## WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE THAT PREACHED ETERNAL SECURITY

#### TO MANKIND?

enesis is the book of "seeds", and what started there, we find it matured at the end time. And the seed at the end will be the same as it was in the beginning.

Now, who was the first one that preached eternal security to the woman, the church? It was the SERPENT, not God.

Genesis 3:4: "And the serpent said unto the woman: 'Ye shall not surely die'".

In other words, the serpent said to the woman, the church: "You cannot die, because you are a part of God, you are Elect, you are a child of God, you have eternal security".

But God told to His elect that if they would eat of that tree of "knowledge" they will surely die.

So we find out here two different pattern of talking.

- 1) God's talking to His children, the elects, was that if they would eat of that tree they will SURELY DIE,
- 2) Satan's talking to God's children, the elect, was all the opposite, that they SHALL NOT SURELY DIE.

You see, the serpent was preaching to the elects, to God's children, ETERNAL SECURITY.

In other words, the serpent's meaning was: "You can disobey God and STILL YOU ARE SAVED. You can go out of the Word, and still you are saved. Salvation does not depend on what you do, it is an act of God. Remember: You are God's children, and because of that you are eternal secured, and shall not die". But was it true? We all know that it was a PERFECT lie of the devil.

Now, that was at the "beginning". What about now, at the END? Will the serpent come to God's children again with that PERFECT lie? I believe he does. And will the elects of the end time listen to that lie? NO, they will not! The Bride, the Elects, the Children of the last day CANNOT be deceived with that lie.

Even if it is sure that they will not be deceived, yet the serpent is working again with that same lie

And to "whom" is he speaking that lie? Again he is speaking it to "God's children", to the Elects, like he did the first time.

Look here. God, our Father, through His messenger has told us many times that "IF" we are IN CHRIST, we are eternal secured. He has told us that "IF" we are born again by the Word of this age, we are eternal secured. He has told us many times that "IF" we stay with the Word, we are eternal secured. He has told us that "IF" we have the Token, we are eternal secured. He has told us that "IF" we APPLY, SHOW, DISPLAY the Token, we are eternal secured. He has told us that "IF" our name is in a special section of the Lamb's Book Of Life, we are eternal secured. In other words, He has told us EXACTLY what He told to His first children, Adam and Eve.

Brother Branham teaches us that God cannot change His program. And as He did with His first children, so He will do with His last children.

The first children was put in front of a "decision", in front of a "choosing". What about His last children? Can He change method? No, He cannot change method. He uses the "same" bases, same principles, same ways, as He did with His first children.

So now we find ourselves with many Scriptures where our God says that none of His children can be lost. We have many verses of the Bible and the Message where God tell us about our eternal security that we have in Christ; many verses where He tells us that the Elects cannot be deceived. And we praise God for that! That is our eternal assurance that we have in Him. Amen.

But, I ask you a question: "Has the serpent any thing to say to God's children of this last generation? Is he still working, trying to deceive the Elects, God's children, or has he stopped?". For sure I believe that you all know that he is still busy. Rather, he is now more busy than ever, in

trying to deceive the Elects.

And what is he preaching to deceive God's children? He is preaching just exactly what he preached the first time: "You shall not surely die".

# THE DEVIL IS TRYING AGAIN TO DECEIVE BY PREACHING ETERNAL SECURITY TO GOD'S CHILDREN, THE ELECTS!

My dear Brothers and Sisters, God is putting us on the SAME BASIS He put Adam and Eve, His first children.

We are eternal secured with the "CONDITION" THAT WE STAY IN CHRIST!

We are eternal secured in the measure that we stay with the word of God!

Today the children of God have the same possibility to be deceived like the first ones. But they WILL NOT be deceived, because they stay with the Word. That is why they cannot be deceived. STAY WITH THE WORD, and you will never be deceived.

But the Word that the serpent is preaching, goes in this line: "Do what you want, you are elected any how, because election does not depend from you". That is true! Election depends only from God. But the question is: "Do I keep that election, or do I loose it, and let the serpent steal it?". That is the question!

The Word that the serpent preaches is: "It is not what you do; it is what 'God' has done for you. He saved you before the foundation of the world. You are His child. You cannot be lost. So just relax. Take it easy. Just believe, and do nothing".

See, Satan is just exactly using God's Word on election, to deceive! Satan is deceiving by using the Truth that the elects cannot be deceived. What he does is just to "apply it to you in his way", and by that he deceives you.

So the serpent is deceiving by preaching you the Truth, but just "one side" of It.

The elect cannot be deceived not because he is an elect, but because he stays with the Word, every Word of God. That is why he cannot be deceived.

A wolf does not eat a sheep only because she is a sheep, but **because she stays with the pastor**. If a sheep goes away from her shepherd, the wolf will kill it! And she can tell to the wolf: "Don't touch me, because I am God's sheep. Don't eat me, because I am an elect". You think the wolf will care to what she says? No way! He will surely kill her! But if she stays with the Shepherd, then the wolf will never dear to touch it. You see, the same thing is with the believer.

Now, let me just put to your attention some considerations. We all know how Brother Branham firmly believed in predestination. We all know how he said that we was saved since before the foundation of the world. We all know that. But the question is: "Does he say ONLY that? Or does he present ANOTHER SIDE of the same Truth"? This side is where I want to bring your attention, without forgetting or putting away the first side.

If the elect cannot be deceived, then tell me why the Holy Spirit in the prophet warns us all the time to be careful of the deceiving spirits? Tell me why? If the elects cannot be deceived, then what need there is to say: "Be careful!"?

If you know that your child cannot be killed by a car, because he is secured where he is, then tell me why you shout to him: "Be care ful!". Why?

If you say to me that the place where is your son is the most safety place, a place where no harm can came to him, no danger, nothing; and then I hear you shouting: "My son, be careful!", you know what I thing about you? I think that you are crazy. That is normal, because you contradict yourself!

But God does not contradicts Himself! No way.

So, in one side He tells us that we are eternal secured, and cannot be lost; and in the other side He tells us to be careful, because we could be deceived.

Now, what the serpent is now doing is just to "emphasize" only one side of the Truth, and he says: "You are eternal secured. You cannot be lost. The second Eve cannot be deceived. God loses none of His children. Election does not depend from you, it is from the Lord". And ALL this is the Truth, but JUST ONE SIDE of It.

The other side of the Truth is that, in spite of the fact that you are elect, that you cannot be deceived, that you cannot be lost, there is also that "BE CAREFUL!" that comes out of God's mouth, the prophet.

And that "BE CAREFUL!" is what the serpent

hates. But I love it!

Since in the Garden of Eden, God has ALWAYS told to His children (not to the heathens) "be careful!", ALWAYS. Every true prophet of God has preached to the people of God: "Be Careful!". The Lord Jesus Himself may times warned His elects: "Be careful!". And by the last prophet, the Holy Spirit many times tells to the elects: "Be Careful! Be Careful!".

But have you noticed how the spirit of the serpent NEVER says "be careful"? Never! That spirit tells all the time: "Oh, God is love! You can do what you want, God loves you any how. Oh, you think that just for that little thing God will condemn you? Oh, come on, don't be foolish! You see, salvation does not depend from what you do, it is a sovereign act of God. So it does't matter if you cut you hairs, drink, smoke, watch T.V., etc. Don't' worry, if you are an elect, you cannot be lost!". See, Satan never tells you that: "Be careful", never.

But, look here God, through His prophet's mouth, how many times He WARNS us with that blessed: "Be Careful!".

#### SHOW US THE FATHER - 50-0819.

Remember, I've warned everyone of you, within seventy-two hours, what would take place. The Bible said, "When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places, then returns again (Is that right?), with seven other devils worse then he was." Be careful. Let the good Man of the house be standing there with faith warring him away, telling him he can't come. Refuse to see it; refuse to have it, or anything else. Stay right with it.

Now, to "whom" the Holy Spirit was telling that "be Careful"? To the foolish virgins? To the wise virgins? To the serpent seed? To "whom"? Just consider this.

#### THE ANGEL OF THE GOD - 51-0720.

But on the platform I have to watch. I'm just opening up my heart; I feel that I'm before friends tonight. I have to be careful what I do. Did you know Divine gifts could--could cause you to lose your soul?

To loose your soul? And here the prophet is talking about "his" soul. Tell me how can you

loose your soul, if salvation depends only from the Lord? How can you loose your soul, if you are elected by the predestination of God? Just think about this side of the Truth, my brother!

#### THREE WITNESSES. 51-0728.

Here's what it is, the antichrist spirit is not the communistic spirit. The antichrist spirit is a religious spirit. I have delivered my soul; that's what God was wanting me to, right there. Amen. Father, we thank Thee. Now, I--I am Your servant, and I believe with all of my heart as sure as I believe I'm standing here with my hand on Your Word, that that's what You wanted me to say. And I waited, stumbling around, until You spoke the Word. Now, we thank You, Lord. And we pray that You'll let men and women here tonight, be careful, walk careful. For we know it's written in these days of what would come to pass. And true to my mind now, it comes afresh that over in the book of Matthew Jesus said, "The two spirits would be so close together it would deceive the very elect if possible."

And Father, we know that those things are now. And we thank Thee, and may we have this warning in our heart to watch everything that we do. In the Name of the Lord Jesus we thank Thee. Amen.

#### ISRAEL AT KADESH BARNEA. 53-0328.

For, this is the day, brethren, you'll bear me record, a day of isms. I've been studying Genesis now for two years, of Genesis. That's the beginning, the going forth, the seed chapter. And you notice that all those cults of this day are beginning in Genesis. They had their start back in Genesis, winding up out here in the last day.

. . . . . .

Now, it behooves us to watch, be careful, be set in the Word. Many things are taking place today which are unscriptural. Let's watch the Scripture; be sure that where we're right. That's what we've been trying to teach this week.

#### DEMONOLOGY 2. RELIGIOUS. 53-0609.

Now, watch what Paul said, "If one speaks with tongues and the other one interpret, and whatever he said, let it be judged first 'fore the church can receive it."

Now, it won't be a quoting of Scripture or something another like that. God don't repeat Himself. But it'll be a warning to the church.

Then if good judges says, "Let's receive that. All right, that was of the Lord." The second one says, "Let's receive it." The mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established. Then the church receive it and go make ready for it. If that doesn't come to pass, what that said, then you've got a evil spirit among you. That's right. And if it does come to pass, then thank God, the Spirit of God's among you. See? Now, that's where you have to watch and be careful. So don't try to press. I couldn't make myself have brown eyes when I got blue. See? I have to be satisfied with blue eyes. Now, there's where demons work in the realm of spiritual people.

But I have heard some of them that believe in eternal security, that if you do not see predestination the way they see it, then they easily blame on you, and call you this, that, and the other, and become wild against you. See, that attitude shows that they have the wrong revelation on predestination. Sure, because if they believe in predestination in the right way, then why should they blame on you, since you are the "way God has made you"? See? So, in one way they tell you that "you are what God made you, and you cannot help to be different", and then they blame you for what you are. My, what a contradiction!

Years ago there was a pastor that was so sure about his predestination, so sure about his election, so sure that he was an elect, that he even made me feel LOST when I heard him preaching. My, sometimes I thought I was not an elect! Sometimes I warned him to be careful on certain thing he was doing, but he answered me with such a boldness: "I am an elect, it does't matter what I do or not do, I am an elect anyhow and cannot be lost".

Well, he went on good, very good, for some years; his preaching was good, the church was happy with his preaching, was growing. Then suddenly, something happened. At his work there was a woman that had problems with her husband, and she started to have confidential talk with this pastor. He tried to help her, giving her the Word of the Lord, counselling her, trying to bring her to the Lord. But then he started to stay alone with this woman, to talk about the Lord, you know. Then, suddenly, something happened, and he run away with the woman, committing adultery. He left his wife with a child, and lost

his head for that woman. For seven months he lived with that woman and with his wife, until the thing was exposed. Then his wife become wild at him, the church was scandalized, he stopped preaching. He went into the world. He become wordily! Till now, after some years, he is still in the world.

Now, what happened to his belief and assurance about his predestination and election? He lost everything: assurance, predestination, election, faith, love, consecration; everything!

Now, you will say: "Well, it means that, to begin with, he was not predestinated!". Huh, very easy to say that! You should have said that BEFORE, when he was preaching predestination and believed he was predestinated. It is easy to say it NOW.

Or you will say: "But if he is a child of God, he will come anyhow; he will not be lost".

I know that, and I really hope that he is because I really loved that brother, and I appreciated much his ministry, and I don't want him to be lost.

But, **IF** is a child of God. How can you know NOW if he is? You have to wait TILL THE END! Then you can say "he was", or "he was not", not before. Now, the same could be with you and me. See, now we are sure, but who knows what we will do from here after? See?

But I am sure that when that brother preached predestination, you would have believed that he was an Elect. But now, AFTER his fall, then you very quick change your mind about him. Huh.

Bu, WHY he fell? He fell BECAUSE HE DID NOT STAY WITH THE WORD; he should not have stayed ALONE with that woman. He was disobedient to the Word! That's why he fell.

So, you see, ONLY God knows who is who. We don't know it, even about OURSELVES! That is why we have to work out our salvation with fear and trembling!

So, you can believe in predestination, and still be a devil. Sure.

You can "explain" predestination, and still be a devil. You can "understand" predestination, and still be a devil. You can understand Deity PERFECTLY, and still be a devil. Sure, because the devil knows everything about God, and he knows predestination, and election, and foreknowledge, and serpent seed,

and...and... more than any of us. BUT IT IS THE "LIFE" THAT COUNTS! It is our "attitude" that counts! It is our "choosing" that will determinate our destination.

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY. 63-0728.

And if you say, "He has been revealed to me," and then the <u>Life</u> that Christ produced here in the Bible (that same Life was in Him) does not produce Itself in you, then you got the wrong revelation.

You see? It is the "life" we live that counts! Not the "knowledge". Rather, God commanded man not to eat from the tree of knowledge. And you know that a tree of knowledge could be a "preacher"? Did you know that? Yes, preachers that preach "knowledge" instead of "life", are from the Lord FORBIDDEN that we listen to them! You should not listen to them! Because they, with their knowledge about Deity, predestination, foreknowledge, election, serpent seed, etc., CAN DECEIVE YOU!

Yes, by preaching the Truth the can deceive you! The serpent preached the truth to Eve, and deceived her. Satan preached the truth to Jesus, but he could not deceive Him, because He answered him with: "It is ALSO written". See?

## My brothers: Watch the "LIFE"! Not the Message-theology!

The preaching must produce a LIFE, not the KNOWLEDGE, even if it is the right knowledge.

And Life is made out of LITTLE THINGS. Are the little molecules that make your body. Are the little cells, put together, working together, that make anything. When you destroy the little things, you have destroyed LIFE.

The Lord Jesus give always importance to the little things. Search the Scriptures, search the Message, and you will find out this Truth, this Doctrine, this Divine Principle.

In one place Jesus said: "He who is faithful in what is <u>least</u> is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

In another place He said: "If you know these things, blessed are you IF you DO them" (John 13:17).

Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore breaks <u>one of</u> <u>the least</u> of these commandments, and teaches

men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever <u>does</u> and <u>teaches</u> them, shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Mat.5:19).

And to be called "least" means that he/she cannot be part of the Bride, because every member of the Bride of Christ is called FIRST, the Church of the "FIRST bom".

In another place Jesus said: "...teaching them to <u>observe all things</u> that I have <u>commanded</u> you" (Mat:28:20).

In Revelation 22:14 Jesus said: "Blessed are those that DO his commandments, that they may have the <u>right</u> to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city".

Now, you all know that the "tree" of life is <u>Christ.</u> So to be IN Christ, you have to OBEY His commandments. Don't you see how this agrees perfectly with what the prophet teaches in the Message Token? "FULL OBEDIENCE TO THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD, BRINGS YOU INTO CHRIST". You see?

"...and may enter through the gates into the city". The city is the BRIDE of Christ, the Body of Christ, the New Jerusalem. And if you don't come through the gate, but jump in through the window, you will be KICKED OUT OF THE CITY, the Body, the Bride. Your see?

There was one that did it, but was kicked out! (Mat.22:11-13).

Brother Branham says that if you don't come through the Gate, the Door, which is Christ, the Word, then you cannot have the Wedding Dress, which is the Holy Ghost. And the Wedding Dress is given AT THE DOOR.

What means to jump in through the window? Do you know what means? It means this: "I can stay home, instead of going to church, and still I am Elect. I can watch T.V., and still be elect. I can do what I want, and still be an elect". This is what means to jump through the window. You don't believe me? Okey, then try it, and one day you will see.

What are the commandments of the Lord? Paul said: "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or a spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor.14:37).

And if the things written by the first Messenger are commandments of the Lord, what about the

things spoken or written by the last Messenger?

But people think that they are no more under the Law, but under Grace! Huh, they don't know what means to stay under the Law or free from the Law.

If you want to be free from the Law, then just do what the Law says, and the Law cannot touch you. Obey the Law, and the Law cannot punish you!

And when the Law cannot touch you, then you are UNDER THE GRACE.

But you will say: "But the Law was done away!".

What, which part of the Law was done away?

The only things of the Law that was done away, was the old Aaronic priesthood, the animal sacrifices, fleshly circumcision, and other things, all things that was "replaced" by the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.

But, tell me: Was Exodus 20 abolished? Are you now free to commit adultery? Are you now free to steal? Free to say false witness? Free to worship idols? Etc. etc.?

Brother, there are so many things of the Law that are still valid!

Listen what Brother Branham says about this:

#### SERPENT'S SEED. 58-0928E.

So look here, if their mother was a chorus girl, and... Their grandmother, and her mother was a flapper, what's she today? A rock-and-roll striptease. What's her children going to be? And you say, "Does God do that?" Yes, sir. God visits the iniquity of the children, the generation, even to fourteen generations. And if Christ come to magnify it, we'd say a hundred generations or five-hundred generations. Why, He said, "Them of old... You've heard them say, them of old times, 'Thou shalt not kill. I say you, who's ever angry with his brother without a cause has killed already.' You've heard them said, them of old times, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery.' But I say that who looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already." He made it. What is magnify? Make it many times bigger. And if under the law it was fourteen generations, how long will it take the same thing today?

Testament." <u>He's the same yesterday, today, and forever</u>. It's the full revelation of God. If God ever says anything, He can never change it. <u>He always magnifies it, not change it.</u>

### The law was magnified, not changed: magnified.

"Whosoever commits adultery shall be guilty of death, but whosoever now (magnified) looketh upon a woman to lust after her..." He never changed the commandment; He magnified it. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy," one day in the week. Now He magnified it.

The rest comes from keeping the Spirit of God. "Precept upon precept, and line upon line, here a little and there a little; hold fast to that what's good, for with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people." And that is the rest. That's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord.

And yet they would not hear it, and wagged their heads, and walked away to their denominations. Uh-huh. This is the refreshening (See?), magnifying the Sabbath day, to you Sabbatarians and so forth. Oh, my. He don't change; He magnifies it. Hell has spread her gates to receive them.

Now, do you still believe that the Law is no more valid? Okey, if you do, then you are one of those for whom *hell has spread her gates to receive you*. That's all.

You say: "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life!". Sure it killeth, if it remains only "letter", "theory", just a "knowledge". But if you put it into "action", then the Letter becomes LIFE in you.

