waiting for us to come?

[Questions & Answers Book 6]

Paul said, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained that we should walk in them.”* Ephesians 2:10.

Now **works** will *never* take the place of **faith in God** for our **salvation**. But **works will show forth our faith already placed in Him**. Good works won't save you, but they will come forth out of a saved life, as fruit unto the Lord...

In that evil day those **true believers shone like a light in a dark place as they continually did good**: for they returned cursing with blessing, and did the Truth to honor God even though many died for it...

In this verse He is commending His children because **they were living changed lives. Their works testified of a new spirit within**.

Men saw their good works and glorified God. Yes sir. If you are a Christian you are going to do what is right: and it won't be something that you put on, for you will do His will when no one but God sees you. **And you will do His Will even if it costs you your life!**

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

TO THE MINISTERS

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see all you other brethren here come together, meet, come into a place? You ministers sit together and discuss things? You've got to have fellowship somewhere; you've got to have something to come together as a group of men and believe one with the other and the like, and discuss these problems and set out, maybe once a month, just ministers alone. Let you meet somewhere in one of your churches, sit there and discuss it and talk it, each one of you Pastors, and Evangelists and whatever you are...

Now remember, in doing this you'll find out there may be times that you'll disagree with Brother So-and-So. You'll disagree over here. Remember, as long as you get to the spot where you say, *“Well, because he doesn't believe it just like me, I ain't gonna have...”* **then there's something wrong with you**. It's not wrong with the other fellow: it's something wrong with you.

[Taking Sides With Jesus]

We Pastors will be held responsible for the sheep: what they eat, their blood will be required at our hand.

[Ye Must Be Born Again]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

The Spirit of God will come into ministers with power that they will be like Him.

[The Placing of The Church]

And you Pastors should never tell a Prophet what to do. Or you Evangelists tell a Pastor. Each one has his office.

[Doing God a Service Without His Will]

It is a Minister's duty when any question is brought up that he solves this out and then **proves** it before the people that they might understand, because no one wants to be found wrong, holding to the wrong thing.

[Proving His Word]

Ministers are to feed God's Sheep, Sheep Food.

No man has a right to enter the Sacred Desk to preach the WORD *until* he has done as Moses did, met God Himself, upon grounds where there's no Theologian can explain it away.

[Why It Had To Be Shepherds]

What is Sheep Food? **The Bread of Life.** (Jesus is THE BREAD OF LIFE, Gospel Truth.) **Preach it without compromise.** Then you know that when you have to answer at the Day of Judgment for their souls, as a minister of the Gospel, you can stand and say, ***"That's what was written in the WORD"***. Feed them the Truth, ***"Feed My Sheep"***. And Practice what we Preach. Now, we must do that.

[Convinced Then Concerned]

And **any Minister anointed with the Holy Ghost will stay by the same Word**, 'cause the Bible said that the entire Bible was written by the Holy Ghost.

[Restoration of The Bride Tree]

If God sends you, He'll take care of you. If He hasn't sent you, then let the denomination take care of you then, but if God sends you, He'll take care of you.

[Questions & Answers On The Holy Ghost]

Be humble and go right on with the same plain message.

[Questions & Answers On The Seals]

When God was ready to send forth His Prophet-Messenger of the New Testament, He spoke to **one man**, and that man **brought the message**. Others went from him everywhere with the same message...

[End Time Messenger]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Take the Ministers of today. If he has the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, he knows that *if he preaches that Word* it is going to *cut away his fame. It is going to put him in a little bitty church somewhere or maybe even out on the street.* But he also knows that there is something burning in his heart, for he sees the coming of the Lord. He doesn't care whether he has a big church or a little church. He does not care if he has food for today or not. He doesn't care if he has good clothes or not. He is only mindful of one thing, and that is life within him crying out, he is trying to achieve something for the glory of God. That man will act the very Life of the Spirit that is in him. Do you follow me? He will act it out!

[The Spirit Speaks Through The Prophet]

It is your place to get the REVELATION and GO TEACH YOUR FLOCK. You are the shepherd of your flock — I am speaking to Ministers.

[Throne of Mercy]

I believe also that God has set men in the Church, men who are gifted by the Spirit, and they will keep the Church in order, I believe that.

[Seven Church Ages]

The Full and Complete Authority of the Church is the Pastor.

[Church Order 22/Sept.'57]

THE HOLY GHOST

1. What Is The Holy Ghost?

It is the Spirit of God dwelling in you to do the works of God.

It's God's satisfying portion to His Church.

That's what the Holy Ghost is. It's a Power. It's a Seal. It's a Sign. It's a Comforter. It's an Advocate. It's Goodness. It's Healing. It's God's Open Door. It's an Assurance. It's Rest. It's Peace. It's Life. It's a Promise. It's a Mark. It's Your Protection. It's Your Witness. It's a Covenant. **It's the Spirit of Jesus Christ in you. He's the God of Heaven.**

[What Is The Holy Ghost?]

The Holy Ghost is **The Word of God in you** that identifies Itself by accepting that Word.

[This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

There is also a "3" in the **PERFECTION** of the Steps of Grace to the Church — **Justification, Sanctification** and the **Baptism Of The Holy Ghost**, that consists of the **NEW BIRTH**. [Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck]

You're a **Christian** when you are **born again** and **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and not until then, and you are **yielded completely to the Spirit**. *If you are not yielded to the Spirit, then you are not born again and you don't have the Holy Ghost.* [Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness]

2. What Is The Baptism of The Holy Ghost?

It is the Spirit baptizing you into the Body of Christ. It is the New Birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience towards God.

I cast the net and invite a response from the people. I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this, believe that I am inviting the people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again. So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit, these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in Tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean. *I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the Church was launched. In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.*

Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost Fire, Amen.

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

If you haven't got the Holy Ghost, brother, I don't care how many churches you belong to, *you're lost!* If you are not born again of the Spirit of God by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, *you're lost!*

[Pergamean Church Age]

3. What Is The Bible Evidence of Being Baptized With The Holy Ghost?

The **Evidence** of receiving the Holy Ghost today is just the **same** as it was back in the day of our Lord. **It is: receiving the Word of Truth for the day in which you live...**

*Jesus never did stress the importance of the **works** as He did the **Word**. He knew that if the people **got the Word**, the **works would follow**.*

The **true evidence** of being baptized with the Holy Ghost is for the believer to **receive the Word for the age** in which he lives.

The evidence is hearing what the Spirit says.

Make no mistake about it, a person that is truly baptized by the Holy Ghost into the Body of Christ, receiving the Fulness of the Spirit, will *be in the Word all the way*. That is the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The **proof** of the **indwelling Spirit** was to **acknowledge and follow what God's prophet gave for his age as he set the Church in order**.

The evidence of a Spirit-filled Christian believer is not to produce the Truth (Word), but to receive the Truth (Word) and to believe and obey it.

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

Now, if the spirit of Elijah upon John would make John act like Elijah, the Spirit of God upon you will make you act like Jesus. Now, there's where you find the Holy Spirit. See? That's what the Holy Spirit does, it makes you meek, makes you humble, makes you forgiving...

When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can't say something good about them, then don't say nothing. Just let it go, see? And then, when you get to yourself, pray for them...

[Questions & Answers Book 5]

4. Can Anyone Understand or Get A True Revelation of the Word Without The Baptism of The Holy Ghost?

Before this certain thing called the New Birth happens to a man he cannot, no way, at all understand or even understand God.

[Proof of The Resurrection]

Without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you can never have your eyes opened to a True Revelation of the Word. A man without the Spirit is blind to God and His Truth.

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Only a *Spirit-filled* man can hear the Revelation for that Age. None other can, no sir. They cannot because that is exactly what Paul said in 1 Cor.2:6-16.

You have to receive the Holy Ghost and then, and only then, can the Spirit give you the Revelation that Jesus is Christ: God, the Anointed One.
[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

5. Why Is This Holy Ghost Baptism Important?

I say this with reverence and respect: ***I believe that the Bride of Christ is called. I believe she's sealed in the Kingdom of God.*** (Read Eph.4:30). I believe the *Mechanics* are there. They're waiting for the *Dynamics* that'll take her off the earth into Glory in the Rapture — and we're waiting and watching for that. ***The Dynamics Of This Church will be a refilling of the Holy Ghost.***

[Jesus On Your Hands]

I'm persuaded that many of us, friends, have received the Holy Ghost but we just receive enough Holy Ghost in us to take us to a place where we don't want to lie, don't want to steal, we don't want to do anything wrong, **but God wants to fill every fiber of His Church. He wants to fill your thinking, He wants to fill your mind. He wants to fill every bit of you.**

What are we doing? *Getting ready for that Rapture!* Holding ourselves steady for a few minutes till every fiber is filled with the Holy Ghost. Then she'll go up.
[Oneness with God]

All down through the Ages, they received the Holy Ghost, but not in the *measure* that they have it now, 'cause it's a *restoration* of the first.
[Blasphemous Names]

That Holy Ghost ought to be more important to you than everything else there is in the world, your prestige, your life, your job, your anything that there is. **You should not cease until you have it. You must receive it.**

[Questions & Answers Book 5]

RAPTURING FAITH

Faith is a Revelation, because it is something that is *revealed* to you... **Faith is the Revelation of God...** *The Church, the entire Body is built upon a Revelation.*

[The Rapture]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

It is the *Revelation of God* that will give you *Authority* over the devil... There is nothing of such *prevailing power* as the Revelation of the Word. It takes the Holy Ghost to give us Revelation or we fail to get it.

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

Spiritual Revelation is the *only way you will ever know the real meaning of Power and Healing and Salvation... It is a Spiritual Revelation of the Will and Word of God.*

[How To Approach God]

I want you to get built up **now** in the Holy Oracles of God in the **Faith** — the Faith of this hour... It is going to take **more faith** in this Age than in any other previous Age, for there has to be a **Rapturing Faith** for us to be taken up. We want you therefore to believe in all that you have seen and heard, the Word that you have heard preached, the signs and wonders that you have seen done. We want you to *accumulate all that together in your heart, and consider whether if that be God or not.*

[Spiritual Food in Due Season]

You might differ with this, but *listen close!* Just because you accepted Christ as personal Saviour, that doesn't mean that you're going in the Rapture. **That's for the Elect, that'll go in the Rapture.** There'll be a remnant left here on earth that'll go through the *Persecution* and the *Great Tribulation*. The Church will be caught up in the Rapture... Now, who places the pattern? God, by *Election*. Amen! God by election places the pattern. He said, "*Now, I have chosen before the foundation of the world... I place these...*" Why, Jesus told the disciples that He was with them, and He had chosen them, and knew them before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Is that right? So God places the pattern. Now, **there'll be an Elect that'll go in the Rapture. And there'll be a group of people that's good, upright, holy living, god-saved people, that will not be in the Rapture;** and they'll come up in the *Second Resurrection*.

[Conduct, Order & Doctrine]

Enoch typed the Bride. Noah went over through the *Tribulation Period*, suffered and become drunk and died. But Enoch walked with God...and had a testimony; he **pleased** God with Rapturing Faith and just started walking right out and went up through the skies and went home without even tasting death. He never died at all.