Remember: the Spirit will "quicken" the Word only when It is OBEYED! NEVER BEFORE!

First you have to "obey" the commandments, then the Spirit will quicken the Word to you.

But some wants God to do it vice-versa. But it doesn't work! You have to do things in the way God said it to be done, then it works.

Because to "know" the Truth, the Word, the Commandment, and don't OBEY it, this makes you a "worker of iniquity", and God cannot reveal things to the workers of iniquity. Rather, you know what Jesus will tell to the workers of iniquity (Mat.7:21-23). That is what it means "the letter killeth".

Look here: What can you do with the right

<sup>&</sup>quot;Well," you say, "now wait a minute, Brother Branham, you're talking about the Old

knowledge, if you don't have the LIFE? You will go to HELL with the right knowledge! But you NEVER can go to hell with the LIFE of Christ in you. See?

And you CANNOT have the Life of Christ in you, the Token, without FULL OBEDIENCE to the WHOLE Word of God. Impossible!

Full obedience means: "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept. A little here, a little there. These things should be done, without neglecting the others".

But if you take off going to church, take off paying Tithes, take off praying for one another, take off trying to win souls for Christ, watch a little T.V., drink a little alcohol, put on a little necklace, a little makeup, etc. etc., then how can you still believe that you are FULLY obeying the WHOLE Word of God? See? No, in this way you are "perverting yourself", making out of you a "child of disobedience", a "perverted" child.

You are perverting yourself like Lucifer did! And so you are "provoking God", you are "tempting God"! And you know what God has done to those that have tempted Him! **Be careful!** 

But there are some believers that have a "spiritual allergy" about obedience. Yes, when they hear that word "obedience", they raise up their hairs like a cat does when he meets a dog. They are ALLERGIC to obedience!

My, they feel like you want to "rule" over them, that you want to take away their "liberty of the Spirit", their "life", they feel oppressed, they feel like dying.

Oh, poor and miserable believers that you are! You don't know yet that for God "obedience is better than sacrifice". No, this Scripture you don't like It. You cannot digest It! Yet It is there! Written in your Bible, whether you like It or not!

But do you want me to tell you why you are so allergic to obedience? It is BECAUSE IN YOU THERE IS A SPRIT OF A "GOAT". That is the reason! I know that spirit, because when I was young I was a shepherd, and I know how that goat's spirit works and feels when the shepherd goes against it with the correction.

If you could get in you the spirit of a sheep, (the Holy Ghost, Christ) then you don't have that problem any more. You need to DIE to your own will! That is the problem with you, goats on two legs!

This is the written Word of God, the plan of salvation. But we have to be careful how we handle it.

See how the prophet tells us to be careful "how we handle the Word of God"? Not just by taking one side of It, but to take It in It's completeness.

INVASION OF THE USA. 54-0509.

And there Jehoshaphat, when he come down... And then this great alliance was made, which did not please God. And notice, just in the time of his, all the excitement now, "I have got favor with this king. And oh, I--I--I have fellowship with this neighbor. I have..."

See, be careful that, church. See? That's what causes all the trouble around this tabernacle here, and around others. See? Be careful about what you're mixing up with

Of which church the prophet is talking about? The "foolish virgins"? The Bride? Who is this Church that has to be careful?

SEVEN CHURCH AGES. 54-0512.

You can get forgiveness for crucifying Jesus. You can get forgiveness for taking His Name in vain. "But who speaks against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven him in this world or the world to come." We're in the last day; so be careful. Walk humbly. Have a contrite, broken spirit, a humble heart, willing to let the Holy Spirit lead you. Amen. All right. Oh, my.

To whom is the prophet directing this admonition, to the foolish virgins? To the reprobates? To the Elects? Just think and ponder.

SEVEN CHURCH AGES. 54-0512.

I'm not--I'm not trying to clown. I'm trying to get this to you. Brother, you're going to find out, if you take the mark of the beast, where you're going to be standing. And you're absolutely helpless and hopeless when you do it. There's no remission for it. You can never get out of it. That's right. You can do it by the wink of your eve nearly. See? But be careful.

To whom is the prophet telling to be careful

about the mark of the beast, to the reprobates? But they will take it anyhow! To the unbelievers? But they will take it anyhow. Who are those that have to be careful not to take the mark of the beast? THE ELECTS! But if the elects cannot be deceived, why they have to be careful about it? Just think and ponder this.

#### MARK OF THE BEAST. 54-0513.

You're going to find out in a few minutes what the mark of the Devil is, what the--what the seal of the Devil is, the mark of the beast. "Whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, will never be forgiven him in this world or the world to come." Watch that first church, what they done. Watch out about this second church. You could seal yourself out of the Kingdom of God and into the Devil; out into where there's no forgiveness in this world nor the one to come. Truly. So be careful, walk reverently. Be careful what you do, for you don't know what will take place.

Now, if the "sealing <u>into</u> God's Kingdom" depends only from God's predestination, then how can it be that the "sealing <u>out</u> of God's Kingdom" depends from you? Just ponder this.

If you are NOT chosen by God's predestination to be sealed <u>into</u> God's Kingdom, then you are AUTOMATICALLY sealed OUT without your choosing. You don't need to choose to stay out, because if God does not choose you to be IN, then you are automatically out. So, how can it be that "you seal yourself out of the Kingdom of God and into the Devil"? Just ponder this, my brothers!

#### SEAL OF GOD. 54-0514.

Said to the watchman, "Watch! If you fail to warn, then I--I'll require at your hand. But if you do warn, and they go ahead, they'll die is their sins; but I won't require it at your hand; you'll be free."

So we want to be careful that we know what's Truth according to the Bible.

Now, what the watchman has to warn about, if those that are predestinated not to fall will not fall, and those that are predestinated to fall will fall anyhow? Tell me what he has to warn them about? Why he has to be a "watchman", and "warn the people", if the Elect cannot fall? What

he has to "watch" about? If it is all by predestination, then is not better that he goes to sheep, relax, instead to stay there and watch, and warn the people? Just ponder.

#### SEAL OF GOD. 54-0514.

Notice, all those things proving that there is the mark of the beast. There's where it's at. So when you're running around here saying, "Well, I sure when the mark of the beast comes..." be careful that you haven't already got it. And those who have so, will be punished in fire and brimstone, poured out of the cup of God's indignation, to be tormented day and night, forever and forever. It's a serious thing. Now, how is your escape?

Now, why should I be careful? If I am an elect, predestinated, why should I be careful? Why can't I sit in a corner and rest, relax? Just ponder.

#### SEAL OF GOD. 54-0514.

But you see how that spirit moved right up here. And Jesus looked and foresaw that through that Catholic church, coming out. Said "Don't call no man father. Don't use vain repetitions, all these things." Come out and said, "Now, be careful, the antichrist will be so close, till it'll deceive the very Elect if possible."

Look, brother, how many virgins went to meet the Lord? Ten. All of them were virgin. What does sanctity mean? "Pure, holy, virgin." Ten of them were virgins. Five had no Oil in their lamp. Five had Oil in their lamp. These five were just as holy and virgin as these was. But what does Oil represent in the Bible, where we taken it last night, night before? The Spirit, the Holy Spirit. They cleaned themselves up and set there, but they was afraid and stood back from the Fountain that poured in the Oil. See, organized themselves and settled down, and there they are, lukewarm. That's where the church age went.

But why the prophet tells us to be careful, if the elects cannot be deceived? Or is he talking to those that can be deceived? Well, if he is talking to the ones that can be deceived, the foolish virgins, then it does not make sense, because the foolish virgins will be deceived anyhow, and miss the rapture. So, what use there is to warn them that can be deceived? Is the warning for them that are predestinated to be deceived? But

why to warn them, if they are predestinated to be deceived?

Or the warning is for them that cannot be deceived? But if they cannot be deceived, why then you have to warn them, since they CANNOT be deceived? Just ponder.

#### I WILL RESTORE. 54-0620A.

I heard someone, not long ago, condemning the Lutheran age and condemning the Wesley age. That was the vine, just the same as the Church is today. But the thing of it was, they was only putting forth leaves then. It's putting forth fruits now. The vine's growed up, the same Church. Them was on leaves is still left leaves, but it all makes vine. Like the wheat coming up among the weeds. And the wheat's put forth its... The wheat put forth its fruit, and the weed's put forth its fruits. We're at the last days.

Now, it becomes to being fundamental, down there in the valley there stood Israel encamped. And they had their seven altars with seven sacrifices, same kind of sacrifices. Here's this, up here, another group up here: the same kind of altars, same kind of sacrifice, same kind of ceremony.

Brother, if God requires fundamentalism, then He's got to accept that man, just the same as He accepts that man. You talk to fundamentalists today, that don't believe in Divine healing. Talk to fundamentalists; they don't believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders. Be careful how you talk to them. They say, "We believe in the death, burial and resurrection. We believe in the second coming of Christ." They preach it. And the nation has been whored with it. And evangelists has went everywhere preaching it. And they wonder why we can't have a revival. It's, brothers, because we're not preaching it in the right way. I'm nobody to say it. But I know what God's Word says is the truth. That's right.

### "BECAUSE WE ARE NOT PREACHING IT IN THE RIGHT WAY".

Now, what it has to do with preaching the Word in the "right way", if all depends from predestination? "Preach the Word in the right way or preach It in the wrong way, if the revival is predestinated it will be there anyhow; and if it

is not predestinated, it will not be there anyhow".

That is the way some believers believe. But not the prophet! He believed differently! He believed that "predestination does its part", but also "preaching the Word in the wright or in the wrong way" does its part, too. See, the prophet was balanced.

Paul believed in predestination, YET, in Romans 14:20 he said: "Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food". Now, how can it be that the WORK OF GOD could be <u>destroyed</u> by the food? If God has predestinated something to be in a certain way, how can the "food" DESTROYS it?

In 1 Cor.8:11-12, Paul says: "And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother PERISH, for whom Christ died". How can you make a "brother" to perish, if he is predestinated? Yet Paul says that it could be possible.

But, you see, some stupid and arrogant ignorant preachers, so full of the KNOWLEDGE of God (but not of the LIFE of God) act in such a way that they make "brothers to perish", because they say: "Huh, if he is predestinated, he cannot perish. I will *eat*, I will do *this*, *that* and the *other*, and don't care about the weak brothers and sisters, because if they perish it is only because they are not predestinate. That's all".

Huh, Paul had not such a revelation! He knew better that you!

Let me tell you: those that towards the weak ones act differently than the Apostle Paul, is because they are serving the devil, and not God. Yes.

If all is based on predestination, and God knows who are those that are saved since before the foundation of the world, then tell me why He CALLS them? Because many are CALLED, but few are CHOSEN. So, why He does not call <u>only those that are chosen</u>, since He knows who they are? Why He calls them, if they are not chosen? Why?

If all is based on predestination, then tell me why God requires from us: Repentance, Conversion, Faith, Obedience, Water Baptism, Token, etc. etc.?Why we have to do all those things, since we are predestinate, and ALREADY saved since the foundation of the world? Why? Is not enough the predestination! Or does predestination need help? Tell me why we have to do "our" part?

Until the end of his ministry, Brother Branham was CALLING PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE, to

make themselves ready for the soon coming of the Lord. UNTIL THE END OF HIS MINISTRY! Even the LAST Sermon, Leadership, was centred on the subject: "Choose your leader, Christ. Your choosing will determinate your eternal destination". Why, if he believed in predestination?

And it was the MINISTRY OF CHRIST in the prophet! It was the ministry of THE SON OF MAN that was "imploring" men and women to make their choosing! Huh!

And now you come and tell me that you are a minister of Christ, when you don't have any feeling for the lost, do nothing to win them to Christ, and even don't believe that they can choose their own eternal destination? Hey, you are not talking like the prophet talked, therefore you must be FALSE ministers. Yes.

Now, why we have to <u>repent</u>, to <u>make things</u> <u>right</u>, to <u>have faith</u>, to be <u>born again</u>, to be <u>obedient</u>, to have the <u>Token</u>, to <u>believe</u>, <u>trim our lamp</u>, have <u>Oil in our lamp</u>, have the <u>white dress on</u>, etc. etc., **why all this, since about us <u>all</u> is programmed, established, predestinated, by God?** Why?

Why God requires all these things from us, since He has already everything arranged, done, finished? Why?

But that rotten doctrine of predestination coming from the land of Calvin, presents the Truth of God in such a way that it KILLS the part that WE have to Do! And in the heart of the believers it destroys the stimulation, the enthusiasm, the incentive, the desire to serve God, the desire to save others, the desire to pray. My, it destroys nearly everything, and makes the church "lukewarm", just in the right condition to cause God to vomit you out of His mouth. It makes faith dead; because faith without works is dead; James 2:20. Yes, too much of that Calvinist doctrine kills the Life of Christ in the Church!

The only thing that that doctrine leaves in the church, is the KNOWLEDGE of God, but DESTROYS the LIFE of God. And what do you do with the "knowledge of God", if you don't have the LIFE of Christ in you?

Remember: The devil has a much better knowledge of God than you!

UNP ARDO NABLE SIN. 54-1024.

The churches, when they organize their churches, the things they do, they block off the blessings of God by their theology, that God cannot break through to bless His people. They get their church so formal, so stiff and so starchy till the Holy Spirit can't come into the church. And then when the Devil seen he had that made, and some was going to break through anyhow, then he let them open other channels that wasn't the Gospel, and run them off into fanaticism. That's right. See? They either get to be a bunch of fanatics or a bunch of starches. But in the middle of the road, there's the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I spoke this morning, and backing this up now for this great question I'm fixing to ask in a few moments, is this, that men take one another's spirit. Be careful that you don't get some man's spirit instead of the Spirit of the Lord. Go into a church watch the way the pastor acts, and you'll see the way the people act. See? If the pastor is real starchy and stiff, the people will be the same way. If you go into where it's wild and fanaticism, the people will be the same way.

"Be careful that you don't get some man's spirit instead of the Spirit of the Lord". To WHOM the prophet is telling this, to the reprobates? Well, they get it anyhow. To the Elects? Well, they don't get it anyhow. Then, to "whom" is he telling that? Just think!

#### POSITION OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST. 55-0227A.

**Be careful.** Don't look at great high things, great crowds. Don't look at great demonstrations, or great healings, or great things like this. Look up at the great Saviour, the Lord Jesus.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. What is God? Love. And if you can't love your enemy, no matter what he says about you; your neighbor, no matter what he says about you... If from your heart, not with your lips, not with your knowledge that you should be doing it as a Christian, but something in your heart makes you love them anyway, regardless of what you say. Then it's time to come to the altar again. You just never quite got what you thought you, or what really you should've had. Amen.

Do you think that the elect looks for great and high things? For great crowds? Oh, no, the elect looks for Christ! But then, why the prophet is

#### SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEF. 55-0228.

How true it is today, that sometimes somebody will come around, that's a little bit high up in the world, maybe with a little more education than your pastor's got, telling you the days of miracles is past, and that's just--not to believe in it and so forth, like that. You think, "Well, he's a scholar; he's got scholarships from here and there. He ought know what he's talking about." Be careful; you're on dangerous ground.

To whom is he saying to be careful because is on dangerous ground? You don't have to tell this to an elect, because the elect cannot be deceived, and he never stays on dangerous ground. So, who is this one that have to be careful because is on dangerous ground?

#### SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEF. 55-0228.

Why, you can't know God by knowledge. It's impossible. You've got... By grace saved and that through faith. Just believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. That's the way you know Him, not by all of your shrewd words; that takes you away from God. More you know, more you study and try to find out about it, the less you know. Quit studying and figuring it out; just let loose and believe.

Now, we are saved by "grace" through faith. Now, if it is by "grace", then how can it be by "election"? Why then the elect needs grace, since he is "elected", and therefore "saved", since before the foundation of the world? Grace should be for the those that are NOT elects. Yet, grace is for the Elects, and for the non elects. Grace is for ALL. Just ponder this, my brothers

#### SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEF. 55-0228.

I used to preach over in the Baptist church a little sermon; I called it, "Let Loose And Let God." That's right. Just let loose and let God; as long as you got yourself into it, there ain't no way. You know who the biggest enemy I got's William Branham. He's always in God's way. If I can just get him out of the way, then God can go to work. That's your worst enemy is yourself. Just get yourself out of the way, and then God can go to work.

Now, be careful of your associates when you get

out there, and get among the people, and this one begins to tell you this, and this one, that. Then you get yourself all mixed up; you don't know what you do believe.

You see how "you" are the biggest enemy of "you"? What part of you? The "will".

But why the elect has to "be careful with whom he associate himself"? Why? It should not matter with whom he associate, since the elect cannot be deceived! Yet, the prophet tells us to be careful with whom we associate, because it could make us all mixed up. And a "mixed up" becomes a "bastard child", a "hybrid seed".

See, till he keeps himself "separated" from the wrong, he is pure; but when he "mix" himself, then he becomes "hybrid"; or, a "child of the devil". See?

#### UNCERTAIN SOUND, 55-0731.

You dear people, belong to church of Christ, back there, you say, "That's of the Devil." It is? Then the Bible is of the Devil. See?

The Bible said, "They'll lay hands on the sick; they shall recover. I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." No uncertain sound.

Be careful, you hear a lot of church theology that's uncertain sounds. It don't co-with the Bible. Paul said, "If the-if the trumpet don't give a certain sound, how can we know who's to prepare for battle?" Yes, sir. Oh, my.

And a lot of uncertain sounds is also heard among Message believers! Sounds that do not go 100% with the Bible and the whole Message.

#### HIDDEN LIFE IN CHRIST. 55-1110.

Oh, I believe in all the shouting; I believe in speaking with tongues, and I believe in these things. But, brother, that's not all that goes with it. No, it isn't. **That's just one of the attributes of it.** That's right. Have the real thing first and it'll produce the rest of this.

"Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord, have not I done this, and cast out devils, and done all these things in Your Name?' He'd say, 'Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, I didn't even know you.'" See? Be careful.

Be careful to whom? To whom was the prophet talking about?

WHERE I THINK PENTECOST FAILED. 55-1111.

E-31 So therefore, knowing... someone... Now, that might bring up the question in your mind about Satan in the beginning. For someone ask me not long ago, said, "Isn't Satan a creator?" I said, "No, sir. God is the only Creator there is. One Creator is God."

He said, "Well, how did evil ever get here then, if Satan didn't create it?"

I said, "Evil is not a creation. Evil... Satan cannot create, but he can PERVERT what God has created." See?

He's not a creator. God is the Creator, but Satan perverts what God has created. And God created good, and SATAN PERVERTED IT TO EVIL. And it's just like any other thing, it's perverted; it's wrong.

And if your mind, and heart, and all, doesn't agree with God's Word, and believe that He's the same Lord Jesus resurrected from the dead, and peace in your heart, and yet, you belong to church, be careful; you might have a perverted mind instead of it being a changed heart. That's stiff, and it's hard, but it's good. I--I'd rather have it straightened out here then to wait till I come down to the river.

And a child of God, an elect of God, is a good thing; **but Satan can pervert it**, and make out of him a reprobate. That is why we have to be careful.

#### WHERE I THINK PENTECOST FAILED. 55-1111.

I asked Him when I went in the ministry, I said, "God, if I ever get off the path, You straighten me out. I don't want no trouble when I come down at the river that morning. It's going to be a horrible day. And when them waves are dashing against my soul, and I know all hopes is gone, the brittle threads of life is breaking, I don't want no trouble. I hope to be an old man at that time.

#### FELLOWSHIP. 56-0212.

The full Gospel people because they accept signs and wonders, but be careful where it comes from, must come from the Lord. Remember the antichrist is going to do the same thing. There's only one way that you can be sure. That's get under the Blood. Stay under the Blood. That's God's way. You're hid away then; the devil couldn't get to you if he had to.

"Be careful from where it comes from"? So, also the knowledge of God can come from the devil? Even the teaching on predestination can come from the devil? Yes, the devil can come and preach predestination, and deceive you by preaching that: "Since you are predestinated, therefore you cannot be lost". Yes, he can do that! He did with Eve, he has done it many times, and he can do it now again. Be careful!

See, you have to watch "who sends" that preaches that you listen! Look if the "Life of Christ" is following his preaching. Look if he "lives" and "obey" all the Commandments of God. If that Life of Christ is not following the preacher, then BE CAREFUL about that man that preaches to you predestination! He can be a deceiver, even if he preaches to you predestination.

#### WORST SINNER IN THE CITY. 56-0218E.

You mean there's not a sinner in the building? God bless you, sir. God bless you. God bless you, brother. You like Divine healing, don't you? Sure, fish, loaves and fishes. But when it comes to coming to Him, you crawl back in the shell; you want to slip off back down.

Oh, they say, "Well, I don't know about that stuff." Better be careful. I hear that ambulance siren all the time through the night. Every time you pass a graveyard, remember, your number's there. And yonder is eternity, and you're going to stand before Him someday. You can't repent then. Now is your time to do it.

Will you raise your hand, say, "God, be merciful to me. I now accept Jesus right now as my Saviour."

Now is your time to do it? To do what, if salvation is by predestination? To do what, if we are saved since before the foundation of the world? Why you have to accept Jesus as your Saviour, if it is HE that have accepted you, and you are predestinated?

#### JESUS CHRIST THE SAME. 56-0225.

But what did the Pharisees said? They said, "That's mental telepathy, or He's the chief of all the fortunetellers." "Why," they said, "He's Beelzebub, and He knows this, because He's a fortuneteller."

What did Jesus say? He said, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven to man, that blasphemed the Son of man. But whosoever shall blaspheme the Holy Ghost, is never forgiven in this world or the world to come." And the Bible said He said this because they said, "He has an unclean spirit." Know what a danger lays there? Be careful. So let's walk humbly. See, we don't play church no more; them days are over. We're living in church now. He said, "If you speak a word against the Holy Ghost, it'll never be forgiven you."

Who can blaspheme the Holy Ghost, the elect? Or the elect is excluded from this danger? Just think, ponder.

#### JESUS CHRIST THE SAME. 56-0225.

Now, Jesus had not yet been glorified. So the Blood cell wasn't broke. But he was blaspheming Jesus and said... What is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost now? Is to call the work of God, the devil. So be careful. That's never forgiven, nowhere at all, never can be forgiven. Anyone who would declare the works of God to be the devil, Jesus said, "That it's never forgiven." So be careful how you class God's work fanaticism, or mental telepathy, or the working of the spiritualist, or something like that, better be careful. But that was their attitude. And I'm sorry to say; it's still their attitude.

To whom the prophet is saying "be careful"? You think the elects are excluded from this danger? You better be careful my brother, my sister! Just stay humble before God.

#### SHOW US THE FATHER IT'LL SATISFY. 56-0422.

"Now, the soul that sinneth, it shall die," is that right? That means to separate. "Death" means "separation." "He that heareth My Word, believeth on Him who sent Me, has Everlasting Life," can't die. See? But when you grieve that soul, it goes away from you. It was done far from her, didn't talk to her no more. But when her intellects begin to break up, she said... Then nothing left here, but the soul had to come back. Well, what was--what condition was it in. See? When it walked up, it begin to rebuke her for the life she'd lived. She said, "My, God, I'm lost." So the--the pastor said, "Oh, now, here, don't get hysterically."

She said, "I'm not hysterically." She said, "Go get Brother Neville right quick."

Said, "Here, here, here, here now, here, I'll call the intern." And the doctor come in, give her shot.

And she said, "I'm--I'm lost."
"Give her another, doctor."

"I'm--I'm lost; I'm lost. I'm lost. I'm..." And the hypo stopped the confession. <u>But that soul that she grieved, she'll have to be tormented with it as long as there's an eternity to last</u>. See? Be careful. You take God's Word. GOD IS IN HIS WORD, NOT IN SOME MAN'S THEOLOGY, but in His Word. Do you believe it?

Now, was she lost because she was not predestinated, or because she did not <u>stay</u> with the Word? The prophet says that it was because she "grieved the soul". Just think!

The prophet says also that "death" means "separation". Now, to separate it means that before the thing was "united". Because you cannot be separate unless you before was united.

If you are separated from God, it means that before you was "united" with Him. And what can be united with Him beside the Elects? Just ponder well this part of the Truth!

#### JEHOVAH JIREH. 56-0429.

So be careful. Just one word is all you have to get out of line. So you see, where I stand here today? Who am I to stand here with these kind of things? See?

Now, before you can get "out of line" you must be "in line". If you was all the time out of line, how can you get out of line?

Now, if you was all the time lost, how can you get lost? To get lost it means that once you "belonged" to the One from which you got lost. If you never belonged to God, how can you be lost?

So the lost is the one that once was with God, but because he did not stay in line with the Word, every Word, then he got lost. And all of us are BORN lost, because Eve and Adam lost us. And Jesus came to "find" us, to save those that was lost. But after they are saved, found, could there be a possibility that they get lost again? This is the point! **That is why they have to be careful!** 

See, you could not be careful "while you where lost". So you have to be careful "after" you are no more lost. You have to be careful "after" you are found. Let me say it with other words: BECAUSE YOU ARE SAVED, BECAUSE YOU ARE FOUND, BECAUSE YOU ARE AN

ELECT, THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.

JEHOVAH JIREH. 56-0429.

The Bible said He's the High Priest and can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Now, He's here in Spirit form. You can touch Him with your sickness.

Now in closing... And may the Lord help you to believe it. If Jesus Christ will return. Now, He--He can't come here in a corporeal body. When His body comes from glory, every eye shall see Him, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess. Is that right?

Now, all this isms going around. My poor little children, you be careful as you're waiting around. 'Cause they's everything in the world... Remember when all... In the last days the Bible said that the devil would go about like a roaring lion, lying wonders, deceiving. Is that right? And when all hell opened up, remember all heaven open up, too. See?

Who are these "poor little children" that have to be careful, the foolish virgins? The reprobates? Or the Elects? Just think.

JEHOVAH JIREH. 56-0429.

And the Bible said that Jambres and Jannes would raise up in the last days and almost deceive the very elect. Be careful, BROTHER, and keep it right on the Word of God. Don't leave there. A whole lot of things today that's going on that's not coming from that Word. And you leave it alone. Stay with the Bible. 'Cause the Bible said it would deceive the very elect if possible. But when your name's wrote on the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world, you'll know His Voice. A stranger you'll not follow.

I don't care if oils pouring out of hands, feet, and everything else. You'll know that don't come from the Bible, and <u>you'll stay with God.</u> Now, just watch. All kinds of wonders.

Who are these that the prophet is warning, the reprobates? The foolish virgins? Or the Wise Virgins, the Bride of Christ?

LAMB AND THE DOVE. 56-0917.

Now, if we'll watch the Dove... The reason it stayed on the Lamb, because their <u>natures was</u>

the same. And the reason that the dove stays on the Christian, He will stay there AS LONG AS HE IS A LAMB. But WHEN HE TAKES A DIFFERENT NATURE, the Dove will take its flight.

This Lamb was first a spotless Lamb. The Bible said that He was a spotless Lamb. And the lamb could not depend upon its own travel; a lamb has to be led, or guided, or shepherded.

Did you ever go to a slaughterhouse and watch them slaughter sheep? The lamb... The sheep won't go up the chute themselves to the slaughter; there's a goat leads them to the slaughter. But the goat, when he gets up to the place where the killing place is, he jumps over the chute.

Now, that's just a very typical thing of the devil. He will lead God's sheep right up to the slaughter, and then he steps out aside. That's right. So be careful what's a leading you. Ha, ha. Amen.

Be careful of who is leading you? What? Why it is "YOU" that have to be careful, and not God, since it is God the One that does all for you?

How can you be careful of yourself, when it is all by predestination, and it is God that did take care of you since the foundation of the world? Just think.

And then, look: <u>"But WHEN HE TAKES A</u> <u>DIFFERENT NATURE..."</u>. What? The lamb can take a different nature? The lamb can choose the nature? Just ponder this!

FATHER THE HOUR HAS COME. 56-1002A.

The time has come that God will gather His Church together through under one great big banner of the Lord Jesus Christ and pour out His powers among them. And great signs and wonders will take place; the time has come.

The time has come for the Pentecostal church to make a stand. The time has come to circumcise the church and cull out this foolishness. The time has come to go back to the old landmark. The time has come for the outpouring. The time has come for the gathering of the people. The time has come for Jesus to come. The time will be here soon to give out the rewards.

Brother, be careful that your crown isn't set on someone else's head. The time has come. We're at the end time. If we're ever going to do anything, brethren, we're going to do it now.

The time is at hand. The time has come when God's shaking every denomination under the sun.

"Be careful that your crown isn't set on someone else's head"? And how can it be, since all has been predestinated by God since the foundation of the world? If God has predestinated a crown for my head, how can it be that it goes on someone else's head? Just think!

SECONDHANDED ROBE. 56-1206.

Now look, Eve was seeking new life when Satan deceived her. So now, be careful, go forward; I want to pray for you that God will give you the baptism of the Holy Ghost and give you your desires. Come here.

"Eve was seeking for new life"? What? And what was wrong with 'seeking new life'?

You know, that seeking was a sign that she was not satisfied with the "simplicity" of the Message God had given her. She wanted something real deep. Just like some preachers are doing now with the Message. My, they preach so deep things that make me headache! Some poor Sheep go to church to be bless by the Word, but they get "head hakes" instead of blessings! Yes, that is true!

Many believers when they hear some of these intellectual preachers in the Message, they hardly can understand what they preach, because <u>it is so deep!</u>

So deep? No, it is not so deep; I will say: IT IS SO DECEIVING! It is so FOOLISH!

If a preacher does not preach in "simplicity", then he IS NOT SENT FROM GOD! Yes, just remember that. The prophet preached so simple! It is "deepness in simplicity", so that the simple can catch it and will understand.

It is deep for the "smart minds", for the "scientific minds"; it is even "foolishness" for the educated minds; but for the "simple minded people", all deepness is very simple, especially when it is explained by the symbols of the natural world.

You tale a simple believer, let him listen a Sermon of Brother Branham, one of the first. While he listen to it, he will say "Amen!" to every word. Then let hem listen another one, and another one, and another one, till the last one,

HE WILL NEVER SEE IN IT A MISTAKE. Never! He just enjoys everything the prophet says. He never finds contradiction, never find a mistake. Then you give him the Church Age Book, he will read it through, and never find a mistake. Never find a contradiction. Never. Why? BECAUSE HE IS "SIMPLE" IN HIS MIND, IN HIS THINKING.

But let the same sermons be listened by an "intellectual mind, a "scientific mind", my, my, how many mistakes he finds! How many contradictions! And then he starts to reason, and say: "But why the prophet says this *here*, and then he says *that* there? And look *here* what he says, and look *there* what he says!". And then he starts to try to figure out what he sais, to make out of It his own puzzle, his own picture.

But, to do so he has to leave out *this*, *that* and the *other*. He has to inject his interpretation *here* and *there*. He has to *explain* what the prophet meant *here* and *there*. And then, when he has finished his picture, his puzzle, he preaches it to the people. But because it is a "result", a "product", of a scientific mind, in it there is no simplicity! Therefore, the "simple believers", CANNOT catch it. So they listen, they try to figure out what the preaches says, but they could not enjoy it, because their simple mind cannot grasp it. And by this, they are lead in the wrong direction, because once they get "confused", then they can be lead as sheep to the slaughter. Yes.

Now, seeking new life is the same thing as seeking "new revelation", new "understanding", new "figure out". But there is nothing new to find, because Jesus Christ is the SAME!

The LIFE is still the same! What changes is the KNOWLEDGE. But we cannot know more of Jesus by knowledge, but only by REVELATION. And the revelation comes ONLY FROM GOD. Only God can give the revelation. And He reveals Himself to the SIMPLE.

But now you find preachers that they get some revelation by their studying, by their scientific reasoning and figuring out, and then they give it to the people. And if people don't get it, then they easily tell you: "Ah, you cannot get this revelation. It is only for the Elects". And by this they make you feel that you are not an elect, only because you don't see the picture that they see.

My brothers and sisters, don't listen to them! Just stay in simplicity, obey the Lord in all His commandments, do what pleases the Lord, and AUTOMATICALLY He will reveal Himself to you, because He wants to reveal Himself to you MUCH MORE than you desire it. Yes.

You have just to believe, receive, and live the Word of God. All the rest will come automatically. GOD DOES THE REST! And you don't need to have a scientific mind. Rather, BE CAREFUL of those that have a scientific mind! They can easily be servants of the devil.

So, you see, just there Eve fell into the trap! And for us there is where lays the same danger: if we do not stay with the simplicity of what the prophet has brought to us, we can fall into the same trap as Eve!

Yes, some preachers have forgotten that God reveals Himself in simplicity. Yes, they have forgotten this truth, and have gone into the way of preaching deep things, so deep that the Sheep of God cannot grasp them.

I tell you my dear brother preachers: if your preaching is so deep that the simple Sheep cannot catch what you preach, then your preaching is inspired of the Devil. Yes. You can say what you want, I still believe it.

Deep things could have been accepted before, but no more now, since all the mysteries has been revealed. There are no more deep things for the Sheep, for God has opened the Seven Seals, and ALL is in plain vew, but, as always, in SIMPLICITY.

#### GOD KEEPS HIS WORD. 57-0115.

Don't let your children... If he runs across the street to little Oswald over here, he's a nice little boy; but be careful who little Oswald is. Find out what his daddy is, what his mama is. They may be a hater of the Gospel. They may have everything projected into little Oswald. And you let your little boy or girl associate like that, and the first thing you know, he will come up and be like little Oswald. Now, you know that's right. Watch your associates. Keep your company clean.

Now, why we have to be careful about our company, since the elects cannot be deceived? Since your children will be protected by the Token anyhow?

But I have heard some preachers saying: "Oh, let your children stay with every one! Let them have

their experience! If they are predestinated, they will come anyhow". But the prophet teaches us differently!

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD-2. 57-0307.

God bless you and let us bow our heads. Eternal God, blessed Saviour, I pray Thee to be merciful to us, and with all that Thou has given me to say, I have said it. And You have said in Your Word, "My Word will not return void, but It will accomplish that which It was meant for. And Thou knowest the motives of my heart. As a watchman sit on the wall, I've throwed out a warning to the people, to be careful in these last days. And I pray God it'll sink deep into the hearts of every person, and may the Holy Spirit water it, and may it bring forth great revivals, and in unity of brotherhood among ministers, and the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts. And may we see before the end of time a great outpouring and a revival. Grant it, Lord. Have mercy upon us. Be Thou merciful to us and forgive us of our sins and trespasses. And let Thy mercies rest with us. We pray in Jesus' Name.

"I've throwed out a <u>warning</u> to the people, to be careful in these last days"? And for what thing is this warning? Of what thing we do have to be careful?

What is the danger of the last days? Is not that to be "deceived"? But the Elect cannot be deceived! Oh, it could be that the prophet forgot that the elects cannot be deceived, so that is why he warned us to be careful? Huh!

CORINTHIANS BOOK OF CORRECTION. 57-0414.

Now, that--want stop a minute though on that Rock was Christ. The Rock was Christ. It was there in literal form as it is in spiritual form today. The Manna, the food, which is the Word that come from God out of heaven, Christ is the Word of God, and we eat the Word. See? We set like in the message this morning; we listen, our souls reaching, grab that Word. We live by the Word. He said, "They all eat that same spiritual manna; and they all did drink, all drink from that same spiritual Rock: and that Rock was Christ." Think of it. Now, what's he going to put it to an end here? He's warning those Corinthians, "Be careful what you're doing. When I come among you, one has a psalm, one has a tongue, one has

a this, and one has a that. One has a prophecy; one has a revelation; one's doing this; and one's doing that. Be careful; don't base your faith upon that." Those things are all right. They got their place and in the church, but don't never base your salvation on that. If your life doesn't tally up to God's Word, then it's time for a get right with God.

Now, look here: the prophet does not say: "If you don't believe in predestination, then it is time for a get right with God". No, no. He says: "If your <u>life</u> does not tally with God's WORD, then...".

You see? He does not put too much emphasis on predestination, but on God's Word. He does not put emphasis of your "theory", but on your "life". It is the "life" that counts, not if you believe or not believe in predestination.

#### HEBREWS CHAPTER 4. 57-0901E.

Just a word or two more here now, and we'll close:

For he that is entered into Christ's rest... ("Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden.")... you have ceased from your own works, as God did from his on the seventh day.

Yours might have been the thirtieth year, the fortieth year, the fifth year. Whatever it is, you have ceased from your works as God did from His eternally. You no more want the things of the world; the world's dead to you.

Now, 11th verse now, closely...

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest,... (not this one, not this one, but this one)... lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. What is it? The Pillar of Fire's here. The Angel of the Lord is with us. He's doing the very same things that He said He would do. And people stumble around and say, "Now... Oh, well, I guess It's all right. That's pretty good. Oh, I guess It's okay." Be careful that you don't fall in the same snare of unbelief. You take It with all your heart.

But if you are elect, then how can you fall into the snare of unbelief? Yet, you can fall in it!

You could say: "But if he falls, then God will take him out". But then, if you know that God will take you out anyhow, why you have to be careful no to fall? You should not care if you fall, because God takes you out anyhow!

"Oh!", you will say, "but if I fall 'willingly' then

I tempt God". Well, and what is the problem if you temp God? He will not let you be lost anyhow, because you are an elect!

"Oh", you will say, "but He can 'shorten' my days on earth!". Well, what is the matter if your days on earth are shortened? You have to die anyhow! And then, if you are saved, is not better that you go Home before, so that you will go away from this Satan's Eden? See, you should rejoice to go Home!

Is that a "punishment" if God takes you Home before you finish all your days on earth? No, that is not a punishment. If God takes you Home before you end all your days on earth, it is because He does not want to LOOSE you! Because He knows that if you go on like that, YOU WILL SEND YOUR SOUL TO HELL! So, to SAVE you, He shortens your days on earth.

#### QUEEN OF SHEBA. 58-0208.

And I might say this just now because the Holy Spirit seems to be putting it on my heart. Be careful, Satan will try to tell you of something great way off in another age to come, or another coming along of another revival, and you may be living in the last part of all you'll ever get. It may be now. It's always been that way.

So be careful. We're not playing church.

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH. 58-0620.

Now, we know that there is such thing as mind reading, they call it, or fortunetelling. What is fortunetelling? Fortunetelling is of the devil. And it's nothing but a perverted gift. Just like all unrighteousness is righteousness perverted. Did you ever hear of a fortuneteller preaching the Gospel, getting souls saved? Did you ever hear of a fortuneteller holding healing services and doing great mighty works for God, bringing souls to repentance? "By their fruit you shall know them."