[Revelation of The Seven Seals]

Not one time did he (Enoch) misbehave himself, but he kept the **testimony**. Everything that God told him to do, he went and did it. Never

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

arguing about it, he just went and did it. No matter what anybody else thought, he went and did it. Why? He was full of that *quickenning power!*
[Easter Seal]

Look what we've seen in this day. The quickening power has come to us to open the Seven Seals...

Quickenning power lets us see His Coming. Quickenning power snatched us from death to life.
[It Is The Rising of The Sun]

Watch a *Perfect God* with a *Perfect Heart* keeps a *Perfect Promise* by His *Perfect Word*, which is sharper than a two-edged sword and a discerner of the thoughts of the heart. What? We're coming now to the Perfection because the people has to come to *this* in order for the Rapture. That's what's holding it away right now, is, *waiting for that Church to come into that Perfect Rapturing Faith.*
[Perfect Faith]

[Note: Many followers of William Branham hold the wrong belief that one could only possess the *Rapturing Faith* and go in the Rapture by "*searching or listening to all the messages of the Prophet Branham*". Many have forsaken the Black Book called "THE HOLY BIBLE". This false idea that *Rapturing Faith* is found only in the messages of Bro. Branham is a result of the misinterpretation of the following statement:

I believe she's ready to strike that final climax yonder, to bring forth a faith that will rapture the Church into glory and *she's laying in the messages.*
[The Absolute]

Misinterpretation of just one point in God's **Truth** will lead one further into more errors. Throughout the ages, many sincere Bible believers without the revelation of the Holy Spirit have misinterpreted the **Truth** recorded in God's Holy Scriptures and those spoken by His ministering servants. If we do not use the **Word of God** to interpret **Itself**, then the following statement of Jesus in John 6:53 could literally be encouraging the practice of cannibalism: "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you*". Read verses 60-61 cf.verse 52.

The Word of God will always interpret **Itself** by the Revelation of the Holy Spirit. As typed by Adam and Eve, the Word and His Bride are **one**. If so, the Elected Bride of Christ will not fail to walk in the **Light** of His **Word**. She will not fail to *unite* herself with the Word-groom and make

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

herself ready for the translation. Throughout the Church Ages **she has been laying in the messages of God's Truth — the revelation of it** — and *not* mere words quoted from the Holy Scriptures or those spoken by men of God. If she is **one with the Word**, she will **walk with the Word**. She will have spiritual intercourse with THE WORD. That's what identifies her. It's the WORD TEST. She is **one with the Absolute Christ** and therefore she shall have no fear of the mere words of men or churches. The Revelation of the Word of God will get her into the Rapture — not the words of (all) the sermons of the prophet, William Branham.]

THE GENUINE BRIDE OF CHRIST

These last days, True Church Bride coming to the **Headstone** will be the Super Church: a Super Race as they near the Great Headstone. They will be so much like Him, even they will be **one**. They will be the very **manifestation of the Living God**. [Spoken Word Is The Original Seed]

To re-establish **oneness** between God and man, God's only plan to bring believers to Himself in a True Oneness is, receiving the Holy Ghost. [Oneness with God]

When you become *part* of God, you *become* Full Word, the Word in full. **You believe the Word 100%**. [Spiritual Amnesia]

The Word and us would be the Anointed Word. That is the **Oneness of God**, See? **The Oneness of God is the Anointed Word in you...** The Holy Ghost in you will punctuate that Word. You've agreed with the Word. *You and God are one*. The Anointed Word living out in you. [Who Do You Say This Is]

God is Uniting His Bride. She's coming together from the East, from the West, from the North to the South; there's a **Uniting Time** and **that's on right now!** What's she uniting for? The Rapture!...**She's uniting herself with her Bridegroom**, see? And the Bridegroom is **The Word...** The Church, the Bride and the Word is becoming so **one** until the very Word Itself is working out the Work of the Bridegroom. Amen! You see it? [Uniting Time and Sign]

The True Born Again Church of this hour *is* the Living Word of God, *It's the Word of this age made manifest*. [What Are We Here For]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

The Headship and the Body has become *one unit*. It's God manifested in His people. That's the reason the husband and wife are no longer twain; they're *one*. *God and His Church are one* — Christ in you; God's Great Revelation.

[Christ Is The Mystery of God Revealed]

When you got the **Token** (Holy Ghost) it shows that *you have obeyed every Word, then you and the Word are one*.

If you don't follow the *instructions* of the *Word*, then you *don't believe*.
[The Token]

A **Genuine Christian** separates himself from everything but the **Word of God**...If the **Word** of God has embedded in him, then **it's going to bring forth of its kind**.

[Works is Faith Expressed]

Being *one with the Word* proves whether you are of God, Spirit filled... The *Bride* speaks the *same Word* as does the *Spirit*. She is a *Word Bride*, **proving** she has the *Spirit*. The *Spirit* gives the *Word*. If you have the *Spirit* you will hear the *Word* for your Age.

For this *Last Age* is going to go back to manifesting the **Pure Word Bride**. That means: we will have the **Word** once again as it was perfectly given, and perfectly understood in the days of Paul. I tell you *who will have It*. It will be a *Prophet* as thoroughly vindicated, or even more thoroughly vindicated than was any Prophet in all the Ages from Enoch to this day, because this man will of necessity have the **Capstone Prophetic Ministry**, and God will show him forth.

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

But, anybody, just to say, "*I'll go and join the Baptist*", "*I'm a Presbyterian, I got eternal security*" — that's wrong. **Your own life proves you haven't got it**.

[Blasphemous Names]

But there is a way to know: **TEST IT WITH THE WORD!**

[The Absolute]

The *Bride* today is taken out from the Body of Christ, which is acting and doing just exactly like He said it would for this day.

[Christ Revealed In His Own Word]

And it's coming to a time where **impersonations** and **carnal thinking** are going to be **circumcised from the real True Body of**

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Christ. He's going to have a Body that's **pure** and **holy** and *filled with His Spirit, walking in His Spirit and doing the works that He did.*

[Hear Ye Him]

Can't you see *where we are standing?* **Life is in the grain again!** *The same Jesus in the Bride form, same Power, same Church, same thing, same Word.*

[Invisible Union of The Bride of Christ]

The Badge of Authority is not a name of a denomination, but *it's the Power of the Resurrection of Christ in each individual life...*

[Christianity vs Paganism]

The **real saints of God** look for the **character** of the **Vindicated Word.**

[Marriage and Divorce]

When we can **prove by our lives** and **by the Bible** that our lives are vindicating that **Word** to be living today.

[Easter Seal]

There's no way at all that you can prove it **but** by your life that you live. *"By their fruits you shall know them."* That's the way it is. The Godly life and Christ working with you confirming the Word, signs and wonders following with a Godly life. That's the real thing.

[Questions & Answers Book 7]

OF IMPORTANCE TO MEN

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph.5:25).

"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife" (1 Cor.7:10-11).

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt.19:9).

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery” (Mk.10:7-12).

Man respect your wives; you respect your homes, bring them together.

[The Token]

If your wife is doing something wrong, then you got a right to tell her. And *she’s supposed to listen to you, but you haven’t got no right to beat her or drag her around* — God made her a *helpmate*, not a doormat.

[Questions & Answers Book 4]

Adam, the man, has the rule over his wife and *he’s responsible solely for his wife*. God makes a man answer for his wife.

[Questions & Answers, Oct.’57]

Don’t try to preach now until God, you know, calls you.

[The Influence of Another]

[Note: A man who divorces his wife ***“except it be for fornication”*** **must** remain single. If he should remarry he would be deemed to have committed adultery. That was what Jesus taught, so did Branham. Jesus knew that many Jews were using all sorts of excuses for divorcing their wives so that they could marry another. Bro. Branham also knew that many of those who attended his meetings were doing the same thing.]

Now, we are found in this mess because of *misinterpreted theology*. Is that right? That’s why you women married the second time, and you men — because of *misinterpreted theology*. Now, I want to show you something that He told me. And if God, our Creator, was questioned the question when He was here — Jesus Christ, and when His delivering prophet came forth — Moses, down in Egypt to bring the children out of Egypt to put them in the Promised Land; and Jesus said here that Moses seen the people in this condition, and he granted them a writing of divorcement because the situation was what it was! ...God permitted Moses — that prophet sent to the people — to grant them a writing of divorcement to them.

It wasn’t so from the beginning. But Moses was permitted it, and God recognized its righteousness! And Paul also had a right when he found his church in that condition.

Now, you believe this to be true and believe it to come from God. And by the vindication of His Cloud and His Message that’s brought me this far, should not God upon the mountain *permit* me to do the same thing to suffer you to go on the way you are ***and do it no more! Go with your***

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

wives and live in peace for the hour is late! The Coming of the Lord is at hand! We haven't got time to break these things up. **Don't you dare try to do it again!**

It wasn't so from the beginning. That is right. It wasn't so, and it will not, will not be at the end!

[Marriage and Divorce]

OF IMPORTANCE TO WOMEN

[Note: Read carefully St. Paul's staunch warning concerning Woman Preachers.]

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (1 Tim.2:11-14).

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?" (1 Cor.14:34-36).

She (Eve) persuaded him (Adam) out of the Will of God and caused him to do something that he should not have done, and by it caused death to the whole human race. That is why the Bible forbids her to teach, or to preach, or to handle God's Word in any manner...

I know sisters, many of you say, *"The Lord called me to preach"...*

I'm not going to argue with you, **but I'm going to tell you, the Word says you're not to do it:** *"She shall not teach or usurp any authority but to be in silence."*

[Choosing A Bride]

A woman hasn't got any business in politics. She's got no business over any authority in the Church. Her place is: **a man's queen at home.** *Outside of that she has nothing.*

[And Knoweth It Not]

If he [anyone] tells you it's alright for *women to preach, he has told you a lie.*

[Serpent's Seed]

[Women to subject themselves to their husbands — Read Gen.3:16; 1 Pet.3:1,5,6; Eph.5:22,23,24; Col.3:18.]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

I was preaching...somewhere about women to obey their husbands. *Obey?* Now, that went out in marriages a long time ago, they ain't going to do that. No sir! *They are not going to obey;* but as long as you (women) don't do it, **don't try to call yourself a Christian because you are not!** I don't care how much you dance and speak in tongues; **if you don't obey your husband, you are out of the Will of God.**

[Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel]

I can hear some of you sisters saying now, "*Who me? Obey my husband? Huh, I make him obey me.*" Well, that's where you're wrong. Stay home, chaste. And you men that will let your wife do it, you're no longer sons of God. No, you kinda fell in Sodom, that's right. Let the women boss you around.

Women don't want to stay at home. They don't want to take care of their families. They just hire a baby-sitter and go out to party somewhere, bobbing their hair, wearing shorts, make-up, etc.

[Flashing Red Light of His Coming]

Listen here; a man is the **ruler**. Don't you (women) think you *rule* the house. *You're not the ruler of the house.* You're absolutely not a slave now, but you're a *helpmate*...