Jesus was preaching of His Father's Kingdom and calling converts to Himself and to the Father. And they said, because He could perceive their thoughts, with the real gift of God, made Him a perverted gift, and He said, "To call the Spirit of God an unclean work would be forgiven--unforgivable when the Holy Ghost come to do it."

So He was very plain in what He said. So be careful friends, what you say about anything

that God does. Because it's a dangerous thing to fall into the hands of the living God. If you do not understand it, just keep still; don't say nothing. Say, "LORD, MAKE ME HUMBLE SO I WILL UNDERSTAND." Come with that kind of an attitude; don't just go away with the crowd and pass your own opinion. Search it through the Scriptures; watch the working of it, the nature of it, and see if it is of God or not. If it is of God, stay with it. If it isn't of God, get away from it. If it isn't Scriptural, then it isn't of God.

Look: by their "fruits" you know them. Not by their "preaching on predestination". Not by how good they can explain predestination. Not by how much they "believe" in predestination. Not by how "much work they do" for the Lord: BUT BY THEIR "FRUIT". What is this fruit? Their being one with the Word!

#### STRAIT IS THE GATE. 59-0301M.

They thought everything that belonged to the church would be saved. Jesus said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, and but few there'll be that'll find it."

Let me warn you this morning, church, be careful. It takes time today in our self-righteous, self-sufficient generation of hypocrisy that we're living in, an hour that when men and women stand in the churches and in the pews, and sing the anthems of God, and walk out of that church, and smoke cigarettes, and drink whiskey, and go to dances, and—and live for the world, and tell dirty, smutty jokes, and call themselves Christians.

#### MARY'S BELIEF. 59-0409.

Saint Francis of Assisi, the walking preacher with a Bible under his arm, who... The birds was hollering. And he said, "Be still, my little sisters, while I preach the Gospel." Then after he was dead, you made him a Catholic. How about Joan of Arc? Any you school children would've knowed of her, how that lady saw visions, performed miracles. And what did the Catholic church do? Burn her at the stake as a witch, as a Beelzebub. [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] For she was anointed with the Spirit of God, and she performed miracles. And the church world didn't recognize her until she was gone.

Be careful that we don't do the same thing. The Holy Spirit's here now in Its Fullness, in Its power. Be careful, if you don't wait till... <u>All that didn't receive the Seal of God got the mark of the beast.</u> You know what the mark of the beast was--was to reject the Seal of God. In the Old Testament when the trumpet sounded, the Priest sounded the trumpet, if a slave <u>did not want to go free</u>, he had to be sealed, bored in his ear with an awl. Then he was a slave the rest of his days.

#### ABRAHAM'S SEED. 59-0423.

But Abraham, giving Lot the choice. Now, of course, Lot, being a man of the world, he looked around for the best. So he looked around to see where-the meeting that would pay off the best. So he looked around to find out where it would be the greatest for him. So he begin to look towards Sodom. Now, he saw Sodom, the fine watered fields of-of the river, as she watered the plains there, and grass, and plenty of grass for the cows, and this was all barren up here.

That's the way people <u>make their choice today.</u>
They say, "Well, if I want to be religious, I'll...
Here's a church that's already established. It's a great church; it's a big church, got plenty of money; it's fine people." **Be careful. By faith, we choose** (See?), by faith.

#### QUEEN OF SHEBA. 60-0110.

But these men could not give an answer to their church. The thing had been done, and--and there was something wrong, and they had to give an answer. So they just placed it off and said, "Why He's a prince of all the devils."

Jesus said, "I forgive you for it, speaking that word against I, the Son of man. But when the Holy Ghost is come (referred them back to Isaiah's Scr--Scripture of the Gentiles in the last days), one word against it will be never forgiven in this word nor the--this world or the one that is to come."

So it behooves us in these last days that when we are seeing strange sights, to be careful. Place it on the Scripture. And if God said so, then believe it. If He did not say it, then be real careful, if it isn't in the Bible and a promise of God.

#### HEAR RECOGNIZE ACT ON WORD. 60-0221.

See where we're at? **Jesus said, "Be careful."**See how Judas was? He was right with them. He was the Esau, made greater for this age. He was the deceiver, the impersonator, made greater for this age. Here he come right up to again, a

brother of Jesus, a pretended brother. But in his heart he was with the old carnal church all the time, because that's where he sold Jesus to. He sold Jesus, his birthrights, just as much as Esau did for a mess of pottage. He sold his birthrights for thirty pieces of silver.

#### POSITION IN CHRIST. 60-0522M.

Our sins; an atonement, love for our sins, or we'd never have a chance. How we could just anchor on them Words.

... according to the riches of his grace;

Wherein he--he has abounded... (What is "abound"? Oh, my.)... Wherein He has abounded,... (great heaps of it)... he has abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence;...

"Prudence, all the wisdom He has abounded towards us with all wisdom, not worldly. The wisdom of the world is foolish to Him, and the wisdom of God is foolish to the world. Just like day and night, one can't agree with the other one. But when the sun begins to rise and daytime comes, night scatters from place to place. And when the Light of the Gospel begins to come in, all the things of the world just begins to fade out and what does it do? He abounds the Sunlight upon His children, walking in the Spirit, led of the Spirit of God, abounding in His grace with all prudence, and wisdom, understanding, and shrewdness to know how to walk. You see it's wrong; then be careful what you do, how you... If it's wrong, be careful even how you approach it. Prudence... Be real close, real sure that you know how to approach it: wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove. That's what Jesus said.

#### CONFERENCE. 60-1125.

And they begin to pray like this, all with one accord. Another Pentecostal meeting. All with one accord. I imagine that was a noise. Don't you imagine so? Everybody saying, "Why did the heathens rage, why do the people imagine the vain things? Surely they're stretching forth thy holy Child, Jesus, His hands to heal the sick, and when that conference begin to be held, and they begin to call out to God, the returns came.

Oh, it... "Maybe you'd better be careful. You might get in jail. You'd better kinda take it easy." You know what the Spirit said to that missionary awhile ago. "There's no taking it easy." Must I be carried home to heaven on a flowery bed of ease, while others fought to win the prize and

sailed through bloody seas. Why do we expect to be carried home on a basket of flowers? Let me fight. Let me show some scars.

As I was reading an article or a little poet book. Said that Caesar was going to ask, and he was going to ride in a great chariot, and he wanted some of his soldiers, a honorable soldier to ride with him down through the streets of this great jubilee. And all the warriors trimmed their plumes, and polished their shields and their helmets, getting ready to pass by Caesar and when... To review to see who he had choose to ride with him in this great parade; and said all of his warriors walking perfectly, straightly, walked by, and stood with their salute. And said all along Caesar looked at each one as he come by. Said after a while a little bitty old soldier crippled up in his arm, scarred all over his face, and everything walked by, and he felt ashamed of hisself, and kinda bowed his head, and started away; and Caesar said, "Wait a minute. Wait a minute there. Come back here."

And the little soldier walked up and fell down on his knees. He said, "Yes, great emperor."

Said, "Where did you get them scars? What you all scarred up about?"

He said, "I got them in the battlefield fighting for my emperor."

He said, "You set up here by me. You earned a ride." I don't care whether I'm a D.D., Ph.D. or double L.D. I want some scars to show that I've been in the battle. That's what Christians ought to do. Don't you chose the flowerly, easy things. I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few. I've started in with Jesus, O Lord, take me through.

PATMOS VISION. 60-1204E.

Now, I want to ask you something else. Let me say something to you people that's saved, let me say this to you.

Now, you drifting soul, you poor drifter that's drifting over that great cataract yonder, be careful. It'll be a horrible thing when you know that there's no saving for you then. You can't get saved then; you know your doom lays right before you. When you know within a few minutes you'll hear that voice speak out, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, into everlasting fire which is prepared for the Devil and his angels." You'll know when you hear that great falls a-roaring of those voices of those meetings, while you're passing out of this. Oh, what a

horrible thing, what a nightmare. <u>Don't let it</u> happen to you, people. Repent, get right with <u>God now, while you can get right.</u>

"To you people that is **saved**"? What do you have to say to the people that's saved? Yet, to the people that's is saved, the prophet says: **BE CAREFUL!** Was he wrong? No, <u>you</u> are in the wrong, you that say: "Take it easy".

#### PERGAMEAN CHURCH AGE. 60-1207.

And did you notice last night the Holy Spirit gave us (after the service was over) three messages and three souls, just exactly. And when the Spirit was speaking, then it come back on the last interpretation, repeated, said, "What the Spirit saith unto the churches..." Or, "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." Just... And the Spirit saying through the gifts of the church... Oh, may the church hold that reverent now (See?); just keep it reverent. Be careful; Satan will come along, try to run you off at the deep end at it. Be sure it's the Holy Spirit each time. And if it's the Holy Spirit, He'll speak directly to something that's going on. It's for the edification of the church. See? And then if you be reverent with those, God then will give you more. See, just keep adding more and more.

#### UNCERTAIN SOUND. 60-1218.

Now, He can provide Himself a Church; He don't have to have me. He don't have to have you. No, He don't. He doesn't have to have... He can provide. Somebody else can take your place. Be careful some don't take your crown. He don't have to--to have us, but we have to have Him. If you ever lived, you've got to have Him. Because He's the only One, as Peter said when He said, "Will you all go?"

REV. CHAP. 4. PT.3. THRONE MERCY. 61-0108.

And we sure have enjoyed this time of fellowship around the Word of God with you fine people. I trust that you'll be faithful now, and come to church, and obey the teachings of the Bible through our gallant brother here, Brother Neville, which I highly recommend as a servant of the Lord God, and moving on deeper and deeper with God, and I'm so happy for that.

And the little church, I admonish you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, to grow in the grace of God; hold yourself steady and look towards

Calvary all the time, taking all the roots of bitterness out of your heart and soul, that God might use you at anytime. If you ever feel to do something, or a revelation or something comes to you strangely, something warningly or something, be careful. Satan is as sly and slick as he can be. See? Put it with the Word of God and consult your pastor. See?

WHY. 61-0125.

And Ahab went down and had some fellowship with Jehoshaphat—or, Jehoshaphat with Ahab. And he... Whenever you see some of the unbelieving world, "Would you come out to our little card party, dear?" Be careful.

"Well, you know you work here and your boss wants you... We're just going to have a few little social things tonight." Stay away from it. Get away from it.

"Well, it's Christmas, you got a right to have a little clean fun." Don't you believe that. Stay away from it. Shun the very appearance of evil. Stay out of it.

"Well, you know you work here and your boss wants you... We're just going to have a few little social things tonight." Stay away from it. Get away from it.

But why all this "stay away", this "be careful", this "shun the very appearance of evil", etc. etc.? Why all this warning? Why, if you are an elect, you cannot be deceived anyhow! So, why all this warning that the prophet gave to the believers? Why? Was it because he did not believe in predestination, or because he did not believe that the elects cannot be deceived? Huh!

#### GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE. 61-0412.

Great omnipotent, eternal, infinite God, we humbly approach Thy throne of mercy because we've been bidden to come by the Lord Jesus, by saying, "If you'll ask the Father anything in My Name, I'll do it." Then we come with the blessed assurance of knowing that we will get what we ask for. There isn't one shadow of doubt in our hearts. If there is, forgive us, Lord, for it's sin to disbelieve God's Word and His promise.

We ask that the Holy Spirit will come with us tonight, will get into these few arranged words from the context of this text that I have drawn tonight to speak to this, the purchase of Thy Blood.

And I am aware, Father, that how I would feel if

I held in a glass tonight, two drops of the literal Blood of Your precious Son. How I would hug it to my heart, have to hold it sideways to keep my tears from dropping in it, to know that it was that Blood that saved me, healed me. By that blood I

BECOME a son of God by His grace.

How I would cherish it and be careful that I--I set my foot just right. I wouldn't want to make a stumble to spill it for nothing.

"Well, it's Christmas, you got a right to have a little clean fun." Don't you believe that. <u>Stay away from it.</u> <u>Shun the very appearance of evil.</u> <u>Stay out of it.</u>

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN. 61-0903.

So we must be like Him and be careful what we do, what we say what we do in our daily life, because we are sponsored by Christ. How ought we to walk if we're sponsored by Christ? What ought we to say if we're sponsored by Christ? If someone says evil against us, what must we say if we're sponsored by Christ? We must be like Christ, isn't that right?

Now, now, there's only one thing... Then another thing <u>we must do</u>, not the only thing, <u>but another thing that we ministers must do</u>. We must preach a Gospel that's appealing to the hungry.

#### HAVE NOT I SENT THEE. 62-0124.

How about that man in Phoenix down here, when was first here that time? Remember over here in the place, that—that wouldn't put his head down? And they pulled me over him a dozen times in California, setting over there, beard all over (Official here in the city), beard all over his face, like that, setting there going, "Ugh, ugh," like that, no mind at all. A evil spirit was cast out of one and went into him. That's right. Right here in Phoenix, my first trip. Right. See, you just have to be careful, now.

We're not playing church. It's just like it was in the days of Gideon. Time of playing church is over. We got to get ready to meet God. Yes, sir. Going around, sign your name on a ticket, and join a church, that's all out. Remember these things will go from one to another. Certainly will.

"We got to get ready to meet God"? But if you are predestinated, what are you to get ready for?

UNBELIEF DOES NOT HINDER GOD. 62-0128M. When you see the Methodists, and Baptists, and

Presbyterians, and so forth, seeking after the Holy Ghost, **be careful. That's the hour**. When the sleeping virgin begin to come, and they said, "Give us your oil..."

Why to be careful? We should rejoice that Methodist, Baptists, Presbyterians, and so forth, are seeking after the Holy Ghost! Why the prophet says to be careful?

A PARADOX. 62-0128A.

One time when a believer got in the wrong company... (We have that all the time.) A believer by the name of Jehoshaphat got into the wrong company with Ahab, a make-believer. And when a make-believer and a believer gets together, you got trouble. Now, when you get a believer in a seminary that's got a bunch of make-believers in there, you got trouble again.

So Jehoshaphat wanted an axe to grind-or Ahab, rather, sent for Jehoshaphat to come down. He showed him all the glory of his Kingdom. And Jehoshaphat, like a believer... Sometimes seeing the exciting, something extraordinary, he becomes excited about it. And that's when the man has to watch. That's where you girls have to watch some little guy with his hair slicked down and... Be careful. And some of you boys has to watch that little-you little Jezebel, you know, and would lead you off the wrong way. Be careful. Stay in the right company. Notice.

But if you are an elect, you can stay in any company you want to, because you cannot be deceived anyhow! But the prophet said to be careful! Why?

END TIME SIGN SEED. 62-0319.

What's the matter, Church of God? What's the matter with us? What's the matter with you Baptists, you Presbyterians, Assemblies of God, Jesus Only, all the rest of you? What's the matter with us? Can't you see? The seed... Don't you... Be careful what kind of a seed you're taking in your womb of your heart. Don't you take creeds; take the Word.

What? Be careful what kind of a seed you're taking in your womb of your heart? But if the seed in your heart was sown since before the foundation of the world! What we have to be careful about?

You see, even if you are a predestinated child of God, a gene of God, YET, you have to be careful what kind of seed you take into your heart.

WISDOM VERSUS FAITH. 62-0401.

Church of the Living God, here and on tape too, do you know where you stand? Do you know that you are called of God, that the Holy Ghost reigns in your heart, and every Word of God is real to you? Oh, brother, how's Satan going to stand against that? How's he going to stop that from growing? How's he going to keep them signs from following. Why, you could throw them in jail. They... If you could... I don't care what you do, they done tried it. They rotted in the jails; they was fed to lions; they were sawed asunder; they were burnt to pieces. You can't kill it (right!), a church that's predestinated. "Those who He foreknew (like He did Jesus), He has called; those who He called, He has justified; and those who He has justified, He has already glorified, predestinated." And now, in the last days with every seed sowed; everything in order (the world in its order, the time shaped up, the church in its order, the seed, the evening lights); the signs of--like He said, "As it was in the days of Sodom..." (an Angel of God, the Holy Spirit coming down, moving, performing the signs that He did then); Malachi 4 promised He'd send in the last days what He promised; and we see all of that right here where? Where?

Amen, amen, amen, amen!

Do you love Him? Amen! (Sure!)

Right here in the last days, a predestinated church, knowing where they're standing, sowed with the Seed, the Holy Spirit in the church. Satan, be careful!

You see, here the prophet tell us that when the Church knows where she stands, then it is Satan that has to be careful. But you have to know where you stand! Where? On the WORD!

And to stand on the Word does NOT mean only predestination. To stand on the Word means MANY things!

POSSESSING ALL THINGS. 62-0506.

You people, you might think here now, here it is, "Brother Branham, I--I sometimes I'm tempted to steal, or sometimes I'm tempted to smoke." Or sometimes the women think, "I'm tempted to

dress like the people of the world, you know, the immoral clothes and things. I'm tempted," the young ladies. Now, you think that's tempting, what about over here where you've got every little move to watch (You see?) in a ministry. What a greater thing it is over here, and what they'd have to answer more for. Because you have to answer for your own souls, but we have to answer for everybody we speak to. See? So Satan just constantly... Well, you say, you... "Isn't that a pretty little dress? It's all wrong to wear, but isn't it beautiful? It'd fit me just right." Where it is to me... Now, that's, you know that's wrong. But in a minister it's, "You should go to this meeting here; this is just it. They say it's so great, the congrega..." And yet you've got to wait and hear God say go. See? Oh, would you go over here and see this person here? This is such-and-such." And you got to watch; be careful. See? Oh, it's so sly. And now, we have to watch those things.

TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS. 62-0601.

Out when I go on this meetings now, I'm just going out. I don't know, I--I may not say one thing about these messages like I preached here. I may not even have one night of discernment. I don't know. I'm just going, not knowing what I'm going to do. I couldn't tell you; I'm just going. And that's only... And that's the way you have to do. You've got something in mind. The people here wants a church. Build it. As quick as you can, get it up. Get your teachers and things. You brethren out yonder with your little churches and you want to-you're doing a work, God will reward you for that. Go out there. Preach. Do everything you can. Let all of you get together, you bunch of men, and have meetings and talk on deep things of the Scripture and pray. Don't--don't just come here together unless you come for a prayer meeting alone. Do your praying in secret. Stay out in the place, and go into your rooms, hide out somewhere, and just kneel down, and just stay before God and stay there. Then if you find out, look like something's moving up, oh, you just going, and you find out it gets a little bit off the Word, then be careful. No matter how good it looks, stop right there.  $\underline{A}$ wrong spirit struck you, 'cause the Message of this day is to the Word. See?

The Message of this day is: To the Word!

TAKE ON THE WHOLE ARM OR OF GOD. 62-0701.

Now, notice. Satan tried to get in there to spy out, to see what-how he could get a hold of that human race, and he took one of the most famous tactics that... Well, it showed that he had to be a supernatural power to think of it. And he used this the first time and was successful, and he's done it ever since, and still successful to a certain estate. He used REASONING AGAINST FAITH.

Satan come to Eve and begin to reason against the Word of God, the great Armor that God had fortified His people with. He begin to use reasoning. Now, "It's only reasonable that God would not destroy you. Surely you will not die." But remember, friends, that's Satan's tactic to begin with, and he still uses the same thing, and still successful with it: a reasoning.

They try to reason: "Why would we need the Holy Ghost today? Why would we need Divine healing? Why would we need this, and how would we need another Pentecost? We're all civilized." They were too. But you see, if whatever it taken to begin with, and whatever God give them to begin with, that's what it ever remains. And tactics of reasoning is what Satan used, and that's what he ever uses: reasoning. We know our enemy, because any enemy... (Now, Brethren, I have let away from doctrine, you see, around here, but I've got to say this.) Any enemy that reasons against... Or any person, any church, any organization, any individual that reasons against one punctuation of God's Word is your enemy. It takes the Word to defeat the enemy.

Now Satan will say to you: "Why should you evangelize? The elect will come anyhow!". And: "Why you have to pray?, the things will happen just exactly the way God has predestinated them.", and: "Why you have to be careful?, everything is under God's control! Just rest, relax!", and: "Why you have to worry about?", and: "Why you have to go to church? You can stay home, listen a tape, and still be an elect, and still you can go in the Rapture. You see, going in the Rapture is by ELECTION, not by going to church", and: "Why you have to pay your Tithes? You cannot go in the Rapture because you pay your Tithes, but because Gos has ELECTED you!", etc. etc. See, still that old same devil speaking: making you reason against the Word!

You see, it is a reasoning that brings you to be "disobedient" to the WHOLE Word. See?

JEHOVAH JIREH PART.3. 62-0707.

Then he took the wood and put it on Isaac's back; the cross, God's Son years later. And Isaac packed the wood up the hill, that he was going lay on for a sacrifice: foreshadowing.

If God foreshadowed that to a dot; Lot's wife, don't you turn around and look back towards the things of the world. All those types and shadows are perfect. See? Remember Eve. Remember Lot's wife. Remember Lot himself, you men. Remember, Adam give in to his wife, Lot, the same way. Be careful. I'm just telling you as a brother. It's later than you think.

But if it is later than we thing, then why we should be careful? We should rather be rejoicing, and relax, and be happy! Why should we be careful? Just think!

GOD HAS A PROVIDED WAY. 62-0728.

The Bible plainly shows that we're in the last day and the last sign. I'm fairly young yet; I'm fifty-three years old. Watch this: In the Name of the Lord, you'll never see nothing greater. I know you're looking for something great, but watch out. You got your eye... You're on the wrong track right there.

Read the first three chapters of Revelation. There wasn't too much promised to the Gentile church. That's right. Those things that you're reading, that's coming over there in Israel after the church is gone. So be careful, brother. It passes right over you, and you don't know it.

And what is this thing that passes over you, BROTHER, and you don't know it? IT IS THE RAPTURE! But, why do you have to be careful about it, since ONLY the Bride, the Elects, will go into the Rapture, and NO ONE OF THE PREDESTINATED WILL MISS IT? Why?

If you have to be careful, then it means that even if you are an elect, it could be that you will miss It. Because, if ONLY the elects will go, then why the rest have to be careful since they CANNOT GO into the Rapture? Just ponder this.

PERSEVERANT. 62-0729.

And then the ministerial association went over and met him, and said, "Micaiah, all those

ministers... You've been kicked out of the organization now. All those ministers will take you right back in again, if you'll say the same thing he--they say."

He said, "As the Lord God lives, I'll say only what God puts in my mouth." There you are. There's a man of God. He come on over there, and he said, "Give me tonight." He spoke to the Lord; the Lord told him. And then he compared his vision with the Word.

Always compare your thoughts and your visions with the Word. If it's with the Word, God said it. If it isn't with the Word, you'd better be careful.

#### REPROACH FOR THE WORD. 62-1223.

Look at the great Ephesian church. There's only twelve in it. Look what a group we have today, the side of them. There's only eight souls in the days of Noah. There's only five in the days of Lot. No, four, Lot, his wife, and his two daughters; and she turned to a pillar of stone, after she got out by looking back. Actually three come out in that day. Jesus said, "As it was in them days..." It behooves us to watch and be careful. How few are the righteous.

Why do we have to watch and be careful, if we are predestinated? Why, if it is only by predestination that we can be saved?

#### ABSOLUTE THE. 62-1230M.

The same Jesus that walked in Galilee is a-living today, and alive forevermore; and He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, an absolute, that you don't have to take what anyone said, you know for yourself, not some sensation.

And if the sensation that you've had--and if somebody... It might've been a real Bible sensation. And somebody tried to explain it away from you, saying those things were in some other day, be careful. It is true. Be careful. But there is a way to know. Test it with the Word; That's the Blueprint.

If the house goes up contrary to the blueprint, the contractor will tear it down and rebuild it. But it's got to go to the blueprint.

#### INFLUENCE. 63-0112.

Now, we find out that this man got lifted up. So he took the censor and went forth to the altar, which was only permitted by God to consecrated men to that office. He tried to take the minister's place, and then the minister tried to correct him. We find out that fourscore priests, besides the

high priest, come after him and told him, "Sir..." In other words, like this, "God has blessed you. You're an honored man. You're a great man. And God has blessed you in your work. But you--you shouldn't do that. You're getting off of the beaten road."

Oh, how I could say some things here. <u>Yes, getting off the beaten road.</u>. But the... Being that the thing is the way it is, **let's try to conserve what we can get ahold of.** See?

He said, "You're off the track, for the Word of God says so-and-so. Only Aaron's generation shall do this. That's for Aaron and him alone, and his children. So King, we honor you; we respect you. You're a great man. But don't try to do that."

And was he humbled? No, sir. He thought, "God's blessed me, so I'll just do what I want to."

Now, watch, my brethren. Be careful there. Because, no matter how much God has filled you with His Spirit, and how much that you have done, and how well that you been blessed, you stay with the calling of God. Don't get off on some traditions, and organizational schemes, and so forth. You better come back to the path, better come back to what God laid down at the beginning.

Now, you've got something, but be careful with it. You'll ruin your influence if that thing doesn't come to pass. You know what I mean? "Oh," you say, "I belong..." I don't care where you belong, brother, sister. It's got to happen exactly the way you said it. If it isn't, you've only made yourself a laughing stock. You've only brought disgrace upon yourself, ruined your influence, and ruined the testimony of Jesus Christ that you're bearing. Be careful.

Now, your doctrine on them things are all right. But it goes by a promise and under conditions. So be careful about your influence.

#### EVENING MESSENGER. 63-0116.

Like it was in the days of Noah, there won't be too many of them saved, because Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah." Do you know that? "As it was in the days of Lot (Count them.), so shall it be. Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word will not." See what I mean? Oh, brother, we better take inventory; it might be really later than we think. MIGHT BE WE'D WAKE UP SOMEDAY AND SEE THAT WE'VE MISSED SOMETHING. Be careful. Watch, pray, search, seek; don't let It pass over

**you.** And remember, when God's Word is preached, God's obligated to that Word and will vindicate It.

My! You see how the prophet warns us? **Be** careful. Watch, pray, search, seek; don't let It pass over you. You see, he never says "take it easy", "relax". No, no. Which one you want to listen, the prophet or some intellectual preacher! I listen to the prophet.

#### SIGN OF THIS TIME. 63-1113.

And He... God in all ages has had signs for His people. And without doing anything, God sends a sign, always He sends a sign first. And He promised He would do the same thing, 'cause He cannot change. So when we see the end time appearing, and the signs of the end time, even the last sign that was promised before Sodom burned...

We've had joy. And we've had the--the stars shaken in the heaven. We've had wars and rumors of wars. We've had earthquakes in divers places, and all those things. With the gifts of the Spirit has returned back to the church. We've had all these different manifestations, great healing services and things, showing. That's all signs.

But the last sign just before the Gentiles were burned, was the sign, God manifested in human flesh. That's right. And Jesus said that'll be at His return. We ought to be careful now and get really right with God; be sure that you're right now.

What have you to get right with God, and be sure of it now, if you are a predestinated elect? Huh!

#### WORLD AGAIN FALLING APART. 63-1127.

That's what the self-styled church needs today, humble itself back again. Got to a place, there's no confession and there's no love among the people. It seems like it's dying daily. Church is cooling off. Everywhere, you find the revival's over, and you find a cooling off. We need a humiliating. And we...

They asked for a general and got a Lamb. Why? That's... God knew what they needed. That's what they needed. They needed a Saviour. They thought they was saved, but God knew they wasn't.

And that's what the world needs today again, is a Saviour, a Saviour of this condition, something that can hold it together, not a educated regime, some kind of a mechanical system, or some kind of an educational system. What we need is the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and saving grace back in the church again, when men, women, boys, and girls can be saved.

Have we waited too long? Is there many out that will never come in? Has the last name been redeemed? Is that what's the matter today? It could be, you know. You know, it could easily be, and never interrupt the Scriptures at all. It could be. So we don't know now; let's be careful.

#### INFLUENCES. 64-0215.

Sometimes that we get to a place we think God blesses us. "He give me a Cadillac; He give me a better job; He give me this." That's no sign that you can't turn His blessings from you.

When you get lifted up and feel, "Well, I once laid all night and prayed. I once did this, and I do that, but I didn't do it any more," you're on dangerous ground.

That's what's the matter with our Pentecostal people. Why, back yonder a long time ago, when we had a little missions down on the corner somewhere, the women with no stockings on, and beating the tambourine down there, had to pray all night and everything. Cops locked you up, and stayed in jail, and so forth. You prayed. The churches, all the denominations, laughed at you and made fun of you. But now, God has lifted you up till you got some of the best churches in the country, a great powerful denomination. You begin to feel secure. Be careful. That's when you get lifted up. Then when God sends something, you can't accept it anymore, because you've already witnessed to this thing. Then you begin to feel secure. That's the time that you're on your road to your fall. That's for denominations does for nations.

Look how the prophet warns us about "feeling secure". To feel secure is also a danger!

See, we have to watch all the time that we do not loose that freshness of the Spirit, that Communion with God, that humble character, that sweetness among one another, that fighting for the truth, that zeal for the lost souls, that praying for one another, that fear and trembling. And we loose that when we start to feel secure.

So, in one way we are secure with God, in another way we have to watch and pray all the time, otherwise we fall in temptation. UNVEILING OF GOD. 64-0614M.

You remember what Dathan and them said out there? They said, "Now, Moses, wait here just a minute; you take too much upon yourself. (See?) Now, there's other men here that God has called."

That was true. They, each one were following fine as long as they went along, but when one tried to step up and take God's position that He give Moses, which was predestinated and ordained to that job, tried to take it, fire come down and opened up the earth and swallowed them right into it. See, see? Be careful. See? Just be a good, god-godly Christian, believing the Word. See? Stay away from that Pillar. What a lesson.

#### THE ODDBALL, 64-0614E.

So Satan, he has some bolts and nuts too, bolts and nuts of the kingdoms of this world. Pharaoh was just as much nut to Noah--or to Moses as Moses was to Pharaoh. Pharaoh with all of his scientific gimmicks had pulled his nation to himself. Noah, by being a nut for God, pulled the church to the promised land. Depends on which way you're threaded. He pulled the church out of Egypt. As Noah pulled the church out of the world to the ark, Moses pulled the church from Egypt to God's promised land.

Jesus said... Now, **be careful**, <u>'cause these nuts</u> <u>and bolts look a whole lot alike</u>. <u>Just watch the thread</u>. Matthew 24:24, He said it would almost deceive the very Elected.

#### HARVEST TIME. 64-1212.

But notice Eve at this same stage, carried away by her supernatural understanding, she had a theological experience. Her education was supreme to any theologian in the country at that time. See, she was so carried away, she didn't know it. She knew she had something that Adam never had. Perhaps she'd be able to rule over him right now, because she knowed more about it, her Adam. Watch what their Adams are doing today. She knew good from evil, fine education of the truth. That's right. She had a fine education of the truth, that she didn't know before, and it was God's Truth. But she was dead by breaking the Word. See? She got her education, all right. So does the seminary give you a theological experience, that you can quote every character of the Old Testament or New. But be careful

what you're doing, if it don't break that Word right there, if you do. Just say, "Well, it's for them." No, it's for you, whosoever will. See, see? Be careful. "Oh, that was for the church long ago." He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

She had a fine education, <u>but she was also</u> dead in sin and trespasses.

#### TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE. 65-1127B.

Watch how close it gets to that razor edge now between right and wrong. And remember, it'll fall on one or the other sides; and it comes down <u>sometime like a honed razor between the</u> difference of right and wrong. It's got to be every Word of God, not just almost every Word, but every Word. And it's got down today, not to Lutherans, not to Methodists, not to Pentecostals, but to that honed age, in this age where just the antichrist anointing is so perfectly, it would deceive the very Elected; they'll fall on the wrong side if they don't watch it, like a wedge. Watch. Be careful. We're not living in a Pentecostal age now. We're passed that age, just the same we've passed Luther, and passed...

We have false impersonators rise up. What's that to do? To deceive. The Bible said they would. "As Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses, so will these in the last days." See? They're the same thing, come right along impersonating it, just exactly. See? Be careful. Watch the doctrine of the Bible.

#### THE RAPTURE. 65-1204.

Look at this prophet Isaiah standing there, a man, intelligent man, a man was thought of well by the king, 'cause he'd lived with Uzziah the king, which was a great man. Tried to take a preacher's place one time and went in, got smitten with leprosy... And that's what I told the Business Men. Don't never try to take a preacher's place. No, sir. You stay right where you're at. See? You do your work, what God put-told you. If you're a finger, you can never be an ear. If you're an ear, you'd never be a nose, nose or eye. See? You stay in your position.
You heard that message the other day on the

broadcast, "Trying To Do God A Service." David anointed king, all the people shouting and screaming it was right, but he never consulted God's prophet. And a man died, and the whole thing was marred. **Don't try to do God a favor.**  You wait till it's God's term. Let it come in His way of doing it. "I'll start this big thing; it'll do this." **Be careful, brother.** 

"If you're a finger, you can never be an ear. If you're an ear, you'd never be a nose, nose or eye"? But I have heard those that believe in predestination how they despise those that don't agree with them. My, how they despise and are so arrogant against the others! You know, to it shows that the revelation they have about predestination is simple wrong. That's all.

Because, you see, if they would have the right revelation, then they would be humble and comprehensive and respectful toward the others, because every one of us is just like God has made us, and we have not fault if we are what we are, and if you have the revelation is not because of your goodness or your ability, but because of God's grace.

If we are born "sinners", what fault do we have? We never chose to be born sinners! See? So, if we are sinners, it is not because of our choice! It is because God permitted, or allowed us to be born like that. See?

If we are foolish virgins, is it because "we made ourselves" so, or it is because God made us so?

But if it is because God has made us so, then, what can we do? Can we change our position?

And if we can change our position, then, where you put predestination?

See, why then we have to repent, if we was born sinners, shaped into iniquity, and it was not "our" fault? See? Just ponder.

MODERN EVENTS MADE CLEAR BY PROPHECY. 65-1206.

And that's what the church has done today. You've got away from that old fashion experience you had years ago when you stood on the street corner and preached the Gospel. Come out of those organizations and call yourself a free people today, because you're wrapped in it again, like a hog to its wallow or a dog to its yomit. If it made him vomit the first time, it'll make him vomit again. That's right. God spew you from His mouth, He said, "You're lukewarm, neither hot or cold"; have a few meetings, then play a few music and sing a little bit, when, it's--absolutely it's almost become a disgrace to Christianity.

Now, how many Message churches are just like these described by the prophet? "Have just a few meetings, play a few music, e sing a little, a little sermon, not too long otherwise the people get tired, and then go home". It has become a "disgrace" instead of a grace.

One does not go to the meeting because he/she has diarrhoea, the other one because have little children that next morning have to go to school, the other because he has to get early in the morning to go to work, the other because has a little fever, the other because has the influence, the other because he/she does not feel to go; and the pastor say: "Don't worry, if your name is in the Book, you will be there anyhow".

I tell you, if you act like that, it is because your name IS NOT IN THE BOOK! That's all.

If you have fever, influence, you are sick, or your children are sick, then you have a BIGGER incentive to go to church; you have a BETTER reason to go to church, because you can call the elders, the whole Body of believers, that pray upon you, anoint you with oil (if you don't have enough faith), and lay hands on you, on your children, and you go home healed.

But the believers think: "How can I go to church in such a condition? With such a fever? With such a diarrhoea? With such a flew? It is better I stay home". Nice, you are then a very good "make-believer", or a "foolish virgin", or worst: "A worker of INIQUITY". Yes.

Listen: if you cannot go to church because you are sick, then why you run to the hospital when you are sick, and don't stay at home, like you do when it comes to go to church?

When you are sick, why don't you think it is better that you stay at home, rather than to run to the hospital, or to the doctor? Why don't you stay at home? Why don't you act the same like for going to church? Why don't you apply the same principle? Why?

But you see, it is in the time of need that you show your real colours! In time of need you show your real faith!

And the worst is when it is the "preacher" that encourage the believers to stay at home when they are sick! Yes, that is the WORST thing! That shows, unequivocally, that the preacher is a backslide preacher. Yes, sir.

A preacher should "stimulate" the faith of the believers, not "quench" it. To quench the faith is the job of the devil, and some preachers looks like they are helpers and co-workers of the devil, instead of being helpers and co-workers of God.

And what if it is the "preacher" that has diarrhoea? Will he not go to the pulpit to preach? Or will he, while is preaching, stops his sermon and run to the toilette, to deliver his...? Huh!

No, he will stay at his post of duty. And God helps him, and the diarrhoea stands still till he ends is sermon. Why then this same principle is not applied to ALL believers? Why? Why they don't stay in their position, listening the Word of God, praising God, singing, all through the service? Why? Or it is ONLY the preacher that has to be in his position, while the rest of the members can run to the toilette? Or stay home because of the fever? Or the flew?

The problem is that the BELIEVERS ARE BECOMING LUKEWARM, and this starts from the PREACHER! The preachers are loosening they FAITH! They are becoming BLINDED! They are taking the things of God too EASY!

And then the preacher preaches predestination in an intellectual way point, in such a way that, while he preaches, he destroys the "stimulation" of the faith of the listeners. The only thing that he fill up in the believers, is their HEAD, their intellect, their knowledge, not their HEART.

Again knowledge, knowledge, just exactly the "tree" that since the beginning God have said to His elects: "Don't eat from that tree, or you will DIE!".

MODERN EVENTS MADE CLEAR BY PROPHECY. 65-1206.

My son called me over the other day to look at a television, supposed to be singing bee where the people come. That bunch of little Ricky's standing there, shaking around like this rock-and-roll, and singing them hymns, <u>it's a disgrace to Jesus Christ</u>.

There's no more solemnity in the church at all. It seems like it's all become a rock-and-roll something, and a fashion show, in the stead of the church of the living God where Jesus Christ can manifest Him self in power.

Hey, there's something wrong somewhere; they're slipping away. And the Bible said it would be that way. See? Look where you're at.

#### Be careful; wake up before it's too late.

Now, "who" has to wake up before it's too late? The serpent seed? The foolish virgins? The elect? Now, can there be a "too late" for the elect? If not, who else are these that has to wake up? The foolish virgins? Could be! Maybe the foolish virgins are among those that are predestinated, among the Wise Virgins, but because they are not careful, because of their "foolishness", and "laziness", and "take it easy", and "just relax, all is well anyhow", then they BECOME foolish? It could be! I don't know. God knows. But you better we "watch and pray", and ABIDE in the Word! And don't take it easy!