Their place is at home, their little castle, that's exactly where they should be. Put the woman back in the kitchen where she belongs and everything will be alright...

I don't say all women shouldn't sometime work, have to work. Maybe they've got a sick husband or something that they have to work. But if they don't have to, they shouldn't do it. Their place is at home.

[Questions & Answers, Oct.'57]

[Hair is given to women for a covering, *not* a hat — Read 1 Cor.11:4,5,6,13,14,15.

Women *not* to bob their hair & *not* to dress indecently — Read 1 Tim.2:9,10; Deut.22:5.]

How will you get to heaven with short hair, when God said it's a *shame* for a woman to cut her hair?

[Perfect Strength In Perfect Faith]

If a woman cuts off her hair, she cuts off her glory and is not permitted to the altar to pray.

[Questions & Answers, Oct.'57]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

A bobbed hair woman is a *curse* in the sight of God or a woman that put on a garment that pertains to a man.

[Third Exodus]

Slacks, make God sick at His stomach! That spirit in you, how do you expect to get to heaven...

[Perfect Strength In Perfect Faith]

When a woman cuts off her hair she absolutely denies her Nazarite vow that she is a bride of Christ, because there's one thing, she spoils the whole picture... The woman that's a child of God lets her hair grow to show that she's consecrated to every Word of God. ***If*** she cuts them off, I don't care how much she dances, sings, is in the choir, speaks in tongues, runs up and down, has all kinds of aid societies, ***she's dead!*** That's ***Thus Saith The Lord, the Word of God.***

[God of This Evil Age]

And some of these women on the platform with their dresses above their knees and cut so tight and shows every form, every move they make. And their underneath clothes showing through their dresses, just as bad as wearing shorts, bikinis, or anything else.

[A Thinking Man's Filter]

Let a woman with short hair say she is a Christian. You know better than that, see. Yes, sir. Let her say she is a Christian — *wearing paint* and *make-up*, and *shorts*, and say she is a Christian? You know better than that. The Word of God teaches you better than that. *The Word of God says she can't do and be a Christian.* She is even dishonorable and everything. How is God going to put a dishonorable thing in His Kingdom? No, sir. Not at all. No sir, it shows their desire.

[Satan's Eden]

CHRISTMAS

[Note: Christmas, or *Christ's Mass* as it was originally known, is a *Roman Catholic Tradition*. It is one of the many festivals that Roman Catholicism had concocted. The *practice* of decorating trees was spoken of by Prophet Jeremiah more than 2,500 years ago. It was a *heathen* practice among idol worshippers. Please read Jeremiah 10:1-5 and see if his words were not also prophetically referring to the "Christmas Tree". The Early Church did *not* celebrate the birthday of Christ Jesus neither did they celebrate His death. Christians are told to remember (not to celebrate) the Lord's death at the Communion table. Read Lk.22:19-20; 1 Cor.11:26.]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Christmas is *not* mentioned in the entire book of the Bible. Never one time did Jesus refer them to His birth, but to His death.

[Sirs We Would See Jesus]

But **what kind of worship can you get in a church that knows so little of God and it puts up a Santa Claus at Christmas and bunnies at Easter?** *Where did they get that?* They got it from the pagans and made it part of the church doctrine. But when one turns to the Lord and is filled with the Holy Ghost, he ceases from all such things. He has a rest in his soul. He really begins to live, and love God and worship Him.

We do not teach our children such a mess as Santa Claus. Let your little children have something but tell them there is no such thing as Santa Claus.

Christmas itself is a myth. Nowhere is it found in the Bible. It is a Catholic dogma. Nowhere in Scripture did they ever celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Celebration of Christmas! Pagan! Devil Worship!!!

[Christianity vs Idolatry]

Stop that Nonsense. Quit all this swapping gifts one with another, all this nonsense of the world. I want to get away from all this Christmas tinsel and things because someday it's going to burn with unquenchable fire and all those who tolerated it, will burn with it...The world people will perish with the world.

[I've Seen His Star In The East]

And everyone plays Santa Claus and decorates trees. *Heathenism* and things like that and call ourselves Christians? *What's the matter with the Christian Church?*

[Harvest Time]

TITHING

[**Under the Law**, tithes were to be *paid* — **under the Grace** of God, it pleases the Lord that his children *give* offerings of tithes. Read Gen.14:20; Mal.3:8-11. Read also John 8:39; Luke 11:42; Heb.7:4-10.]

Would it be wrong to use tithes on Church Building Fund? Well, that's a touchy little thing for the Church. Now, correctly, *tithes are to go to the minister*. That's right.

In the Bible, they had a box that they set at the door (in the *Old Testament*) of the building. This box was the fund where the people put in there for repairing — they kept up the buildings and things like that. All

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

repairs on the building were taken care of out of that fund. But all their tithings went to the Priest, their pastor. *Tithings are to go for nothing else.*

I know of people who take their tithes and give them to widow women, that's wrong. If you've got anything to give to the *widow* woman, give her, but *don't give her God's money.* That's not yours in the first place, that's God's.

And Levi the Priest (Pastor)...lived by *the tenth.* The Tenth was to be a tithing that was brought into the *storehouse* with a promise of God to bless it; and He said *"If you don't believe Me, come and prove me and see if I won't do it."* That's right.

The tithings go into the Church for the Pastor, and so forth like that, to live on. Then the Building Fund, and things like that, is a separate fund altogether.

[Questions & Answers Oct., 61]

When God was setting things in order He said , *"All you Levites, I've called you out and made you Priests, and all your brethren, the other eleven tribes will pay you by tithings. When you (eleven) get ten bushels of apples, pour one bushel to the Levites. When you run your sheep through, pick up the tenth one. I don't care if it's a little one, or a big one, fat one or poor one, that belongs to the Levites. When you (Levites) get all this, then you tithe to the Lord".*

[What the Holy Ghost Is]

Over in the *Book of Hebrews*, I believe about the 7th chapter, Paul was speaking on a great event that took place with Abraham, that he paid tithes to Melchisedec when He was returning from the slaughter of the kings. Now, Paul said that Levi was in the loins of Abraham when he met Melchisedec coming from the slaughter of the kings and then he reckoned that to Levi paying tithes also when he was in the loins of Abraham, his great great grandfather.

[Things That Are To Be]

This is the great chapter (Hebrews 7) of the teaching on Tithing to the Church. It's a great subject. Wish we could stay on it for weeks and weeks on that one thing; how Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec and was it essential? Why should He ask Abraham to pay tithes? You see what a strict thing it is to pay tithes? Tithing's right. *Every Christian is duty bound to pay tithes.*

[Hebrews Chapter 7]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Every Christian is obligated to pay tithes because it is a *command* of the Lord — *Tithing is essential to the Christian experience.*

[God Misunderstood]

Should a person pay tithes to an individual?

It depends on who the Individual is. ***When you pay tithes, really you owe your tithings to where you get your food.*** “Bring ye all tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house (spiritual store house of spiritual food)” saith the Lord. That’s right? “And prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Mal.3:10).

I challenge any man or woman that’s not a Tithe payer to accept that. Yes, sir! ***I believe in paying tithes.*** It’s one of God’s blessings that’s proven to be a blessing. You might say, “That’s of the Old Testament.” It is of the *New Testament*, too. Yes sir!

[Questions & Answers Book 2]

Everyone ought to have a Church home. You ought to have a place where you worship. Don’t just float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere you go to (Church) and call it your Church. *You should have somewhere to pay your Tithes and help support the cause.*

[The Spirit Speaks Through The Prophet]

It shows that you have separated yourself to be a Christian, to act like one, to live like one, *to obey every commandment.*

[God’s Word Calls for Total Separation from Unbelief]

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

...in the **titles** of Father, Son, Holy Ghost **is not Christian Baptism.** No Christian was ever baptized like that in the Bible or for hundreds of years after the Bible. **It’s a (Roman) Catholic Creed and not a Christian Doctrine.** (Show me in the Bible). *It’s a fraud. It’s the working of devils.* I don’t mean to say the people that’s baptized like that are that way. God’s got many a person out there today that don’t know no better, but *the hour has come, we’ve got to get back to the Word*, if we expect God to work in this day like He did then...

If you got a prophet that says you should be baptized in the **titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost**, *it’s a false prophet!* If you say there’s a prophet among you that says *there’s Three Gods* (Trinity), *it’s a false prophet.* There’s no Scripture for none of it. That’s right! But *a true*

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

prophet of God will stay with the Word. And if his vision's contrary to that Word, he's not a true prophet from God...

Nowhere in the Bible was anybody ever baptized in the *title* of Father, Son and Holy Ghost...

"Thus Saith The Lord!" The baptism using title of Father, Son, Holy Ghost is *false*. "Thus Saith The Lord," *I command everyone of you that hasn't been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, be baptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ.*

[A True Sign Overlooked]

Every time the Church has received the Holy Ghost, ***It always comes like He did the first time, under the same prescription – Acts 2:38. Never has changed, never will change.***...And the Doctor's prescription on *how to receive the Holy Ghost* is given to us by Doctor Simon Peter on the *Day of Pentecost*...the Eternal Prescription.

[This Day This Scripture is Fulfilled]

SALVATION

You are *saved* when you accepted Christ, *but you are converted* when you received the Holy Ghost.

[God In Simplicity, April '63]

Religion is to feed the widows, the poor and so forth, that's religion.

Salvation is the New Birth, being Born Again. [A True Sign Overlooked]

When the Holy Ghost comes in, you are a **restored person.**

[Future Home Of The Earthly Bride]

If you don't believe the Word of God you haven't received the Holy Ghost yet...When you *hear the Truth*, and the Holy Ghost doesn't lead you to It, then there's another spirit in there keeping you away from It. So the spirit you got in you ain't the Holy Spirit.

[The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed]

When the **Supernatural** comes in, **that's the Mind of Christ.**

[The Seventh Seal]

Then He will give to you **Supernatural Faith**... Coming to you, your *Mental Faith*, making it a *Spiritual Faith*; then the Spiritual Faith only recognizes the Word.

[Blasphemous Names]

The Mind of Christ is His Will and His Will is His Word.

[Choosing Of A Bride]

FASTING

There's *nothing* in the Word tells you to have a 40 day fast. Not a thing. Nothing in the world telling you to fast unless God would tell you.

[Enticing Spirits]

And so I told him, during Christmas week and the next few days now, after tomorrow, well...go kinda *fasting* and *praying*, and see which way the Lord will lead us.

[Bible Questions]

[Note: **Fasting is not a popular subject.** It has never been a popular subject. In fact this is a subject that has been taken very lightly by the majority of Christian people. Many tend to brush it off as something that is not for our days, and they have never attempted to fast even once in their entire Christian life. They practically shun it. On the other hand, there are those extremists who stress so much on the importance of *fasting* as if it is the only way to a supernatural Christian life.