#### CHURCH AGE BOOK. CPT.3, PAGE 88.

You have to be born of the will of God, not the will of man, to be saved. But these folks are all coming together now by the will of man. I don't say that some of them aren't right with God. Not for a minute do I say that, but the original fire has died down. They are not the same any more.

Is not that what is exactly happening among Message believers? The original fire has died down! Some believers, and preachers, too, have come to the condition that they have only the "name" that they are alive, but IN FACTS, they are DEAD (Rev.3:1). Why this condition, if we have the Message? In many cases it is because the preaching of the Word has gone out of balance! It has gone or in the side of Arminianism, or in the site of Calvinism. But if we keep both of those Truth, then the Fire keeps burning among the believers.

CHURCH AGE BOOK. CPT.3, PAGE 88.

The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel.

They demanded a king to be like the other nations. When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed-drifting.

"They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get relaxed"? But if they are predestinated, how can they do that? Yet they did!

See the danger in which fell the Ephesian church? That is the same danger we face today! We must be careful of that danger.

CHURCH AGE BOOK. PAGE 359.

Oh elect of God, beware. Study closely. Be careful. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Rely upon God and be strong in His might. Your adversary, the devil, is even now going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Watch unto prayer and be steadfast. This is the end time.

#### "Oh, elect of God" ....?

What? Elect of God? Bride of Christ? Predestinated? There is a danger for them?

"Well, why, Brother Branham, we firmly believe that we have nothing to fear. We believe that nothing will go wrong with us. We believe that we have nothing to be worried about! We believe that we can just sit in a corner and relax, because we are elected to be in the Bride, in the Rapture! Why are you telling us to be care full?".

But if the Holy Ghost in the prophet warns us, then it means that there is a danger!

Who do we have to listen then, to some intellectual preacher, or the prophet of God? I listen to the prophet. You can choose for yourself which other preachers you want to listen.

ONENESS. 62-0211.

Satan will make you all kind of promises, but he has nothing to give you, because he don't have nothing. He don't have no salvation. What is

Satan? Anything contrary to the Word. He doesn't have salvation. He doesn't have Light. His kingdom is darkness; the end thereof is death. Darkness and death is Satan's kingdom. "Brother Branham, repeat it again. What is Satan's kingdom?" Anything contrary to the Word of God.

Now, that's cutting, but it's time for cutting. See? The branch, the tree, if it's going to bear, must be pruned. It's time.

Anything contrary to the precepts of God, the Word of God, is not God. What is it? What is sin? Righteousness perverted. WHAT IS DEATH? LIFE PERVERTED. What is the kingdom of Satan? Anything that's setting something to take the place of the Word, anything, any teaching. One word, just one word. You might believe every bit. Eve believed every bit of It to that one Word. That one Word's all she needed to disbelieve. That one Word is all you need to disbelieve.

Death is "Life perverted". And Life is "GOD".

So, God perverted, is death. The Word (which is God) perverted, is Satan. We can go on in this line, and can say much more, even to: **Elect perverted is a reprobate.** 

The Bride of Christ perverted becomes the bride of Satan.

A minister of God perverted becomes a minister of Satan. And the devil's ministers are **angels of light**, says the prophet. Also angels of the **evening Light**.

A prophet of God perverted, becomes a prophet of Satan.

Balaam was a true prophet of God, but when he <u>perverted</u> himself with the lust for money and popularity, then he became a false prophet.

A true minister of the Gospel, if does not stay in ALL the Word, he perverts himself ad becomes a minister of Satan, a deceiver.

Lucifer, the Archangel of God, <u>perverted</u>, became the Devil. See?

Lucifer was NOT made to be a devil; but when he <u>perverted</u> himself, then he become a devil. Because, you see, if Lucifer was MADE with perversion in him, or in him there was a fault, then, since he is God's thought expressed, an attribute of God, then it means that God in His mind had a "bad thought", which was Lucifer.

But in God's mind there can NEVER have been a bad thought, because God is PURITY in Person! In Him there is NO EVIL thought at all.

So, when in Lucifer was found fault? When he "chose" to pervert himself. Then from good he become evil.

Otherwise, if he was evil because God made him evil, then he has no fault, the fault was in that "thought" of God. See? But the thought of God was PURE, HOLY, because the thought of God was GOD HIMSELF. And if you find a fault in God's thought, then you have found a fault in God. And this simple CANNOT be. No.

Now, a Holy Angel-thought of God perverted, becomes a demon.

The Angels was not made to be demons; but when they perverted themselves, then they became demons. If they would have **KEPT** their **first position in the Word,** and would have not **LEFT** their own habitation (Jude 6), they would have <u>never</u> been demons.

In other words, we could say: If they would have ABIDED, REMAINED, KEPT themselves in the Word, they would have never become demons, never would have sinned. See?

A woman was never made to be a harlot, NEVER. But when she prostitutes herself, then she <u>perverts</u> herself and BECOMES a harlot.

Now, if we <u>reverse</u> the thing and say that a woman is a harlot <u>because God made her so</u>, or because He predestinated her to be a harlot, THEN WE ARE MAKING GOD AN **EVIL PERSON!** 

#### No, it is not that way! Be careful on this point!

Now, here is where some preachers in the Message go wrong. They REVERSE the thing! They present it <u>vice-versa</u>. They <u>twist</u> this wonderful Truth, and make out of it a LIE of the devil, and by this they DECEIVE, if it is possible, even the Elects. **Be careful!** 

They do just exactly the thing that Satan did with Eve: presented the Truth to her in a REVERSED position, and by that she was deceived. See?

So, here is where Calvinism goes wrong. Calvinism says that a woman is a harlot because "God" made her a harlot, and not that she is a harlot because of "her choosing".

Now, the Truth presented in this reversed way, becomes a perfect ROTTENNESS! Because it

perverts God's Grace into a DISGRACE!

A man was NEVER intended to be a sinner, but because Adam and Eve sinned, then we are born in sin; NOT BORN SINNERS, but born <u>in</u> sin, and shaped in iniquity.

<u>Sin</u> is "unbelief", and a little child cannot be an unbeliever. He <u>becomes</u> a sinner when he CHOOSE to be an unbeliever, when he "refuses" God's grace, God's call, God's Election.

Now, did God knew all this since before the foundation of the world? Sure He knew. He knew exactly everything. But He never **DECIDED** who would be a saint. NEVER. He only KNEW.

His DESIRE was, and IS, that everybody should be saved. He wants NO ONE to be lost. YET He knows who will be saved and who would be lost. That is why He wrote some names in one section of the Book, others in another section, etc. etc.

He never made Esau to be like he was. But He knew what Esau would do with his birthright, therefore He hated him since his mother womb.

If Esau was like that because God MADE him that way, then he was not guilty to be the man he was, because it was not his fault if he was a renegade.

If God would have made Esau a renegade, then it was not the fault of Esau, but God's fault.

And God cannot make you in a certain way, and then He condemns you because you are like that.

My, if you think that God works like that, then you make God a CRIMINAL! An UNJUST God. No, no. It is not like that.

So don't say: "I am what I am, because God made me so". What God made of you that you cannot made, is that you are a "Child" of God, a man, or a woman.

You did not make yourself a child of God! You are a child, a "thought expressed", because God wanted you to be a child. That is what God made of you, and that you cannot help to be otherwise.

He could have made you a "stone", a "bird", a "tree", an Angel. But He decided to make you a SON, a DAUGHTER. That is the thing that you CANNOT choose.

But when it comes to the "character", to the "nature of your spirit, your soul", then that you CANNOT put it on God, neither on the devil. YOU HAVE TO PUT THAT ON YOURSELF!

"Character" is not a gift, it is a "victory". You have to <u>fight</u>, you have to <u>choose</u>, you have to <u>decide</u>, you have to <u>do something</u> to have the right character, the right soul, that kind of soul that pleases God, that soul that God can save or take into the Rapture.

Listen here what the prophet says:

GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE. 65-0801M.

The outside man is a physical being which is controlled by six senses, or five senses, rather. The inside man is a spirit man which is controlled by five senses: Conscience, and love, and so forth. The outside man: see, taste, feel, smell, hear. But the inside of that spirit is a soul, and it's controlled by one thing: your free will. You can accept what the devil says or accept what God says. And that'll determine what spirit's in there. If it's a spirit of God, it'll feed on the things of God, and it won't feed on anything of the world. Jesus said, "If you love the world or the things of the world, it's because the love of God's not even entered this inner part." Satan's deceived you.

Now, "who" <u>determinate</u> what spirit is inside of you, God? No. Predestination? No. Election? No. **BUT YOUR FREE WILL.** 

But if you ask God if He knew what you will choose, then He could tell it since before the foundation of the world, because He knows everything. See?

God make everything good. But "Lucifer" pervert the thing; "we" pervert many things, even ourselves! But did God knew it? O sure He knew; He is Omniscient!

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM. 56-0223.

Now, Jesus didn't come to Calvary just for a haphazard thought, "Well, I'll die up there; perhaps maybe somebody will feel sorry for me and--and come down and get saved." No, no, God don't run His office like that. You don't run your office like that. Jesus come for one specific purpose: that was to redeem those that God foreknew would be redeemed. See?

Now, God's not willing that any should perish, but that <u>all</u> would come to <u>repentance</u>. But in order to be God, He had to know... Now, the word "predestinate," as is used in Ephesians 1:5,

predestinate there, isn't a good word. It means in--in speaking of predestination to the people sometimes leads them to think that God just predestinated you to push you through a little pipe, or something. That's not right. Predestination looks back to foreknowledge. And foreknowledge looks to destiny.

So, the <u>first</u> attribute that God puts into action, is His FOREKNOWLEDGE.

By His foreknowledge He can see our "destination", which is determinated by "our own choosing". Remember, the prophet says that our choosing will determinate our eternal destination.

Now, once Mister Foreknowledge informs Him of what will be our destination, then comes into action Mister Predestination.

Mister Predestination <u>looks back</u> to Mister Foreknowledge, and asks him: "What will be the end of Esau, what will he do in life"?

Mister Foreknowledge answers: "Well, I see him doing very fine. He loves his daddy, the prophet of God. He is gentle, goes to church, does many good things that pleases God. But then, suddenly, I see him one day coming from the fields very tired. He comes into the kitchen where he smells a very good taste of a pottage of lentiles that his brother Jacob has made for himself. My, he loves so much that pottage, and he desires it so much till he asks his brother to give him some of it. But Jacob, which is 'supplanter', a 'deceiver', tells him: 'Yes, I can give it to you, if you in exchange give me your Birthright'. And I see Esau that, without considering what he is really doing, tells to to Jacob: 'Yes, you can have my Birthright. But give me please that pottage of lentiles, because I am dyeing!'. This is what I see", says Mister Foreknowledge to Mister Predestination.

"My, my!", exclaims Mister Predestination, "he will despise the Birthright of God, the Token, the Life, the Word?".

"Yes", continue Mister Foreknowledge, "I see him desiring carnal things better that spiritual things. Yes, I can see him that he prefers to stay home, and relax, rather than to go to church to worship God, and sing songs of thanks, and hear the Word preached, and have fellowship with the other believers. I can see him not paying his Tithes to God. Yes, I can see him watching T.V. etc. etc.; I can see him loving the things of the world more that the things of God. And I can see much more hidden things about his personal life, secret sins, etc. etc."

"Huh!", exclaims Mister Predestination, "my, my, he will do all that? O, ooooh!".

"Well", says Mister Predestination, "seeing that the he will act that way, then I will tell God not to put his name in that section of the Book of Life where the names cannot be removed. No, no. Why his name should be put there, since now we know that he will do all that against the Word of God? No, he CANNOT be elected. No".

See, all this discussion happened since before the foundation of the world!

And the same thing happened for EVERYONE OF US! Foreknowledge and Predestination, working together. So, let's leave the thing in balance.

#### THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM. 55-1118.

And "predestination" is a hard word among a congregation of people, because predestination... Really "foreknowledge" is a better word. And predestination looks back to foreknowledge, and foreknowledge looks on to destiny. That God, being infinite, in the beginning knew the end from the beginning, therefore He knew what people would do, so He could foretell what would take place, for He knew what would be. Therefore He... Before Esau or Jacob, either one was born, God could say, "Esau I've hated, and Jacob I've loved," because He foreknew what they could be.

HE NEVER MADE ESAU THE WAY HE WAS.

He wasn't willing that Esau would be that way, but Esau, BY CHOICE, God knew would take that way.

So that's how He knows us today. He knows your heart. And if... You might be able to fool your neighbour; you might be able to fool your pastor; but you'll never be able to fool God, 'cause He knows your heart.

So, you see? God never made Esau the way he was. It was "Esau" that made himself that way. Even the devil could not have made him that way. No! It was HIMSELF, by CHOICE, that

made out of himself a renegade.

THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM. 55-1118.

Therefore He, by election, He chose Abraham, for **He knew what Abraham would do.** 

But God foreknowing that, and knowing that Abraham would do it, then He told Abraham in the beginning that He would save him and save his Seed after him, and would give him the-the unconditional covenant that He made with Abraham. Not because Abraham was good, but because God was good.

FIVE JUNCTIONS OF TIME, 56-0122.

Did you ever read over there in Romans 9, how He said before either boy was born, Esau and Jacob, said, "I hate one and love the other one." How can He be just and do that? By foreknowledge He knew what a rascal Esau was. See? And He could predestinate.

Not just say--say that the word predestinate is not a good word to use, it's foreknowledge.

## Because He wouldn't just at deliberately turn you away because He wants you to go away.

He's not willing that any of you should perish, but by foreknowledge He knowed what you'll do even before you ever come on the earth.

HEAR YE HIM. 56-1215.

Wherever men are gathered together, Christ promised to meet with them. He's omnipresent, everywhere, covers all space. He's omnipresent, omnisc--omniscient, and He's omnipotent, all wisdom, all power, all places, everywhere. And He's infinite.

He knowed the very end from the beginning. He knowed every flea, every louse, every fly, every person. Everything that ever happened at the very beginning, He knew it all. If He wasn't, He wasn't God. So therefore, He can fore-ordinate things to His--work to His pleasure. That's the reason He said He hated Esau and loved Jacob before either boy was ever born, because He knew that Esau was a shyster to begin with. See? So He knew it by foreknowledge.

What is the Bible? <u>The Bible is the very thoughts</u> that God had before the foundation of the world, expressed them in Word, and dropped them down to prophets, and they wrote them. That's the only thing it is: just has to unfold.

God knows all things, and by a Spirit of

knowledge, why God drops it to His prophets as eagles who sail up in the air and sees things to happen before it gets there. You see?

Now, in this state many times... Jesus never gathers with people just to be gathering. <u>Christ never did anything loosely.</u> And I think that's the trouble with the church today. We take too many of the things of God <u>loosely</u>.

SATAN'S EDEN. 65-0829.

Now, he, by this fall, it has took over and possessed the garden of Eden, himself. He took it over. And now, he has had six thousand years of deceitful rule, deceiving the people (God's children) as he did then, BECAUSE THEY WERE BASED ON FREE MORAL AGENCY TO ACT ANY WAY THEY WISHED TO, and believing that they would act right, or trusting they would act right, then they came with the wrong act, and sold their birthrights as Esau did for the world; and Satan won it, and he took it over.

THE CHOOSING OF A BRIDE. 65-0429E.

If any Christian would marry a woman like that, it shows he's fallen from grace. (Fallen, so it mean that once he was in grace) His taste of God and his taste of a home (what a home ought to be) is far when he choose a woman like that. No, sir, she sure wouldn't fit a Christian's taste. Her spiritual character is the lowest ebb: dead in denominational beauty and lust of the world. That's exactly where the church stands today.

Sold her Word-given character to Satan for a scientific manmade religion, when she had the right as the church of God to stay with the Word of God, and have the Holy Spirit working among, welding the body together with the Word and love of God.

Instead of that, she sold out her birthright like Esau and took a denomination that'd let her do anything she wanted to (That's right.), just to be popular like her mother did at Nicaea Rome.

Now, can the Church, the Bride, "sells" her Word-given character (her SOUL) to Satan? Yes, she can.

But what is She BEFORE She sells her Word-given character (and character is the <u>soul</u>)? Before She sells her Word-given character to Satan, SHE IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST!

And what She "becomes" AFTER She sells her

Word-given character to Satan? She becomes THE BRIDE OF SATAN! She "changes" husband! Becomes a harlot! Spiritual adultery!

Now, not the Bride as a WHOLE. No. But the Bride as "single" believers, single members, single "branches".

Now, where you put in here that Calvinistic manmade and imagined theory of predestination? There is just NO PLACE for it!

Here I want to give you an example from nature. In nature, in a natural marriage, it is the "man" that chooses his wife. But the woman ALSO has to make a choosing! Don't come and tell me that the woman has not to choose, because if you have chosen your wife and she has not made also her choosing, then I tell you that you have married a "puppet", a "doll", a "marionet"; in other words: YOU HAVE MARRIED A DEAD WOMAN. Yes, because a woman without a will is a dead woman.

Or, you have done "violence" to her will; you have "repressed" her will, and have married her by force. Then you are not a husband, but a "dictator", and she is a "slave" and not a free woman in her spirit. This way she can NEVER love you.

So, when I chose my wife, she also had to make her choice. She had to AGREE with my choice. She had to say "yes". But she had also the faculty to say "no", and I could have chosen another one. But because she loved me, she said "yes".

But how many women, for some reasons: some because her mother did not want that man, some because of property, some because of beauty, some for other reasons, have said "no"? Even when they loved the man! I have known many of them, and then I have heard them say: "Oh, I should have said 'yes' to that man! Oh, I made a mistake! Now I am married with the wrong husband, and I have to live with him all my life, unhappy".

See? Because of "her" choosing, not "his".

Now, that is in the "natural". What about the spiritual? IT IS JUST THE SAME.

That is why there is all the preaching, all the warning, all the "be careful". Why? To make the right choice.

Now He, God, chose us before the foundation of the world. Sure, because we are part of Him; we come out from Him; we are an "expressed attribute" thought of God. He made His choosing. But, what about US? What choice do we make? Because there are still "two" trees before us; there are "two" that wants us: God and the Devil. Which one we choose? That is the point!

Now, Calvinism says that it doesn't matter what we do; we have not to choose, because God has done all the choosing. That is where Calvinism goes wrong. God has not done all the choosing; He has done "HIS" part of choosing, and we have to do OURS.

#### DOES GOD CHANGE HIS MIND. 65-0427.

God has His church called, named, set aside. And in the age that She lives in, He'll reveal Himself to Her, each and every time, just as He said in Romans the 8th chapter, that the foreknowledge or predestination of God might stand sure. Cain--or I mean Esau and Jacob, before either boy was born, before they even had a chance to make a choice, God said, "I hate Esau and love Jacob," for He knew what was in them from the beginning. And we know we're in... Keen that in mind. He knows what's in your

Keep that in mind, He knows what's in your heart. He knows what you mean. No matter what we say, He knows what you mean.

And it's always caused trouble. And they--the... Always, the natural always tries, since Cain destroyed Abel, the natural has always tried to destroy the effects of the spiritual.

We find it the same thing today, the very same thing today. It proves that it comes from Satan, because it's jealousy and impersonation of Truth. So we really believe that God never changes His mind about what He said; He always keeps It true. But He has a permissive will.

Now, there, where the trouble lay. We try to work on God's permissive will, and He will permit it. But also if we take His permissive will, though it's not right, He will make His permissive will to work out together to glorify His perfect will.

There's nothing will go wrong with God.

Sure there is nothing that will go wrong with God! What does go wrong is with the MAN, with the WOMAN, not with God. God is never defeated. He is never deceived. But WE, if we do not ABIDE, REMAIN, IN Him, then we can have real troubles, like Esau! **Be careful!** 

PROVING HIS WORD. 64-0816.

Notice, promised all of His Words, absolutely is true. He proved Them. He proved, because He proved that He was the true Word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

What, how does he live? "By, well, if you'll just take some of God's Word, he'll live?" Now, that wasn't what He said. Did you notice "e-v-e-r-every Word"? How does he live? "Oh, he eats in there?" No, he's dying fast, that's flesh. "Well, he, oh, he belongs to church; he believes everything but That?" He's still dead. Do you get it? "He can only live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the high priest? the bishop? the cardinal? the pastor?" God. Every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. How do we know it's God's Word? He says so, then He proves It. He proves His Word.

Notice. Then if that be so, <u>your confession will</u> <u>not make you live.</u> Your church membership will not make you live. Notice, by His Word only, <u>not just one Word misplaced</u>. No one shall...

#### One word killed the human race.

In the Bible in Revelation 22, one word will still kill the whole thing; his name will be taken from the Book of Life. "Whosoever shall add one word, or take one Word." Not one word, not... No, I mean, not--not two words, just one word, not one sentence; one word, one word. Oh, people, do you understand?

Notice: who are those that their names will be taken out from the Book of Life? The ones that "misplace just one Word". And the Words that was placed by the prophet of our age, they also have not to be misplaced.

When the prophet says that we have to be careful, that Word must not be misplaced. When he says to kick out of our house the T.V., also that Word must not be misplaced. When he says that Revelation 10:1-7 is fulfilled, that Word must not be misplaced. When he says that all the mysteries are revealed, that Word must not be misplaced. When he says that a divorced man cannot stay behind the pulpit, that Word must not be misplaced.

When he says that if the love of God is in you then you LOVE to go to church, that Word must not be misplaced.

See, we have to keep ALL that the prophet has

taught us, otherwise we misplace the Words that the Lord has spoken though His prophet, and by doing that our name can be taken from the Book of Life.

From which section of the Book of Life? Among the four section there is only one section where the names cannot be removed.

But the question is: How do you know that your name is in that section? Is it only because you "believe" it? I have seen many that believed that and then they backslide.

It is not enough that you believe it, IT MUST BE THERE.

It is your LIFE that shows where is written your name! By your "fruits" you will be known. By the way you stay with the WORD you will be known. And yet, even if you know it, it is better you work out your salvation with fear and trembling! That is the best thing. The prophets lived that way.

#### HARVEST TIME. 64-1212.

That's one of the Words, for the Bible said it's wrong for a woman to cut her hair. That's right. If she does, how's she going to get in? See? Just ask, any preacher will tell you the Word says that. See? She dishonors her head; she dishonors her husband. She should be divorced. That's exactly right. "For she that will cut her hair, let her also be shorn off, shaven." (See?), if she wants to do that. Not but just bobbed, God don't want it that way. That's that Mister In-between. Don't fool with it. Either cut it all off or leave it grow; that's what God said, Any minister of the Gospel knows that's the Truth, whether you'll say it or not. But that's the Truth. See? Well, what good, if you're going to do all the rest of them, and leave that go?

What? There's just a little bit of the worldly style into you, trying to act just a little bit like the other churches. That's exactly where Israel got in trouble. That's where they die. That's where Adam got in trouble. That's where all the rest of them got in trouble. Just one Word, that's all it takes, just one point. Pottage, mixed with the world, some of the world, some of Hollywood, some of the church, some of the theologians, and what's you got?

Notice: why the prophet warns us in such a <u>strict</u> way, since the elect cannot be deceived?

SEED SHALL NOT BE HEIR. 65-0429B.

Remember, you cannot take <u>one Word</u> out of There. And Jesus said in Revelation, at the close of the Book... And at the first of the Book Christ said any man that took one piece away from that Word... Just one Word <u>misinterpreted</u> caused every sickness, death, that we've ever had. Well, if God, Who is holy, looked down, and caused all this chaos by <u>just slightly misinterpreting one</u> Word, and <u>any little thing</u> against that supreme Word caused all of this chaos, and the suffering, bleeding and dying of His own Son to reconcile this horrible thing back to Him, <u>how are we going to get in anything less than keeping the whole Word?</u>

"Well," you said, "Brother Branham, that was in Genesis." I felt that. See?

But let me tell you Revelation; that's the last part of the Book. "Whosoever shall take one Word out of the Book of this prophecy, or add one word to It, his part will be taken from the Book of Life."

#### INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE. 65-1125.

And now, let us pray: Dear God, we have just read what we believe to be the sacred Word of God. And that's what we are believing: that not one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from This until all is fulfilled. And we believe that our Lord told us in Revelations the 22nd chapter, that whosoever shall take one word from It or add one word to It, the same, his part will be taken from the Book of Life.

And we see that by misrepresentation of this Word, as Satan misrepresented it to Eve, caused her to doubt one word, threw the whole human race into a fallen chaos: just one word. Then we see in the middle of the Book came our Lord and Saviour, and He gave us this quotation concerning it: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then the solemn warning in the last book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ: "Whosoever shall add a word or take a word away, his part will be taken from the Book of Life."

Oh, God knowing and seeing how fragile we are, knowing that we're walking on the brittle threads of life of this mortal life, not knowing what time that we're going to be summoned to answer on high, let us, O Lord, lay aside everything in our hearts, everything in our mind, and look straight to Your Word tonight, and for

You to come and interpret It with living Oracles. Grant it.

May Your Spirit fall upon us and anoint the Words to our hearts, that we might go from here this evening better people than we are now; that we might have a closer insight on Jesus Christ. Grant it, Lord, that we might understand the day that we're living in, and the preparation of God for His people in this hour, this great crucial dark time that we're now living in.

God, anoint us, not only speaker, but hearer, and together make our hearts to tremble at Your Word. For the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Grant these things, Father, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Notice: "...make our hearts to tremble at Your Word". Tremble for what, since we are elects? Why the Bride has to tremble? And why the people of God has to be prepared? Prepared for what, if the elects are chosen since before the foundation of the world, saved since the foundation of the world, are perfect in Christ since before the foundation of the world; what kind of a preparation they have to do, since they are HIM? Since they CANNOT BE LOST? Since their names CANNOT BE REMOVED from the Book of Life? Tell me what they have to be prepared of? Yet the prophet, even if he firmly believed in predestination, YET he spoke and acted this way.

## You know what? This attitude of the prophet shows that a person is predestinated.

#### CHURCH AGE BOOK. PAGE 85.

Now it is easy to get a wrong impression of what we are talking about because I am making this so strong. It could sound to you as though this anti-Word, antichrist spirit, is a complete repudiation of the Word, a denial of the Bible culminating in its rejection. No sir. It is not that. What it is, is Revelation 22:18,19, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." It is the changing of even just ONE word by taking away or adding to it. It is the original

trick of Satan in the Garden of Eden. He just added one little word to what God had said. That did it. It brought death and destruction. And in Ephesus, it was just the same. Just a word added, just a word taken away, and the anti-Word, antichrist spirit began to flourish.

#### CHURCH AGE BOOK. PAGE 123.

Well, starting way back there in the first church the people got to thinking and reasoning how to improve on God. The deeds of the Nicolaitanes began showing themselves. Then a group formed. They drifted away from the pattern of the Word. All it takes is just one word changed and that little leaven then leavens the whole lump. He that offends in one point of the law is guilty of all. Eve just changed one word. That will do it.

#### HARVEST TIME 64-1212

Now, let's go to the Scripture, to find out again, back up into the Scripture till we get to our main text. In the garden God gave His first family the Word of God to live by, every Word of it. The first family that was put up here on the earth, was given Eternal Life as long as they stayed with God's Word. That was His plan. "I am God," He says, "I change not." That's still His plan. It's never His plan for creed, or organization, or manmade rules, that man shall live by, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Now, to go back in Genesis, which is the beginning. "Genesis" means "the beginning." We find that God gave His family Eternal Life as long as they stayed in this Word and lived by this Word.

But when they broke it, just one link in the chain of promises, death struck them, which was a promise also.

It's a chain. You're hanging over hell with it, and that's the only thing that'll carry you through.

When the <u>believer</u> BECOMES a <u>make-believer</u> and <u>lives on one word that's contrary to this</u> <u>Word, HE cuts his fellowship with God.</u> One link broke...

And, remember, your faith in this Word is like a chain. A chain is its strongest at its weakest link. That's right. It's the strongest that, 'cause that's all it'll hold. And if there's something in the Word that's puzzling to you, something that you have heard different, but they said, "The... Oh, that was for the apostles, and them things was for

days gone by," when the Scripture said Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, don't let that be a weakness. Fortify it and hold it, and wrap your life into it, because that's the only thing that'll take you over the flames of hell. That's right.

When this chain is broke with Adam and Eve, the first family... Now, remember, they didn't break a sentence; they didn't break three Words; one Word. Man shall hang over hell by every Word, every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. That's where man's eternal destination is determined. Why, he'll hang by that chain, or he'll hang by a creed; or if there's creed mixed into the chain, there's where the weak link is, and you're gone. That's where the weak link was with Adam and with Eve. That weak link, "surely," he said, "God..." But surely God said it. And if God said it, God meant it. And He also keeps His Word by saying, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." The day you put into you anything else besides the unadulterated Word of God, into your soul, that's the day that you're separated from God.

Now, this is very strong, but just listen close. Now, notice. One Word, one Word of the first of the Bible, God said that, one Word, <u>separated</u> <u>man from its eternal life chain.</u>

That's like taking a man and your hanging by his feet and he's got his hands in heaven, and you cut him half in two, break off a toe, whatever you're hanging unto. You're hanging on the very bottom part, and you break that chain anywhere, you're gone. Now, bear that in mind.

Now, my dear brothers and sisters, does not that make you tremble? It does to me! Yes, it makes me tremble with holy trembling. It makes me not relaxed. It makes me to bow before my Lord God, in all humility and relaying only in His mercy and grace, because I am just a man, a child, a son, and in a body of sinful flesh, but He is the Heavenly Father, and He can do with me what He wants.

Yet, I firmly know and believe that He loves me with perfect love; I know that He cares for me; I know that He has written my name in His Family Book of Life; I know that He will not loose me. Yet, I want to stay before my Holy and Mighty Father with humility, relaying only in His mercy. This is the attitude I see in brother Branham, and I know that that is the right attitude to have

before God and men. That is the attitude I preach to have.

#### WHY IT HAD TO BE SHEPHERDS. 64-1221.

Sin came in a moment by transgression of God's law, by breaking one Word. Tonight, my brethren, your soul is over hell on a chain. And that chain is not some theological seminary's teaching; that chain is not some denomination or some creed that you're living by; that chain is God's Word. Jesus gave the human race His Word to live by, and Eve only broke one little link of it. And the--any chain is no stronger than its weakest link. When you take one Word out... That was the first of the Book.

Jesus came in the middle the Book, and said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That was the middle of the Book.

The last of the Book, He said, "Whosoever shall take one Word (mistranslate one Word), take one Word out of Here, I'll take his part from the Book of Life."

You're passing over hell, hanging on the Word of God. Don't you let somebody squeeze something into you that's not THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Oh, I see... Well, they say, "Surely, all we've done. All we've done." That's what maybe the high priests and them thought in the days of the Great Shepherd. That's what Eve thought. That's what Satan told her, "Surely God will not." But He did, 'cause He said He would. And that's the reason He'll do it again today.

No wonder, as He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." See, very few, "For strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leads to Life, and few there'll be that'll find it. (That's right.) 'Cause broad is the way that leads to destruction, many will go in thereat."

#### WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS? 64-1227.

Notice, they do that every time that they don't know... The man in between, it's a bad place, because one can show the matter, why he thinks he's right; the other one can show why he thinks he's wrong; and the one in between don't know nothing about the matter; he don't know which way to turn. And that's just the way it is in religion. People do the same thing today about their eternal destination.

Now we're going to hurt, just a minute. <u>They do</u> it about their eternal destination. A man will go down here to a--at this--to eat. And if you'd find a spider in your bowl of soup, you'd want to sue that company or that restaurant. Why, you wouldn't eat that soup; it'd be poisoned. You--you-you-you wouldn't take it at all, a big roach or something boiled up in a bowl of soup. Why, you wouldn't have it at all. It would make you sick to think about it. But yet, you'll let some bunch of theologians push something down your throat that'll send you a million miles from God, and gulp over it, when man shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. It's a chain that your soul is hanging over hell with. And as I've said before, "A chain is its best at its weakest point." One link to break... that's all you have to do is break one of them; that's all. The rest of them lets loose with it. It's only as strong as its weakest link.

#### DOORS IN DOOR. 65-0206.

First, I'll begin in Genesis. God gave the human race <u>His Word to fortify themselves from death</u>, <u>sin, and sorrow, or any disaster</u>: a chain, of His Word. "Thou shalt not touch this certain tree, for the day you eat thereof, that day you die." And a chain is only its best at its weakest link. And our souls are pulled over hell, holding to this chain; break one of them, that's all you have to do. Eve never broke a sentence; she broke a Word, by Satan. That was the first of the Book.

In the middle of the Book come Jesus and said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word," not part of them, just one here and there, but every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Now, listen to the prophet: "And our souls are pulled over hell, holding to this chain; break one of them, that's all you have to do". Now, are the solus of the predestinated, the elects, included in this? If not, then Eve's and Adam's soul was not predestinated, because they was hanging over hell with that chain.

But we know that Adam and Eve where predestinated children of God, but because they broke one link, the fell. Now, Eve was "deceived", she was not conscious of what she was doing. Adam was conscious, but he had to do that in order to save his wife. And God had prepared a sacrifice to redeem them. And they

was not lost.

But NOW, after that God has come down HIMSELF to be the sacrifice, and has redeemed us, what if we now break willingly one of the links of God's Word? That is the thing we have to be careful!

I know that you will say: "But the elect cannot do that; because who is born of God cannot sin". Yes, I know that. The prophet knew that, too! Yet, look how many times he warns us! Look how he is telling us to be careful!

You see, there are things that we cannot understand! But better we BELIEVE and DO as the prophet says to do, and BE CAREFUL!

JEHOVAH JIREH - PT.1. 62-0705.

And, O God, it's a--it's an insane time. It's a neurotic time. It's--it's a time when man won't stop, and listen, and check up. And under emotions, and so forth, they still claim to be Abraham's Seed. God, how You said it would--the spirits would be so close in the last days with impersonations, until it almost deceive the elected ones if it would be possible. And here it is. God, don't let these people, don't let one do that. Please, Father. I pray for them, each one. In the Name of the Lord Jesus, grant it.

Notice: you see how some can claim to be Abraham's Seed, Elects, and yet they are not? See? It is not enough to claim it! Anyone can claim it. There must be a LIFE that is according to the Word, EVERY Word. There must be also the FRUIT.

The elect is not the one that "claims to be", but the one that "bears the FRUIT of an elect". Remember this!

Notice also how the Spirit of God in the prophet prayed God to help the people not to do that. Why he had to pray, since the elect cannot be deceived?

Even Jesus prayed for the elects (John 17), asking the Father to "keep them from the evil". Why? Why He had to pray for them that the Father had given Him, if the elects cannot be lost? Cannot be deceived?

You see, even if they were Elects, they had to be "kept", "preserved", protected", otherwise they could have been deceived by the devil! You see?

ANOINTED ONES AT END TIME. 65-0725M.

Notice, it's a very strange thing here. See? When them seed went in the ground, however they got there, they were thorns to begin with. But there the wheat that went in the ground... And the herbs were herbs to begin with. And each herb producing itself over again, showed that it was in the original beginning.

"And they will deceive the Elected if it were possible," 'cause they're getting the same rain, same blessing, showing the same signs, same wonders. See? "They will deceive, or shall deceive the Elected if it were possible." Now, a thorn cannot help being a thorn, and neither can wheat help being a wheat; it's what the Creator of each one determined at the beginning. That's the Elected.

See? It is all the Sovereignty of God! He does what He wants. He chooses who He wants. He has mercy of who He wants to have mercy. So we have just to walk humble before Him, relaying only upon His Grace and Mercy.

But I have see Message believers that believe in predestination, and they believe that they are predestinated, elects, and yet act in such an arrogant way against those that, according to them, are not elects! My, what arrogance! What a despising attitude! That attitude shows that they are just "claiming" they are elects, but by their "fruits" they are telling they are NOT.

If you are an elect, then you will have great respect for those that you think are not elects, because if they are not elects, they cannot help being non elects. If he is a thom, he cannot help being a thorn.

POWER OF TRANSFORMATION. 65-1031M.

There's always twins. And that's the reason...

Don't forget this, little flock. The church in the last days is going to be twins, so close that'd deceive the elected: Matthew 24:24. See? The church is going... It's a Pentecostal move. It's so much like the real thing, till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes. See, it's going to deceive them, because it's almost like the same thing. See, just two fathers, that's all; same mother, same church, same movement, same thing. The bedding ground is the same, where the Word falls; but one of them, like here, is

perverted. You understand? Say "amen" if you did see. [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See, one of them is a <u>perversion</u>, because it's the wrong father. Which, I will prove someday, if God will let me, that denomination is the mark of the beast. See, it's a wrong father. He's steering people to an organization instead of to the Word. See? It's the wrong father. It's a Cain move.

Notice: "And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes". My, at the END of his ministry, he still want to explain how election comes? It means that the subject of "election" is so deep that no one can explain it. We have just to "believe" every Word, and go on serving the Lord, obeying His Commandments, applying the Token, displaying It, and letting all in His Hands.

LEADERSHIP. 65-1207.

Now, <u>look at yourself</u>. Really, are you a genuine Bible Christian, full of love of God? You remember, the Bible said, in the last days when this time takes place, He said, "A marking angel went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city." Is that right? Ezekiel 9, we know that's true. The marking Angel went forth and put a mark on their head, forehead, sealed them, "Them that sighed and cried."

After that come the slaughtering angels from the four corners of the earth, which is coming right away; we see it coming, wars moving right in that'll kill the whole earth off. And there was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the mark.

Now, pick out... <u>Is your heart so concerned</u> about the sinners, and the way that the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? <u>If not so, I'm wondering</u>. That's the Scripture.

Look, many times the prophet refers to the Scripture of Ezekiel 9:4 as a sign that a person has the Holy Ghost (Just go and search yourself in the Message). What about that?

But now we find Message believers, even pastors, that claim they are the Bride of Christ, the Elects, the Predestinated, and have no more concern about the sinners, about the condition of

the Church. They have NOTHING of those concerns and feelings. Yet, they claim they are the Elects!

Brother, better be careful! Could be that you are a reprobate and don't know it! Could be that you are among the group of those described in Revelation 3:17-18, and DON'T KNOW IT!

Yes, there are so many Message believers that they "think" they are rich, and need nothing; and don't know that they are blind, naked, wretched, miserable, poor, lukewarm, etc. etc. Better be careful, my brother, my sister, my co-minister of the Gospel! Better we work out our salvation with fear and trembling!