Men of God throughout the Bible fasted often. The prophets, the apostles, even our Lord Jesus, fasted. During the *Grace Age*, men like Polycarp, Irenaeus, Luther, Wesley, and many others testified of the *blessings* they obtained from fasting. Bro. William Branham also fasted. However, he was against the *fanaticism* and the *hypocrisy* of people fasting for glory and stressing too much on what one could achieve from a forty-day fast and so forth.

Many of the followers of William Branham *reject* fasting because of some *false* teachings by certain preachers. They quote the following verses of Scriptures to support their belief that the *Bridegroom* — Jesus Christ — has returned in this generation in Word form and therefore there is no need to fast.

“And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?”

And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.” (Luke 5:33-35)

However, there is a *fallacy* in their interpretation of the above verses. Jesus was referring to His physical body and *not* His Spirit being taken away from his disciples. Also, the act of eating and drinking is a physical act and *not* a spiritual one. (Read the sections on “The Second Advent of Christ ” and “The Bride Age”.)

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

WHY FAST?

“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

Few Christians do delight themselves in the Lord as they should. In Biblical time men fasted and repented whenever they sinned against the Lord or when their hearts were far from God so that they might regain the favor of God. In the book of Joshua chapter 7, we read of an account of how Achan sinned against the Lord by keeping the “*accursed thing*” which God had warned the children of Israel not to keep (Josh.6:17-19 cf.7:20-21). Achan’s sin brought disaster and shame to the camp of Israel, a defeat in the battle at Ai where 36 men were killed. Joshua, not knowing the reason for the defeat, rent his clothes and, together with the elders, prostrated before the Lord until the evening when the Lord revealed unto him the cause of their defeat by the men of Ai. Here is a man who delighted himself in the will of God. He sought God to find out the cause of the failure of his men to defeat their enemies whom God had promised to deliver into their hands. Joshua did not just pray before the Lord; he immediately fasted and sought God. He and the elders prostrated themselves before the Ark the moment they learnt of the defeat (probably sometime after the early morning, as most of their battles were fought in the early morning). They did not eat. They did not get up to do anything. They just lay their face to the ground before the Lord to seek Him for the answer.

Joshua and the elders were quick to seek the Face of the Lord regarding the condition of Israel as a people because of that incident. What about the True Church of the Living God today? I am not talking about Christendom as a whole, neither am I talking about the *Endtime Message* churches of which many are still very Babylonish in their faith. But I am talking about each true local church as a unit (module) of believers. Every local church is sovereign in itself. The elders and the worshippers must be of one mind and with one accord profess the same faith, for they are all one in the same body, locally. If one member of the body suffers, all suffer together; and if one member of the body rejoices, all rejoice together. Read 1 Corinthians 12. Hence, would not the elders of the church do what needs to be done when the church is sinking low, and that in so doing obtain the mind of God as to its need(s)?

God will never forsake His people. James, in his epistle chapter 4:8-10, said:

“Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn,

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.”

Certainly, to delight oneself in the Lord is a joy that's unspeakable and full of glory. And the quickest way to draw nigh to the Lord is to fast, to deny one's body of its desire for food and other carnal desires, and to seek the face of God with prayers. Many Christians have the notion that going to a fellowship, having Bible study, and being involved in other Christian activities are enough to build up their Christian faith. True, many Christians never live above the physical and natural realm throughout their lives as "Christians". Their lives are full of sickness, diseases, failures and defeats from day to day, week to week, month to month, and year to year. Such a life could never bring glory to the Lord; it could only bring reproach.

Truly, Bro. Branham said that we had to have enough faith for the *Rapture* but then we hardly had enough faith even for healing (cf. *The First Seal*, page 128). I believe many Bible believers are either without the revelation of the Word which they claim to believe or they are not converted to the Word. Read John 2:23-25; 8:30-32,43,45-47 cf. James 2:14,19-20; Matthew 7:21; Ephesians 2:10. A truly converted believer manifests the life and the work of the Spirit of God within him.

Though prayers bring about a nearness of the presence of God, it could not draw a believer close to God as quickly as fasting, together with prayers, could. However, the most important thing in fasting is the act of self discipline. Gluttony exists in many forms in one's life — mentally or physically. Gratification of the taste buds with all sorts of food, especially unhealthy food, destroys many lives. Many believers have the idea that by offering a prayer of sanctification over the food they eat, they could freely indulge in any junk food that they crave for. They are no different from a smoker or a drunkard. Many eat themselves to sickness and death.

We desire and look forward to the day that our vile bodies would be transformed into incorruptible and glorious bodies. But as true **born again** Bible Christians what are we doing with our mind? Paul said, "***And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God***" (Rom.12:2). There is no transformation — ***and there will not be a transformation*** — if we do not renew our mind and if our **old man** does not "***die daily***" (cf. Rom.6:6; 1 Cor.15:31). Therefore, think soberly!

Fasting helps build our self discipline and compels us to concentrate on the spiritual things of the Lord. When we bring our body under our subjection, we will have victory over carnality. Amen.]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

FOREIGN MISSIONS

I believe that every Christian is obligated to be a Missionary. I believe that every Christian is obligated, not so much that you have to go over into the old country and preach or something but *if you can't go, you can help send somebody else.*

The laity of today will use their money to *sponsor* Zoos and Parks and refuse to sponsor Missionaries to take the Gospel to the world. *There are hungry Missionaries out there preaching the Gospel without shoes on their feet.* No denomination will back them because they stand for the Word of God... Real true Missionaries with signs following them *have to depend on some little wash woman to save a few pennies for their support.* There it is!

[The Endtime Messenger]

God is relying on us of this Age to bring this Gospel Light to a dying, demon-bound, traditional world. *God's laying the burden on me and you.* Woe unto us if the heathen dies without knowing!

[The Patmos Vision]

PERFECTION

...that is why I say the church in this age, whether they be Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal or any other group, will *not* be able to bring the church *into the perfection of the Bride.* The only *answer* is the prophet of Malachi 4.

[Leadership]

Now, there is "3" in *perfection* of the steps of Grace to the Church: *Justification, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost.* That consists of the New Birth.

[Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck]

What Luther had was *Justification.* Wesley had *Sanctification* added on to it. The Pentecostals had the *Restoration of the Gifts* added to that, ***but now, we are at the Completion of the Body.*** There are three phases of it.

[Leadership]

He's going to call a Church to Perfection by ***His Word,*** Jesus Christ!

[Marriage & Divorce]

I believe that *the Bride of Christ is called.* I believe *she's sealed in the Kingdom of God.*

[Jesus on Your Hands]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Perfection does *not* come by not eating meat and not doing this or that, *you'll never have it*. Or that you've got to do this and do that: that's the law, that's legalist. We don't believe in the Legal Forms of Salvation. We believe that *by grace we are saved*, and it's not you. You had nothing to do with it. **It's God's Election that does it.** [Hebrews Chapters 6 & 7]

To be *filled* with the Holy Ghost is the only promise of the *Rapture*. It's the *only way* the Church and Christ can come together. We become Abraham's seed through the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

[Faithful Abraham]

When we *receive* the Word of God, then we *become* God's Word in our flesh.

[Spoken Word Is The Original Seed]

When you become *part* of God, you become *Full Word*, the Word in full: you believe the Word 100%...you believe all of it.

[Spiritual Amnesia]

As long as you are *in* Christ, then you are in the Fullness of the Bible, see? You are in your full position when you are in Christ.

[Questions & Answers Book 3]

Full Complete Obedience put you and the Word **one**. You believe every bit of It and all of It is in you and you watch It working through you.

[The Token]

No matter what kind of a position God puts you in, you're still growing, going on towards **Perfection** and will never reach it until Jesus comes.

[Hear Ye Him]

THE SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST

Look at the earthquakes over in California. I *predict* that before the coming of the Lord Jesus that God will sink that place. I believe that Hollywood and Los Angeles and those filthy places over there — that God Almighty will sink her. It'll go beneath the bottom of the sea.

[Who Do You Say This Is?]

Remember: *the Coming of the Lord will be a sudden, secret going!*

[Desperation]

The *Harvest* is here and She is *dead ripe*. She's ready now for the Coming.

[Masterpiece]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Can't you see, Spirit-filled people? *Something* is fixing to happen. Don't look for a great big universal something sweeping...*nothing but the Coming of the Lord Jesus!*

[Easter Seal]

And now at the coming of the Lord Jesus, for those who really love His Coming, that's living for it, He'll appear in the sky. The Church that's dead in Christ shall arise and those living shall be changed in a moment. But the rest of the people will know nothing about it. (Remember, appeared to those in the city? Matthew 27:52-53. See?) The *Rapture* will be like that. We'll see each other and we'll see them; the rest of the world won't see them. And we'll be caught away as a *secret going*. (Waiting for that Time.) Then returning back to the earth for that Glorious Millennium, the thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years, and then come forth the *General Resurrection*.

[How Can I Overcome]

And the *first* thing He does when He *starts descending* from the Heavens, *there's a shout*. What is it? It's a *message* to get the people together. *A message comes forth first*.

[The Rapture]

There must come a True Seed. There's got to be because He's coming for the Bride *without Spot or Wrinkle*. He's coming for Her. What if He took 500 in the last day? You'd never know it. Takes 500 within a few days time...in the *Secret Coming of the Lord Jesus*, She'll be taken away and the rest of them go ahead preaching just like it was in the days of Noah.

[Harvest Time]

The *church* goes through for *purification* (sure, it's on the 6th Seal), Israel does the same thing, the 144,000, *but not the Bride*. The Bride *is forgiven*, She goes straight to Glory in the *Rapture*. (In my opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days.) It might come and you will know nothing about it. Remember, *it's a secret, secret catching away*. *He'll come in an hour that you think not*. You won't know about it. She'll be gone, it'll be too late then.

[God in Simplicity]

So we'll know how to behave ourselves and act, purging ourselves and bringing the members of our body into discipline to the Word, that we might know how to live in this present day at the approaching of the Lord Jesus.

[Running From The Presence Of The Lord]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

There is *no future* but the Coming of the Lord.
We're at the end. There's nothing else that I know to happen but the
Coming of the Lord. [Flashing Red Light]

Whoever is born of the Spirit of God will be caught away with Jesus
Christ when He comes. [Standing In The Gap]

What are we coming here for? What are we doing? Are we coming
here playing a game? Are we coming here meeting as a lodge? **Christ
can't come until the Church is perfectly right. He's waiting on us.
I believe we are at the end.** [And Knoweth It Not]

...Don't look to that, turn your head higher than that, towards
Heaven. Look towards Jesus sitting on the right hand of God, ever living
to make intercessions on our confession of what we believe His Word to
be — **The Truth.** [Things That Are To Be]

The very minute that outside Denominational World begins to
receive this **Message**, that's exactly the *hour* He's coming. [Only Believe]

God Himself appeared in the *form* of a human being to Abraham's
natural seed before the destruction, and Jesus said it would happen again
the same way to this *Royal Seed* before the *Promised Son* returns.
[Unveiled God]

There're *Three Comings* of Christ.

- (1) He came once to *redeem* His Bride
- (2) He comes the next in the *Rapture* to *catch away* His Bride.
- (3) He comes again in the *Millennium with* His Bride.

[Message To The Church]

The last Book in the Bible (*Revelation*) shows us that there will be a
return of Him in the last days to the Gentile Church — **a sign**. How they
miss it! *He's prophesied to come again, just before the Great and Second
Coming of the Lord.* [A True Sign Overlooked]

It's not our Will to know when You will come, it's our Will, Lord, to
keep humble till You do come, and walk with you.
[Doing God a Service Without His Will]

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

It'll come to pass someday that the very things that we see Jehovah doing today, *man (in the age to come) will die for things that we are talking about today.* You'll have it when the *Mark of the Beast* comes on and you're not allowed to preach the Gospel this way.

[This Day This Scripture is Fulfilled]

The *Mark of the Beast*, which is *Romanism*, and the *Image of the Beast*, which is *Protestantism*...The Confederation of Churches!

[The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed]

What is it? What is it? *Deceiving!* These "glares": what are they doing? They're leading the church to the "Council Slaughter" by their *glares*. That will be the Final Slaughter *when she and Rome connect together, when they form that Image of the Beast — that's the Final Slaughter...* It's the **Denominational Goats** today that're leading the **innocent sheep** to the slaughter. *Put your names on their books yonder and you're finished.* That is the *Mark of the Beast*. *In the Name of the Lord I speak.* I held that for a long time; that's true. What is the Beast? It's the *Roman hierarchy*, the first organisation. What is the *Mark of the Beast?* *The same thing.*

[There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light]

Now, somebody said, "*There's going to be a Mark of The Beast, it's going to come someday.*" Let me tell you: **It's already come!** See? As soon as the *Holy Ghost begins to fall, the Mark of the Beast begins to take place*, see? You only have two things: One of them is to **accept** the Holy Ghost to take the Seal of God; or to **reject** it and to take the *Mark of the Beast*. To reject the Seal of God is to take the *Mark of the Beast*. For the Bible said all that was *not* sealed by the Seal of God took the *Mark of the Beast*.

[Is Your Life Worthy of The Gospel]

One of the great sins that the church has done today, just like Israel then, is that she has left Him, *the Fountain of Living Water*, and has hewed herself out *man-made Cisterns*. And it becomes a *habitation of everything that loves that kind of water*. Lizards, frogs, and all kinds of unclean germs live in it, because it's a man-made tank, and in this tank these things stay. *A perfect example of our denominations today.*

Now you'd say, "*Bro. Branham, why do you strike at those people so hard?*" It ought to be struck at. **It's got to be struck at. Flee it!** Because

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

it will finally form the Mark of the Beast. Remember, that is the Truth. It will be the *Mark of the Beast*. Denominations will lead right to it! It's on its road right there now, to force by power...

Look, in the old Roman Empire, that's exactly what led to that *mark of an apostasy*. There'll only be *Two Classes* of people on the earth: **Those with the Seal of God and those with the Mark of the Beast.** Only two classes. So you'll have one or the other.

There'll be an Apostasy — *a mark of religion, Apostate Religion*, and it's going to have an Image unto the Beast. As we study we find out that Rome was, *is*, and *always* will be The Beast. Exactly. There's no way of getting anything else. Rome...what did Rome do? It was converted from Pagan Rome to Papal Rome and *organized a system*, a universal system, that forced everybody to that one religion or be put death...

And the Bible tells us that they said, "*Let us make an Image unto the Beast*". An image is something like something else. And we can see it right now that *in its apostate condition the church is forming the World Council of Churches*, which is: *The Image to the power of Rome*: and will force upon the people the same thing that Pagan Rome did or Papal Rome did. So there's no other way; no other thing, and that is the Truth. And that's why I'm striking it, in my age, in my time, because it's got to be struck at. The call comes to: **"Come out of her My people, that ye partake not of her sins."**

[Broken Cisterns]

As Israel (Chosen People of God) in **majority forfeited** their rights in the *Book of Life* by rejecting Jesus, so the **majority** of the Gentile Church will also come into **condemnation** with the resultant *removal* of their names from the *Book of Life* by rejecting the Word and thereby entering into the *World Ecumenical Movement* which is: *The Image erected unto the beast*.

[Exposition of the Seven Church Ages]

Don't join up with them organisations, because I'm telling you and proving by the Scriptures that **it is the Mark of the Beast**. Now **stay away from those denominations! They are leading you to death!**... Remember: get out from there... The Bride is being chosen, drawn out. I don't mean drawn out from Church, I mean "*drawn out from denominations*." You must go to Church *but* don't join no organisation.

[Doing God A Service Without His Will]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Now, remember, it was Imperial Pagan Rome that fell by the sword. But she was healed of her death stroke when she joined to the *Nominal Christian Church of Rome* and *incorporated paganism and Christianity*, and thereby became the Holy Roman Empire which was to endure until Jesus came and destroyed her. But Rome is not going it alone. Her Daughters are right with her and she will *take over* absolute authority by the *World Council of Churches*. This may seem far fetched to some but actually it is very plain for all to see because right now the *Churches are controlling politics* and at the opportune time will manifest exactly how great is that control. *This Ecumenical Move will end up with Rome at the head* even though the people did not envision it that way. This is so because in Rev.17:3-6 it states that the *Whore, Mystery Babylon* is seated on the Beast. She is controlling the last or fourth Empire. This Roman Church is doing that. With the *World Church System* under her Rome will be *controlling*, and this Image (Church System) will be obedient to Rome because Rome controls the Gold of the World. Thus, all the people have to *belong* to the *World Church System* or be at the mercy of the elements for they cannot buy or sell without the *Mark of the Beast* in the hand or head. This **mark** in the head means: *That they will have to take the doctrine of the World Church System which is Trinitarianism, etc.*, and the **mark in the hand** which means: *To do the will of the World Church*. With this great power the Church Systems will *persecute* the True Bride. This Image will try to keep the Bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her Ministers (of the Bride) will be *forbidden* to give comfort and Truth to the people who need it. But before the Antichrist (in person) takes over this complete *World System of Churches* the True Church will be taken away from this world to be with the Lord. God will catch away His Bride for the *Great Marriage Supper of the Lamb*.

[Exposition of the Seven Church Ages]

THE THREE ORDINANCES

...**never** was a person...in all the pages of the Bible, ever baptized in the name of the *“Father, Son, Holy Ghost.”* There never was a person baptized in the name of the *“Father, Son, Holy Ghost”* until the early Catholic church (came). It's not in the Bible, nowhere! And if anybody can find a piece in there, tell me and show me where one person was baptized using the name of the *“Father, Son, Holy Ghost.”* Please show me for I've gone through and through and through and through and through the Bible for twenty some odd years now. **It's an error! it's a Catholic creed and not a Bible command!**

...Look down on your Bible and see if that says *“in the names of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”* (Matt.28:19). Does it? No, sir. Did it say, *“in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the*

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

name of the Holy Ghost”? It said, **“in the name!”** Is that right? Well, which name did He want them to baptize, the name of the Father, or the name of the Son, or in the name of the Holy Ghost? He said, **“in the NAME!”** Well, frankly, there isn't any one of them a name.

...First thing to do is straighten out your *“trinity”*— Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Now, in the first place, not one place in the Bible is *“trinity”* ever mentioned. You find it and show it to me. There's no such a thing. It's *Catholic error*, and you *Protestants bow to it!*

...Now, who is Father, Son, Holy Spirit? Did Peter do wrong? (Acts 2:38). He done what Jesus told him. *That's three titles.*

I'm a minister, and I'm a father, and I'm a “Reverend” (they called it a title), but none of that's my name. My name's William Branham.

He was the *Father*, He was *Son*, He was the *Holy Ghost*. You try to make *three Gods*, friends; it's wrong, it's error.

...You see, you misunderstand it... It's One God in *three dispensations*. The dispensation of *“Fatherhood”*, *“Sonship”*, and now, the *Holy Spirit*. It's the **same God**. And when He said, *“Go, baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,”* it was Jesus Christ. And that's why we baptize in Jesus' Name.

[Questions & Answers Book 6]

Well, there is no such a thing as a “name” of *“Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”* That's the reason there was *nobody* in the Bible ever baptized in the *“Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”* Every person in the Bible, or three hundred years this side the Bible, was baptized in the **Name of Jesus Christ**. Not one apostle, not one Christian, (not one time) ever used the *“Father, Son, Holy Ghost”* as **NAME** for baptism until the Catholic church was organized at the Nicene Council, three hundred and six years after the death of the last apostle.

There is no such a thing as *name* of *“Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”* *Father* is not a name, *Son* is not a name, *Holy Ghost* is not a name. It's three titles, therefore there is no such a thing as the name of *“Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”* That's no name, So I baptize in the Name of Jesus Christ *which is the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*. Clear?

[God Being Misunderstood]

Now we are fixing to observe something here that is really Sacred. *“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come”* (1 Cor.11:26). That means: *we are to take it.*

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

We have *three* physical divine orders left to us: *Communion*, *Footwashing*, and *Water Baptism*. There are the only three orders that we have, given by St. Paul, in the New Testament. And *Perfection* is in three.

I don't believe that anyone has the right to take the Lord's Supper until he has *taken the Word of the Lord into his heart...*

There are *three things* that we must do as symbols: *The Lord's Supper*, *Footwashing*, and *Water Baptism...*

Water Baptism is an Ordinance; so is Footwashing an Ordinance, so is the Lord's Supper an Ordinance.

Blessed is he that does all these ordinances...keeps all of His Statutes, all of His Commandments that he might have a right to enter into the Tree of Life...

You do not take the Lord's Supper because of tradition. You take it because it is the Love of God in your heart, keeping the Commandments of God. If you do not take it in sincerity but rather as a tradition because your church observes Communion every Sunday, once every month or twice a year it becomes a *stench* to God. As with everything else, you have got to be sincere...

Therefore, when we come to the Lord's Table, we must come in Reverence, Love and Respect; remembering where we would be if it had not been for Him.

[Communion, 1965]

Now, I do not believe that *kosher* bread should be substituted for a *cracker* (biscuit). I believe that it should be a *holy unleavened bread*, the type of the unleavened bread that was made in Egypt. And I believe that the Blood should not be (symbolised by) grape juice, but it should be *wine*. Grape juice sours, and spoils as it gets old. But wine gets better and stronger as it gets old; it never loses its strength. And the Blood of Christ doesn't sour and spoil; as it gets older it gets stronger and better, as the days go by to the believer. It is a literal wine and bread. Communion bread should be made by people who's dedicated and consecrated to God.

[Questions & Answers Book 7]

The Lord's Supper is to be *taken at night* and not in the morning.

[The Super Sign]

No man has a right to go in the pulpit or even claim to be a Christian without being filled with the Holy Ghost. You have *no right* to the Lord's

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Supper or any Communion or Footwashing or anything until you have been cleansed by the Holy Fire of God.

[Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride]

[Note: The ordinance of the **Lord's Last Supper** was instituted at the table which was prepared and set for the *Feast of the Passover*. No leaven was allowed on that table. Read Exodus 12 and Leviticus 23. The unleavened "Communion" bread was made up of three elements — whole wheat flour (unbleached), water and pure olive oil. Read Leviticus 2:5,7; 23:13. Wine is fermented alcoholic juice of grapes. The word "wine" in Hebrew (eg. see Lev.23:13) is "yayin" — i.e. "fermented, intoxicating". Once grape juice has undergone the complete process of fermentation, it becomes wine when fermentation ceases and the aging process begins. The longer the aging process, the stronger and better is the wine.]

For *washing feet*, they (Pentecostal brethren) say, "Oh, Bro. Branham, that's what we used to do that." Let's do it yet if we did it once! Jesus did it, washing feet! (Read John chapter 13 — Ed.) [Hybrid Religion]

Over in I Timothy 5:9-10, Paul said, writing to the church, "Don't let a widow be brought into the church until she has washed the saints' feet." That's right. ...*Feetwashing* was observed all through the Bible days. And by God's help, if I keep my right mind, and God helps me, I'll observe it till I die. That's right: it's exactly *a commission of Jesus Christ!*

"Why do you wash feet, Bro. Branham?" Because, the Bible teaches that: I believe in the Full Gospel!

[Questions & Answers Book 6]

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

1. Why We Meet Together

It is later than we think. We don't come to church to occupy a pew. We do not come to church to hear a good sermon or good music, though they all have their place; but what we better do is come to church to *check* up with God and our soul's salvation, for the day of redemption is here. The church had better be examining our purity, loyalty and devotion.

[The Second Coming of Christ]

...Everyman ought to have *a church home*. You ought to have a place where you worship. Don't just float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church, and you call it your church. You should have somewhere to pay your tithes and help support the cause.

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Take your choice; but then don't ever *disfellowship* the other man because he doesn't belong to your group. *Discern* his spirit and see if he has the same purpose in his heart as you have. Then you can have fellowship one with the other. You are working for one great cause; that is the cause of Christ.

[The Spirit Speaks Through The Prophet]

And what makes a church? It's *not* the building. It's the people who gather in it to worship God. We're grateful for these things.

[Standing In The Gap]

...But there's *only one real Church*, and you don't join it; you're born in it. See? And if you're born in it, the Living God works Himself through you, to make Himself known. See? That's where God dwells — in His Church.

God goes to Church everyday; lives in Church, He lives in you. You're His Church. You are His Church. You are the tabernacle that God dwells in. You are the Church of the Living God yourself. And if the Living God lives in His living being, then your action is of God. If it isn't, then God isn't in there.

[Why Cry? Speak!]

You say, "*You have to love the Lord, you ought to go to church.*" You don't have to tell them people that. They go, anyhow. They'll walk through rain, they'll go to their death or go to church. Sure, they love it, they've just got to get there; that's all there is to it; it's their life. If they don't, they feel like they are perishing. Sure, yes sir. You just go to get there. And wherever there's something just burning in their heart, they go, not to argue, not to fuss, but to worship. And you go home refreshed. Isn't that a wonderful life? How many have experienced that?

[Testing Time]

What are we coming here for? What are we doing? Are we coming here playing a game? Are we coming here meeting as a lodge? Christ can't come until that Church is perfectly right. He's waiting on us. I believe we're at the end.

[And Knoweth It Not]

...**Just remember, if time moves on, we're not going to have this privilege very long.** See? Remember, something will take place. **Either the law will stop us or Satan will move among you and scatter you.** It's always been that way. See? Something will take place. So let us appreciate every minute that we're together.

[Recognizing Your Day and Its Message]

2. Attending Church

Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, *It's time you got to praying*, because we're in the last days where the Bible exhorts us — much more as we see that day approaching, to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and love one another.

[Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed]

...And you go to church; don't sit at home, go fishing or hunting, or things like that on Sunday.

You say, "*Well, I'm not a legalist.*"

Well, you'd better be in that manner for a while, seeing that you dishonor the resurrection of Christ. You go to church somewhere!

If you can't come here at the tabernacle, get some church somewhere; go to it. You don't have to take all they do. What part of the bread they're serving, you serve the bread. When they got the garlic, why you just leave it alone. See? That's right.

Sure, you go to church. Wherever the church door opens, you take off as hard as you can go. Now, you don't have to partake. Don't join them, don't join any of them churches; but go to them; fellowship with them. How do you know it's not the Lord? He said He'd make everything work together for the good! And maybe there's a soul in there that ought to be saved, and you can shine the Light to them. See? Go on down there. Don't go arrogant, go sweet; and the people begin to say, "*That's such a Christian woman, and a Christian couple; that's such a Christian boy or girl. My, I'd like to... Boy, they really act like they've got something.*" See? And they'll say, "*What is it?*"

[Questions & Answers Book 1]

We've got ministers sitting here that's scattered all around the country, and I believe they are part of that Bride. I believe that a man or woman can go to church anywhere they want to go that *teaches the Word*. And I believe if they don't teach the whole Word (and you can't go to church any other place where they teach the whole Word), go where they teach half the Word until you can *get to where they teach the Whole Word*. Go to church whatever you do. Do that.

I believe it's a sin to fish, and hunt, and work on Sunday *when you can go to Church*. Now, I believe you are *transgressing* the laws of God.

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

...Now, if you're away in a wilderness somewhere, and you're out there on a hunting trip, there's no church around, anything like that, and there's nothing you can do; and if you are fishing, I believe that would be alright. But if you're around in the city, or around where church is going on, you should attend church by all means, somewhere.

And I believe, as far as working, I believe if the ox is in the ditch, or something has to be done on Sunday, you go ahead and do it (if it's something that you couldn't help), it had to work that way. *But* if you just wait till Sunday to do it, or just do it like that, you're wrong. See?

[Questions & Answers Book 3]

...Sure, I want you to go to church. You go to church wherever you are going. But just don't let that be your hope, saying, "*Well, I belong to this*" or "*I belong to that.*" Oh, brother or sister, belong to Christ! Go to church, but belong to Christ!

[The Easter Seal]

There's something about where you go, what church you go to, and what Teacher teaches you. Do you know that? It's got something to it. Therefore we ought to *seek out the very best* that we can find, so we're getting the best; not because it's sociable and so forth, but *the real Bible teaching.*

[Hebrews Chapter 3]

...And church member, if your church isn't like that to measure up to *God's qualification* of His Word, get out of it, and get into Christ. That is solemn warning.

[Choosing A Bride]

...And so is the Bride, *not* taken from a denomination, but taken from the bosom of the Word of God for this day.

...Let me tell you, whatever you do, I don't care how well you go to church and how loyal you are to church — that's fine, nothing against that (you should go to church, you do that), keep on going to church, but whatever it is, *throw away your traditions and move right on up into Christ* 'cause it's going to sound one of these days, and you're going to be caught with the *Mark of the Beast* on you and not know what it is until it's too late. That's exactly right.

[The Rapture]

UNPARDONABLE SIN

If you know what is the Gospel truth and it's laid out to you, and God has revealed it to you and you know it's the truth, but just to satisfy some

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

congregation or some petty preacher, or to be popular for you want to hold on to the things that you want to hold on to, instead of taking God's Word, Paul said that he that *sins* or *disbelieves wilfully* after he has received the knowledge of the truth there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. There's your **unpardonable sin** — *is to know what is the truth and refuse to walk in it.*

[Unpardonable Sin]

And when a man turns down the Gospel truth, **Satan marks him.** Where? In his ear. He deafens him so that he can't hear the Truth no more. He is finished! He stays with the group he is with if he won't hear the Truth.

[The Second Seal]

...Now, will you speak, Lord, in Your own miraculous and glorious way, that they might know that I have told the truth? They could doubt me, it would be alright, but Father, to doubt You would be sin and unpardonable.

[Contending For The Faith]

Thus Saith the Spirit of God that's on me: this is the *last sign* to the Gentile Church before the *Rapture*. ***Thus saith the Word of God!*** ***Thus Saith the Holy Spirit*** that speaks, that knows the secret of the heart. ***Thus saith The Lord!*** You are receiving your last call! Call me fanatic if you wish to, and blaspheme the Holy Ghost.

[Wasn't So From The Beginning]

REVELATION OF GOD

The greatest of all revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. *You can't get to first base until you believe that.*

[The Patmos Vision]

God revealed to Moses what to do. Moses spoke it and it happened. See? That's it, when it really comes from God. Now, we find out that it *stimulates*, and it *gives joy*, because it is God's Word, and the new wine stimulates when it *reveals* the Word; then it brings joy beyond measure sometimes...that it brings such joy till you get overflowed...Now, that's the thing that actually brings Life — *the Word* — and that brings the joy of stimulation of new wine.

[The Fourth Seal]

Look! What was once *God's great secret*, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the Believers, that is the Body of

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Christ. What was God's once great secret in His mind before the foundation of the world is now made manifest. Think of it! Oh, I'm sure we don't get it. Well, I can't see it the way I ought to, and I'm sure you don't.

Why do you hunger, Church? Why do you thirst? It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you, but you let so many things get it out of you. You let your job, you let your wife, you let your husband, you let your children, you let the cares of the world, you let some pastor, you let somebody else get that out of you, when you know that way down in your heart you're thirsting, hungry. *It's God trying to reveal it to you (see?), **the revelation; the last day is here.***

[Christ Is The Mystery of God Revealed]

When God, in any way that He desires to do it, reveals to you, the question that's in your mind there's no more doubt, there's no more question about it, *it's a revelation.*

[We Have Seen His Star in The East]

INSANITY

Look at all the televisions and things getting these fictitious things together. It'll come a time, I *predict*, that people will be completely, totally insane, the world will be. The Bible speaks of such hideous sights, as they show in movies today of some prehistoric creature...that lived in the earth for so many thousands of millions of years, hatching, coming forth — that's just a minor thing to what's going to happen when Hell's open and the devil comes out with all these mysterious things...locusts with hair like women and teeth like lions; why the world will be completely, totally insane. It's not but just about one degree from it now.

[God's Chosen Place of Worship]

Let me *prophesy* something to you just before it comes to pass. The whole world is groping in insanity, and it will get worse and worse and worse. I'm telling you, it'll be a bunch of maniacs, and it's almost that way now.

[And Knoweth It Not]

And then when we open up (the Lord willing) on those *Seven Vials* and show those hideous things, we'll see man will be so insane after awhile till they'll imagine they're seeing ants the size of a mountain. They'll be tormenting women...be locusts come upon the earth with long hair to torment women who cut theirs off, they have hair like women hanging down and long, teeth like a lion, stingers in their tail like a

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

scorpion, and so forth, to torment man upon the earth. But then, it'll be too late to do anything about it.

[Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word]

Look, the whole world proves it is insane. Look at the murders and things that are going on now in the world — **insanity!** The whole thing is coming to fulfill *Revelation*...where those hideous things (those are not natural but spiritual things) which make people scream to the rocks and the mountains and everything else to fall on them. The complete total insanity this world will go into right away!

[Invisible Union of the Bride]

We look at man trying to *act like beasts* and *look like beasts*; and the women trying to look like animals, with the *paints* on their face. Knowing that these things are predicted to happen, that the things will, they'll go so insane till locusts will rise up with hair like women to haunt the women; and teeth like lions, and things that You (the Lord) have said, the *mental condition* of the people will be completely gone. We see it in the making right now.

[Leadership]

MIXED MULTITUDE OF BELIEVERS

...a mixed multitude: the phenomenal had been done, a big revival was on, people were getting saved, coming in; and a group went up impersonating that. They went up acting like they were believers. (Sure!) They put on their sandals and everything and got ready. But that same mixed multitude that taken communion and went on the march was the very ones that began to murmur and cause the children of Israel (their hearts) to turn back to Egypt again. That's what it is, have a revival and they'll be a mixed multitude certain as anything.

[Israel At The Red Sea #2: Israel Wandering]

Tell me a congregation where evil doesn't sit. Tell me where the sons of God are gathered together that Satan isn't in the midst of them. It's everything. So don't frown at that. See? Satan's everywhere.

[Questions & Answers On The Holy Ghost]

There're always three classes: the *unbeliever*, *make-believer*, and the *believer*, that's in every meeting, every place, every where. There's the *ungodly*, the *church natural*, *intellectual*, and the *Church Spiritual*, *Called-out*. Now, the word "church" means "called-out". These here, the intellectual, were called out of this, and these (Spiritual) were called out of that, which is the Bride, and this is the remnant of the woman's seed. See? If you got spiritual mind you can understand.

[From That Time]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Now when the supernatural is done, it excites people, makes them get all excited and go haywire. When Moses done the supernatural down in Egypt there was a mixed multitude that went with him and caused trouble in the camp. You know that, all Bible readers are aware of that. It's called a mixed multitude — *believers mixed up with unbelievers*. It caused trouble in the camp later on. When the supernatural is done it makes people excited and they go wrong. That's the same thing that happened in the pentecostal realms. That's the reason God can't place us into the position where we should be in His Body where to one is given this sort of a gift, to another that sort of a gift, to another another sort of a gift and so forth, but all the same Body.

[Hear Ye Him]

Every revival produces a pair of twins. One is a spiritual man; the other one is a natural man of the earth: *"I joined the church, I'm just as good as anybody."* And that's what this revival produced; that's what with every revival.

[Ephesian Church Age]

Now there're always *three classes of people*: the unbeliever, the make-believer and the believer. See? Now the unbeliever and the make-believer stay together, *but the real believer separates himself*; that's what makes him the Church.

[Abraham's Grace Covenant]

He was waiting for the people to have a desire in their heart to hear this prophet that He was going to send. 'Course, there was a bunch that said they did, that did not. It proved later that they weren't right. They were just all *worked up with emotion*, and the Bible said a mixed multitude went with them. What did it do? Brought trouble out in the wilderness. And every time the phenomena is... Oh, I wished I could make this sink in here! **Everytime that God sends something, there's some rude carnal impersonation of it goes with it, every time!** Always something to "make-belief" of it. And that sets in just good with the people. But a genuine Prophet of God stays with "Thus Saith The Lord"! He'll never move from that Scripture if he's sent of God.

[A True Sign That's Overlooked]

And *many times* that God has...did things or **let His servants do it that was mistakes in order to prove these things.**

[Standing In The Gap]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

When the supernatural is displayed it produces three different types (of people). It did down in Egypt. It produced the unbeliever, and make-believer; it did, all three classes... Everywhere you find it, you see these three. Always that way (see?), you'll find them.

Now, the make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can, but down in his heart he's trying to find what, how you do it. (Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the hypocrite.) That's a Judas. That's exactly. Hangs around; becomes part of the group. He was the treasurer, see? He stands around; he's always getting his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing, he's always fishing for money, and get his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer... Sometimes these make-believers are very popular with the people. That's right. See? Some of them are mighty men, educated, with doctor's degree, big pay, everything; some of them are great men, shrewd, just like sons of Satan would be.

[Three Kinds of Believers]

Three things, remember, three things have been fulfilled. Three things lay before you right now. *First:* the world is in a Sodom condition. Jesus said it would happen. Look at the perversion — our women trying to act like men, our men trying to act like women, sissified, filthy, rotten, lowdown, devil possessed and don't know it. The Bible said that would happen, and don't know it. The Bible said that would happen, and that's where it's at. *Secondly:* it's in that hour, according to the Scripture, that Jannes and Jambres appear. *Thirdly:* it's at that same hour that the Son of Man is to be revealed. There is your unbeliever, your make-believer, and your believer. *There is a genuine Word standing out, vindicated; there is the make-believer impersonating it; and there is the unbeliever rejecting the whole thing.*

[The Anointed Ones At The End Time]

Remember, there're always three groups of people in every bunch of people you gather — the make-believers, unbelievers, and believers. We have them in every group.

[Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy]

THE BRIDE AGE

...The age of the Methodist, the age of the Baptist, the age of the Nazarene, the age of the Pilgrim Holiness, the age of the Pentecostal — all these ages are passed away; the sun's going down. *He said it'll be light in the evening time.*

[Great Commission]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

Luther walked in one light; Wesley walked in another. Wesley walked in one light; Pentecost walked in another. *But we're walking on higher than that today!* And if there's another generation, it'll go beyond US...

[What Is The Holy Ghost]

Luther, being the first reformer, came out with justification; then came Wesley with sanctification; here comes the Pentecostals with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit: the Church constantly getting into *the minority, greater power*. When the enemy comes in like a flood the Spirit of God'll raise a standard against it. *And now we've left the Pentecostal Age.*

[Sign Of The Time]

Do you believe that we're promised, that in the last days, according to Malachi 4, that would *turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers?*

[Once More]

And in the last day, as we're told, as it was in the days of Sodom, *the Bride will be united by the Word of God made manifest in the flesh.*

...That's the reason the Lutheran died when Wesley rose up. It was another age. The Word came forth, and they had to accept it or die. That's the reason that the Pentecostals are dying now, because *the age is here. The Word has been made manifest — the Eagle Time.*

[What Shall I Do With Jesus Called Christ?]

You cannot preach Luther's message today! It goes in it — that is the feet. Cannot preach Wesley! *Cannot preach Pentecostal! We are plumb beyond that!* They denominated and died.

[Invisible Union of the Bride]

The dying of the Pentecostal brings forth the rapturing of the Bride. See? The dying of Luther brought forth Wesley. See? The dying of Wesley brought forth Pentecost. *The dying of Pentecost brings forth the Message now.*

...And you have to die in the Pentecostal Age, leave nothing of it left, burn it with fire, because it's going to be burnt like the stalk that the wheat comes up out of. The stalk — the denomination — it's got to be burned. So don't bring your denomination over in the New Message. This is the Word now!

...No leaven among you, that brings the entire fullness of the Godhead bodily among you. Couldn't do it in Luther's age, couldn't do it in Wesley's age, couldn't do it in Pentecostal age; but in the day when the *Son of man* will be manifested, *revealed*, brought back the Church

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

together with the entire Deity of God amongst His people, showing the same visible signs, manifesting Himself like He did at the beginning when He was manifested on earth in a form of a Prophet-God. Oh! Glory! Promised by Malachi 4, promised by the rest of the Scriptures. Where you worship? The house of God, seated (in present tense).

[God's Only Provided Place of Worship]

All right then, *the Bride is always part of the Bridegroom, so the Bride will not be a denomination; it will have to be the Word manifested to be the Bride of Christ.*

[Invisible Union of the Bride]

In that day the *Son of man* will be revealed. What? *To join the Church to the Head. Unite, the Marriage of the Bride.* The Bridegroom's call will come right through this when the *Son of man* will come down and come in human flesh to unite the two together. *The Church has to be the Word. He is the Word, and the Two unite together.* And to do that, it will take the *manifestation* of, the *revealing* of, the *Son of man*. Not a clergy-man. Do you see what I mean? See, it is the *Son of man*. Jesus Christ will come down in human flesh among us and will make His Word so real that it will unite the Church and Him as *one*; and then she will go *Home* to the *Wedding Supper*. Amen! ***She is already united. We go to the Wedding Supper, not to the Marriage.*** Feel your flesh (suffer among the flesh of mighty men) because the *Marriage of the Lamb* has come. But the *Rapture* is going to the *Wedding Supper*. When the Word here unites with the person and they two become one, what does it do then? It manifests the *Son of man* again; not the church theologians, but the *Son of man*. The Word and the Church become *one*.

...Do you believe that we're living in the last days when the *Son of man* was to be manifested? That would be all the Word that is gathered up through Luther, Wesley, Baptist and all that, and the Pentecostal, all gathered up to the revelation of what it has all been. The *Seventh Angel* was to open the six seal mystery. It's all gathered up in the *Son of man*, His Fullness of time has come to the Fullness of His Word, to manifest the Fullness of His Body.

[Proving His Word]

Son of man — always in the Bible is a *prophet*. See, He came in *three Sons' names: Son of Man, Son of God, Son of David*. See? And He pronounced His name "*Son of Man*" because that's the work He done — of a Prophet, *Seer*. And He said that in the days like it was in Noah's when the *Son of man* began to reveal Himself, that would be the time of the end.

[Birth Pains]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

This is at the time that the *Son of man* would be revealed — the revealing of the *Son of man*. Now the *Son of man* was actually *revealed potentially just for a few moments* there — just before Sodom was burned. *Now that Man was Elohim*. That was God, and Jesus is God. And God was revealed potentially right there for a few moments to talk to Abraham, in the investigation judgement, just for a little bit. The *Son of man* was revealed, the *Son of man, Elohim*. Do you see it, Church? The *Son of man, Elohim*, was revealed just for a few minutes, for the very next morning she (Sodom) was burned. When? Before the sun could come up again. So there can't be no organisation left, neither can there be any further advancement than what's going right now, for she'll be burned before the day breaks again. The revival's over across the nation. *There ain't going to be no more revivals*. Big sweeping revival, this nation will never receive it. You might have intellectual gathering, but I mean a Spiritual revival. We've seen all of it. I hope you're catching it.

[Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word]

So...our modern denominations *depend on education* to some *man-made theology* to explain all these things away. And they accept that. They don't take this; they want to hop around on what some Pentecostal organization — killed a hundred years ago, eating on half rotten manna... The higher you go, the more you can see. So it's time for the eagles of this day to get to flying higher, dig into God's promises, not live on vulture food that's been killed years ago. **Get out of it!** ...*Once a carrier of a true word, justification, then it became a carrier of sanctification, then it became a carrier of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, restoration of the gifts. But then when it goes on and keeps going back to try to eat something, manna, from another day, it's rotten. It's no good.* A genuine eagle of this day knows that was all right, but we got that **plus** until Jesus Christ is made manifest in the Fullness of His Power as He promised to be in this last day.

[The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck]

Now, you see, **It's Wheat Time now! It's getting Harvest Time.** This is not Luther's age, this is not Pentecost age, **this is the Bride Age.** *As Moses called a Nation out of a nation, Christ today is calling a Church out of a church*, you see; the same thing in type, taking them to the Glorious Eternal Promised Land.

[Leadership]

[Note: The foregoing quotes, and many others, have been used by many followers of Bro. Branham to teach an extreme form of doctrine called "*Parousia*", a Greek word often translated as "*Coming*". These followers taught that Jesus Christ had returned in the person of

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Bro. Branham (some said that he was the Incarnate Christ or the Lord Branham Christ, hence, he was infallible), that the *Rapture* had taken place and that the 'Millennium' had begun. Others quickly condemned this teaching and were suspicious of any preacher who used the word "*parousia*" (or even the use of any Greek or Hebrew word) in his preaching. (The study or use of Greek and Hebrew words of the Scriptures is taboo to many followers of Bro. Branham just because of some remarks the prophet had made. Yet, Bro. Branham made use of the Greek Lexicon in some of his teachings. It is true that the Revelation of the Word does not come by 'word study', it is the Holy Spirit Who gives it. However, the same Spirit, Who authored the Scriptures with the use of just the right words, would certainly help and bless those who "*study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (2 Tim.2:15).)

The word *parousia* emphasizes both the idea of *being near* or *being there* and *having come*. It denotes both *an Arrival and a Consequent presence*. It is said that the Christians in the Graeco-Roman world used it as a technical term for the Glorious Return of Christ. The borrowed term was originally used for official visits by royalty. Remember, Jesus Christ is the King of kings. Today, most Bible students stress that the word *parousia* is used to describe the *corporeal* coming of Jesus Christ in the *Rapture* and His *physical* presence with those to whom He has come. This is only an assumption. The word *parousia*, in itself, does *not* signify a **physical presence** *unless* expressly stated. Read the statement of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 10:10 and note the adjective in the phrase, "*his bodily presence*" (Grk: *parousia tou somatos*). The phrase specifically denotes St. Paul's *physical presence* (cf. 1 Cor.16:17; 2 Cor. 7:6-7; Phil.2:12). When the word *parousia* is used to describe the Return of Christ, the **emphasis** is more on *the period* of His Return rather than on *the coming* of His Person.

The Holy Scriptures show that both the *First* and the *Second* Advents of the Lord's Christ are stretched over a *period of time*. **It must be emphasized that the period of both the First and the Second Advents of Christ began when the Word came and manifested itself to bring about the Corporeal Appearing of God in the Man, Christ Jesus. Such an arrival and consequent Presence of the Word would only be recognized by a group of God's elect as evident in the Bible concerning His First Advent.**

If we carefully study the Bible we will understand that **the Return of Christ embraces many prophetic events before** He appears corporeally to whisk away the members of His Bride to Heaven, *and* then come back with them to earth after the *Great Tribulation* to set up the Kingdom of the Lord God.

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

In the First Advent, when the *Parousia* (*Coming, Presence*) of the Lord's Christ was on the earth in the town of Nazareth, besides Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary, **who else recognized it?** Again, when the Lord's Christ was born in Bethlehem **who else**, besides those shepherds who were out in the field at night, **recognized His *Parousia*?** And, besides the wise men of the East who followed a star to a house where the Child lived, **who else recognized the *Parousia* of the Christ**, the King of the Jews?

And when the Child was presented to the Lord God in the temple at Jerusalem, **who else**, besides Simeon and Anna, **knew of His *Parousia***. Also, **did any** of the Ecclesiastics of the Law **recognize the *Parousia* of the Christ** when the twelve-year-old Lad was in their midst in the temple discussing the Word of God with them?

Evidently, except for those few blessed people, many could neither recognize the days that they were living in nor realize that the *Parousia* of the Lord had been in their midst for some 30 years. It is not surprising that the majority of Israel could miss the revelation that the Word of God had come in their midst because they had been in and out of God's Word and playing the harlot. The same is true of the majority of *Church people* today. Many are also playing the harlot, having adulterated the Word with their filthy creeds and dogmas. They have failed to recognize the day that they are living in. We know that not all who profess to be Christians are truly the children of God.

Hence, we notice that the First Advent of Christ *consisted of several events* stretched over a *period of time* and not just *one* single event which took place after John the Baptist proclaimed: "*Behold the Lamb of God...!*" But when the fullness of time according to God's calendar had fully come, God began to unfold His Promised Word concerning the *Coming Of Christ* and those who could recognize it in that hour could say, "*The Messiah is coming*", "*The coming of the Messiah is nigh*", or "*The Messiah is here*" because the *parousia* (*coming*) had taken place. Read Luke 1:42-43; 2:10-11, 25-32.

Similarly, the Second Advent of Christ would ***begin*** with the **Coming of the Word** at a certain time and ***end*** with the **Literal Appearing of Christ, The Person**. ***Christ the Word would have to come to the True Worshipers of God before Christ the Person would come and receive them***. For a detailed study on the subject of Christ's Second Coming, write in for a copy of our book ***The Finale***.]

ADMONITION

The people of God are being made ready by the Word of Truth from the Messenger to this Age.

[Exposition of The Seven Church Ages]

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

The *prophets* were a *portion* of the Word, and **He was the Word in its Fullness.**

[What Is The Attraction On The Mountain?]

When **Jesus** came **He was the Word in its Fullness**, because the whole plan of Redemption lay in Him. The whole plan of Redemption did not lay in Moses, nor in Joseph, nor in Elijah. *They were only part of the Word, pointing to It.* Now keep your thought; here it comes: *The Whole Plan wasn't in them, they were only pointing to It. Therefore after Jesus, the Fullness, we cannot point to something else, for it points back to Him, the Word. This is the Complete Revelation.* Nothing can be added to or taken away from IT.

[Unveiling of God]

This is the **last time**, because I'm leaving the country. **There'll never be another on the field when I'm gone, "Thus Saith The Lord".** There has not been and will not be.

[Uncertain Sound]

Many sincere persons go *join* an organization, or a group, or a cult of some sort, and there they die spiritually. You can't tell them nothing. They get that stuff drilled into them: *"Why, these bishops said this, and this said this; this said this."* You show them right here in the Word of God where it's "Thus Saith The Lord", *"But my pastor..."* I don't care what your pastor says,...don't care what I say, or anybody else says. If it's contrary to God's vindicated Word, the hour, the time, the Message, and so forth, forget it! Stay away from it.

[Doing God A Service Without His Will]

Can't you see that you can't put your trust in Healing Campaigns? *You can't put your trust in any kind of a sign like that.* The only thing that you can put your trust in is "Thus saith the Lord", **The Bible.** Now Church, **that is exactly where I have tried to keep you,** my children. And if something happens to me and God takes me out of this earth, Don't you ever fail. Remember this with all your heart — **stay with that Word. Don't you leave that Word. Anything contrary to it, leave it alone, no matter what it is, then you know it's right.**

[Questions & Answers 08/23/64e]

We have to lay in the *Presence* of the Sun to be *mellowed up.* We haven't got the sincerity, the sacredness, the thing that we ought to have in our midst, to know that the Spirit of the Living God is moving in His Word, showing us these things.

[Doing God A Service Without His Will]

SCRIPTURALLY...THE TRUTH

We must not let the spirit of revival die. We've got to keep in revival, constantly revived every day. Paul said, "I die daily". We must not let revival die.

[How Can I Overcome]

Yeah, we're going to have to be *one with Him*. Let the mind that was in Christ be in you, then Christ, His own Mind in you will recognize every Word that He wrote — it's "Thus Saith The Lord"! **Stay with the Word! To separate from It is breaking your fellowship with God...** Let's say it together. *"Oneness with God is to have God's Spirit in you agreeing with the Word, all the Word, the Whole Word and to make it manifested in power."*

[Oneness With God]

That's the reason I do believe that when that Bride is *called out* and *elected* and set in the *Book of Life*, there'll come a sound from heaven that'll take such a Baptism of the Holy Spirit into that Bride that'll take Her from the earth in a Rapturing Grace, God promised it. One day there will come a "blast" from Heaven and the dead in Christ shall rise first

[The Rapture]

WHO WAS WILLIAM BRANHAM?

1) Was He GOD?

"Bro. Branham, it is commonly believed by many that follow your Message that you are the Messiah of this day. Is that so?"

No sir! ...first place, I am not the Messiah. See? *Messiah is Jesus Christ*...and in Him dwelt the Fullness of the Godhead Bodily. In me just dwells part of His Spirit, the same as He dwells in you. I've been given a gift to know little things and foresee things. That makes me just still your brother, see? I am not no Messiah! I am your brother, see? Just a shepherd to the flock...And if I told you I was the Messiah, I'd be a liar, see? And I don't want to be a liar.

[Questions & Answers Book 1]

...the Sister was wrong. I am not Jesus Christ; I am His servant.

[Questions & Answers Book 4]

I'm telling them not to do it. But you see, that's got to follow the meeting. Why does people call me Messiah? ...One fellow up there the other day, he had a little thing he was carrying on, *wanted all the people to be baptized in my name, that'd make me an antichrist*. But I'm not for those things at all: you people know that. ...That only identifies the

PROPHETIC*REVELATION

Message as true. Did they not come and try to tell John that...the First Coming of Christ, *“Aren’t you the Messiah?”* He said, *“I am not.”*

[Questions & Answers Book 1]

2. Was He A WOMAN HATER?

Now you can see why I have said the things and done the things that I have done, knowing all these in my heart, brethren, sisters? I know, sisters, you’ve got your place and a wonderful character that God can mold in you, but I’m just trying to speak on the other side to show what you’re actually from the beginning. Jesus told us to go back to the beginning to find it. That’s what we are doing.

...All things go back to the beginning.

You can see, today, why people say I’m a woman hater. That’s far from the Truth. I do not. They call me a woman hater. Remember, they called Paul a woman hater. A woman minister, not long ago, said, *“Oh, you’re like old Paul: all he had to do is pick on us women!”* [Paul]...a saint of God that was permitted to write the Bible, the New Testament, and [she] disputed his words! He said, *“If an angel from heaven teaches any other thing than this that I’ve said, let him be accursed”* — let alone some woman preacher.

[Marriage and Divorce]

“Oh, you are a woman driver; you’re a woman hater — you do this and that!”

No sir! That’s not right! That is a falsehood. *I do not hate women. No, sir!* They are my sisters — if they are sisters.

[The Second Seal]

Witnesses:

“A humble devout man of God.” – Oral Roberts [*Healing Waters*]

“When the gift is operating Bro. Branham is the most sensitive person to the presence and working of the Holy Spirit and to spiritual realities of any person I have ever known.” – F. F. Bosworth [*A Prophet Visits South Africa* by Julius Stadslev]

“Sometimes I was scared because of the deep sense of holiness that penetrated the meetings, but I never failed to see the gift of God in operation through His servant and to feel the warmth of love that flowed through his ministry.” – Joseph Mattson-Boze [*The Herald of Faith*]

“Never had we known of any preacher calling deaf, mutes and people to pray for, and then to see those people delivered on the spot...a ministry that was beyond any that we had before witnessed.” – Gordon Lindsay [*The House the Lord Built*]