#### LEADERSHIP. 65-1207.

What do you look like? What are you following? What have we done? You must choose your leader. Choose today. You choose Life or death. Your choice will determine your eternal destination, what you choose. Remember, Jesus said, "Follow Me." And you're invited tonight to do so. And to follow Him to Eternal Life you must come on His terms (That's right.), the Word, not upon the creed, not upon the public opinion, not upon what anybody else thinks about It, but on what God said about It.

Now, how can it be that "your choice" will determinate your eternal destination? Is not God's choice that determinate your eternal destination? Just ponder!

#### THE TOKEN. 63-0901M.

So, if He's all that there is to look forward to, then we'd be most foolish people not to accept It (See?) and--and cherish It. Not only accept It, but you come to something greater than that. After you've got It, don't take It and lay It on the shelf; It is to be put into use. See?

Like going to the doctor to get medicine and then set it upon the shelf... If you go to get the medicine, take the medicine. If there's a disease bothering you, and this remedy's suppose to help you, you take what he gives you. And just the way he says, give it, because sometimes, just a few minutes makes a lot of difference in the way you give it.

And how do we know, but in this case today, **just** one moment of <u>your decision</u> might determine your eternal destination? Take It just as He

hands It to you.

Notice again how "just one moment of your decision". And what about election? What about predestination? Just ponder.

#### GOING BEYOND THE CAMP. 64-0719E.

More and more I am made to believe that people are not getting to Christ. Now, I am here to try to help in every way that I can and make my statement as clear as I know how to make them. And you suffer with me if you will.

As I look and preach across the nation and watch the people, I--<u>I'm fully persuaded that the people</u> are not getting to Christ. And I believe that it's the enemy that's throwed this hindrance, because... The reason I believe this, <u>He is not the</u> object that they had been pointed to. They have either been pointed to a dogma, or a doctrine, or a party, or experience, or a sensation, or something like that, instead of being pointed to Christ the Word. That's why I think that people are resting their eternal destination upon some dogma or some sensation, like some say, "I danced in the Spirit," or; "I spoke with tongues"; "I--I--I felt fire run over me." And do you know, all those things can be impersonated by the devil? There's just one thing that he cannot impersonate; that's the Word.

Notice: and do you think that the devil is not able to impersonate also predestination and election? Oh, sure he dose! Yes, he can deceive you by preaching to you predestination and election! Be careful! Stay with the Word, ALL the Word, ALL the teachings, not just a part of It.

#### WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS? 64-1227.

Notice, some--some believe in the Word. While there's others believe in their denominational interpretation. <u>And there's others, by this confusion, that don't know what to believe.</u>

Now, some of them said, "Oh, this World Council of Churches, that's going to be the thing. It's going to make us all one. Oh, that's just it."

And others say, "Why, it's of the Devil. Here it is in the Scripture."

Then the man that don't take time to <u>set down</u> and <u>pray and seek it out</u>, he said, "Oh, forget it."

Uh-huh. Forget it? It's your-by your statement, brother, <u>by your position</u>, by <u>what term you</u> take, is going to <u>send you to your eternal</u>

### destination where you'll be forever. Don't do that.

You see what the prophet says here? Even the one that says: "Oh, forget it, you cannot be deceived!", by that position you take, by that term you take, is going to send you to your eternal destination where you'll be forever. And the prophet tells you: DON'T DO THAT!

So, you see, those that say: "Ah, if you are predestinated you will be there anyhow! Ah, if your name is in the Book, you cannot be lost! Ah, if they are predestinated they will come anyhow, you don't need to go and preach to them!". Be careful, that can send you to your eternal destination, LOST FOR EVER!

If you are a child of God, you show it by your STAYING WITH THE WORD! If you do not stay with the Word, then could be that you are not a child of God.

"Oh", you will say, "but the Bride IS the Word, and She cannot be lost!". Oh, sure she is the Word! But when she leaves the Word, then she becomes the anti-word.

Remember: EVERYTHING is a Word of God expressed.

Now, you are the Word, then you have to STAY with the Word, the WHOLE Word. If you are just PART of the Word, then you become anti-christ, the devil! Yes.

Lucifer was Lucifer until he stayed with the Word, but when he left the Word, he become a DEVIL. The same is with us! Remember this!

"Election" means to BE the Word and to STAY with the Word. Election is "a thought of God expressed that REMAINS as God expressed it". But when that thought PERVERTS itself like Lucifer and all those angels did, then Election becomes PERDITION!

Oh, I know that you will quote the prophet where he says that the last Bride cannot be deceived, like Israel-bride, and the church ages Bride was deceived and fell. Yes, I know that. And that is true.

But, look: The first bride (Israel) fell as a WHOLE, because as individuals many did not fell. Moses did not fell. Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, Elijah, Isaiah, and many others, did not fell. It fell as a WHOLE.

The New Testament Bride that fell at Nicaea, fell

as a WHOLE, not as the individuals, because in each church age there have been some Elects, Bride members.

Now this LAST Bride will not fall. Why? Because the Message has brought us BACK to the original Faith. Another false teaching cannot come up to deceive! Now is HARVEST TIME! There cannot be another stage of the plant-Wheat! Now is time when everyone goes to its destination!

See, now it is vice-versa than it was in the past ages, because we have been "brought back" to the original Faith of the Apostolic fathers. Now it is as a WHOLE that cannot fall, but the INDIVIDUALS can fall. Sure.

You see, now is HARVEST time. And if you are a farmer (I was) then you know that in the harvest time there are many pieces of wheat that are lost, because they fell in the ground, some are eaten by the birds; but the HARVEST, as a WHOLE, cannot be lost. Because if you loose the harvest, my, then everything is lost! But the "single" can be lost. Oh, sure! If you are a farmer you know this truth.

See, as the revelation is an "individual affair", salvation is individual, election is individual, calling is individual; so also perdition is individual, backsliding is individual, disobedience is individual.

So, you see, this Bride-AGE will not fall. Sure, there will never be another denomination. This Message CANNOT be organized. NO.

But the "single", the "individuals", oh, yes, many of them that have accepted the Message and believed they where elects, Bride, have already fallen, and many more maybe still fall, and you will find them in HELL. Sure. See?

Now, I know that you will say: "But he that is born of God cannot sin" (1 John 3:9). Sure he cannot sin, IF the Seed of God, the Word, REMAINETH <u>IN</u> him. But what happens when the Seed does not remaineth in him? When he leaves the Word? When he disobeys the Word? What happens then? Just think.

AN ABSOLUTE. 63-0127.

God is right. His Word is right. Others are not right. If it's... That's right as long as they stay with the Word. But when you leave the Word, then you leave God, 'cause God's watching over

His Word to vindicate It. He's got to make It real. He's got to make It act. That's why you people are hungering for a revival. It's time for these things to be here. If you ever believed me to know what I was talking about, you accept that. The hour is here now. But the trouble of it is, we got so many absolutes we don't know where we're tied to. Amen.

You see? Now, in John 15:5-7, Jesus tells this very plain: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you".

And Jesus was telling this NOT to the Pharisees; NOT to the serpent seed. **He was telling this to His ELECTS!** Don't forget that.

Now, those branches was PART OF THE VINE, Jesus, the Word, God. They come out from the Vine. They where born branches, since the beginning of their existence they WAS PART OF THE VINE, the Word. They was never a stone before, then changed in a branch. Never. They was never a demon before, then changed into a branch. No, THEY WHERE BRANCHES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THEIR EXISTENCE!

And until the time when they was cut off, they where <u>original</u> branches, <u>original</u> parts of the Vine, Jesus, the Word.

After they was cut off, they was STILL <u>original</u> branches, BUT CUT OFF.

When they was thrown into the fire, they was still <u>original</u> branches, ORIGINAL ELECTS, ORIGINAL PARTS OF THE WORD, Jesus.

YET, they went to HELL, in the FIRE! What about that?

And we cannot say that they went to hell because they where NOT PART of the Vine-Jesus. No.

The only reason why they was cut off, and why they was thrown into the fire, was because they did not ABIDE, REMAINED, in the Vine, the Word.

If the Seed of God, the Word, would have

<u>remained</u> IN them, they would have never been cut off, never sinned. See?

So, where you put here predestination in the sense that 'it does not matter what you do, you will be there anyhow'? You will be there anyhow if you are called; you are called if God has chosen, or elected you; you will be in Him if you accept His call, and repent, and be baptized in His Name, if you let His Word sanctifies you and washes you of all your dirtiness; if you will be born again by the Word of the age; if you get the Token; if you STAY with the Token, abide with the Word, remain with the Seed of God in you; if you don't grieve the Holy Ghost, by which you are sealed UNTO, or UNTIL, the day of your redemption (Ephesians 4:30).

Why unto the day of your redemption? Because our redemption starts when we are brought back to God by the repentance; but it is <u>not yet completed</u>, because part of us is not yet redeemed, that is our "body". Our body will be redeemed by the death, or by the changing at the day of the Rapture. That is why we are sealed UNTIL the day of our redemption, the FULL redemption.

Now, that Seal NOBODY can brake it. God WILL NOT DO, because once God saves you He will NEVER loose you. Never. The devil CANNOT brake it, because to break it he must come through the Blood; and if he does that then he will no more be the devil. Demons cannot do it. Circumstances cannot do it. Who can brake that Seal? Nobody but YOU. You are the one that can break that Seal. Only your WILL can do it.

Now, will you do it? Only God knows this!

#### WHERE I THINK PENTECOST FAILED. 55-1111.

Now, he's speaking here of what God did for us before the foundation of the world. Now, I realize that I'm talking to both Calvinists and Arminians. And I'm a Calvinists as long as Calvin stays in the Bible, then after that, I'm an Arminian. I believe in--in the grace of God to keep the believer. But I believe the believer has to have enough grace of God to stay with God.

I believe in security of the Church. I believe the Church-the Church hath security. And if you're in the Church, you're secured with the Church as long as you are in the Church. Stay in. Don't be wondering around, tossed about by everything.

#### Stay in Christ Jesus.

And God has foreordained that the Church should appear before Him holy, blameless, without spot or wrinkle.

No matter whether you make it or I make it, God's going to have a Church without spot or blemish. I trust that we'll all be there. But we each have to seek out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

LIFE IS THE HEALER. 57-0611.

Always Satan working on both ends of the line, you know, and so does God.

But I had to drive fast to get here last evening, and I never thought about you setting there fanning, and--and I have, myself, why, I was hot, too, up here. But we're trying to, by the grace of God, to escape a hotter place. And--and then... So we won't even have this kind of a fan down there. So we're thankful that we're not going that way. And we're trying to take everyone we can with us the other way.

We say that by grace with fear and trembling in our heart, working out our own salvation. May the Lord bless you.

STRAIT IS THE GATE. 59-0301M.

To you, my dear people, this morning, listen to this. I never made this up. I'm responsible for telling it. That's all I'm responsible for. If I never preach another sermon in my life, that is the Truth: there's just going to be a few people saved. Just remember that: just a very few. You be one of them.

"Who are they, Brother Branham?" I don't know. Nobody else knows.

We work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

But you be lined up with God. If your heart don't beat just with that Bible, then there's something wrong, there's something wrong. No matter what your church says, you can't go in by that. You got to go in by what God said. This is the Book you'll be judged from, the Bible. Stay with It.

"Oh," you say, "Well, I been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus." That's correct; that's Bible. But if that <u>life</u> doesn't follow it, it didn't do you much good to be baptized.

You say, "Well, I've received the Holy Ghost." That's good; that's what you should've done. **But** if the <u>life</u> isn't in there...

Remember, the weed receives the same power that falls on the wheat to make it grow, makes the weed shout too. The little old weed stand right up and just as happy as the wheat is (That's right.), lives by the same life.

And a sinner can stay in the <u>Presence of God</u>, <u>shout the victory</u>, and <u>live like a Christian</u>. But if there isn't something different in the heart...

He could have the same power to cast out evil spirit. Jesus said so. <u>He can preach the Gospel</u> just as good as any other preacher can do.

That's exactly what; Jesus said so. The Bible teaches it. Yes, sir. "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, I give all my goods to feed the poor, I--I have faith to move mountains, I do all these things, I preach in His Name, I cast out devils in His Name," he said, "I am nothing." So he could do it, and "nothing." Get the idea?

Now, the thing to do is from your heart be a Christian, now enter in at the strait gate. For broad is the way that leads to destruction, and millions times millions in this generation of believers will go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, just you and Christ alone. Narrow is the way that leadeth to Life, and just a few there'll be that'll find it. Now, that's the Words of our Lord.

To whom the prophet was saying this? "To you, my dear people". To his dear people? The ones that he called "the Bride of Christ"? Huh, just ponder!

Listen here the prophet, the one that believed was sure of his predestination, look which ATTITUDE he had about this subject. Look if he approaches this subject with "boldness" or with "fear and trembling", trusting only in the mercy and grace of God.

ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED. 61-0416.

And so therefore all that He foreknew He has what? Called. All that He had called, He has justified; all that He has justified, He has already glorified. Now, there's going to be a Church meet Him there without spot or wrinkle.

"Brother Branham, you in it?" I hope so.

But we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. And when you see your life not coping up with God's Word, no matter what church you belong to, you know you're out of order.

REV CHAP. 5 PART 2. 61-0618.

Ruth, making her <u>decision</u> a type of the church, the Gentile church, she decided and crossed over into the land. Now, a lot of times, we Methodists and Baptists, we think that's all you have to do. She just got started. She hadn't got nowhere yet; she just got over into the land.

Now, the next thing she had to do; she had to work. She become a legalist. She had to work out her own salvation with fear and trembling like you did.

PERFECT STRENGTH. 61-1119.

Listen to him.

And I was with you in... (greatness? In what?)... weakness, and in fear, and... much trembling. Could you imagine a man, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, a teacher of the teachers, a man that was trained from childhood for the ministry to be a eloquent man that was smart and brilliant, to come before a class of people like the Corinthians and say, "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and much trembling"... A man who turned the world upside-down, the greatest missionary that's ever been known, confessed that he come in weakness, not as a trained scholar, but in the weakness and fear, lest he'd step off the path somewhere, in much trembling, because he could not trust in his own ability.

The reason he was fearing, not because he was scared of anything; but he was scared he would displease God in some way, that he'd get his own ability mixed up into it; something that he'd learned, that he'd... He was telling them that, "I didn't come to you with these excellency of speech; I come to you in fear that I would come that way; but I come to you knowing nothing but Christ and Him crucified."

And I come to you in fear, and weakness, and in much trembling.

And my speech and my preaching was not with the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in <u>demonstration</u> of the Spirit and... power:

Listen to this man who was a warrior had stripped hisself. Amen.

If there's anything that our schools needs today, if it's anything our churches needs today, is a stripping of themselves, of your own thoughts and your own abilities.

Strip yourselves before God unless you would try to do something within yourselves.

WHY. 62-0622E.

Now, I believe that the church's name was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, when--before the Lamb was slain; 'cause the Bible said the antichrist would deceive all upon the earth whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, slain before the foundation of the world. I believe the infinite God by His foreknowledge saw the church.

Now, I know that's a <u>ticklish subject.</u> And remember, <u>there's a truth to it.</u>

I don't believe it in the line that many does, but I believe that there is: by foreknowledge God could tell the end from the beginning, 'cause He's the infinite God.

Now, whether I'm part of that church (I hope I am.), I'm just seeking out my own salvation with fear and trembling, staying right in the Word.

When if I get out of there, then I'll pray to get back in it again.

WE WOULD SEE JESUS. 62-0712.

The people gets scared. What are you scared about? Those who He foreknew He called; those who He called He justified; those who He has justified, He's already glorified. What you scared about? Just take a hold of God like little children, and hold onto it, and believe God your Father. He loves you. He's done everything He could to redeem you. You're...

And the Bible said the antichrist deceived all that lived upon the earth whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world.

God, by His foreknowledge, saw you, put your name in His Book. And that's the reason you're here tonight, because you've answered that call. God foreknew you and called you, and you accepted His call.

Now, you say, can you... I... <u>Every man seeks out</u> <u>his own salvation with fear and trembling.</u>

I hope my name was among that. But if it was, my name ever on the Book of Life, it was put there before the foundation of the world, when the Lamb was slain for me in the thinking of God.

WHY AGAINST ORGANIZED RELIGION. 62-1111e. You say, "Brother Branham, am I in?" <u>I don't know</u>. **I'm hoping I am.** 

We work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

Now, the Church is predestinated to meet God

without spot or wrinkle. Now, if we are in that Church, we are predestinated with that Church. Now, examine yourself by the Word, then you can check up how far along we are.

THE INDICTMENT. 63-0707.

I tell you; salvation is an individual affair with man and God alone: one individual, searching out our own salvation with fear and trembling. And I know no other basis, as a teacher this morning, or as a minister from Christ, than to lay it down upon the Word. I cannot place it on anything else.

GOD'S CHOSEN PLACE OF WORSHIP. 65-0220.

Now, being that there's nine hundred and something questions about where God meets--"He meets with the Methodists," or, "He meets with the Baptists," and "He meets in this, and that, and the other." Now, there's a question there. So everyone has to seek out his own salvation with fear and trembling.

TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE. 65-1127B.

That's sovereign. That's what God does, and <u>He alone has a right to send a revival</u>. Not get the mechanics together, it's pray for God to send the dynamic-dynamics.

He only reveals His Word in the predestinated. Now, when I use the word "predestinate"... Now, it's a bad word to use in public, especially when we have mixed crowds between the Arminians and the Calvinists. And not a... I've asked you not to think I know It all, but they're both wrong according to the Scripture.

Grace is what God did for me, works is what I do for Him. See? Then you've got it. If you climb out on either one of the limbs, you'll sure find yourself out on the end of the limb and can't get back. The Book of Ephesians pulls it together; I think.

Now, but the word, when I use it, "predestinated," don't think that I'm... That's the only word I know how to--to make... It's God's foreknowledge (See?), that He know. He--He can't say... He--He died that all might be saved; He did; but by His foreknowledge He knowed who would and who would not. See?

That's what He knows; <u>I don't know it</u>; <u>you don't know it</u>, <u>so we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.</u>

CHURCH AGE BOOK, PAGE 359.

Oh elect of God, beware. Study closely. Be careful. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Rely upon God and be strong in His might. Your adversary, the devil, is even now going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Watch unto prayer and be steadfast. This is the end time.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. 65-0221M.

Now, we realize in making these statements, somebody, if it's only one person, will hang on to it like it was between life and death. There's many of you here will go away believing. 'Course, many of you, perhaps, won't. But I know in my ministry there's people who come to listen at me, listen to what I've got to say, from a... Well, they're setting right here this morning internationally, from many of the United States, Canada, and across the sea. And you can imagine the strain that it puts you to know that that man's eternal destination lays in your hands, 'cause he's going to hold on to what you say. So God would make me answer for it. And I want to approach this just as sincerely as I can.

The man's eternal destination lays <u>in your hands</u>? And where is then the predestination?

Huh, we better be careful, brothers, especially we preachers! DON'T TAKE IT LIGHTLY! We can send people to HELL if we preach wrong Words, or MISPLACE one Word! Be careful!

CHOOSING OF A BRIDE. 65-0429E.

Now, choosing a bride... In many things of life we are given a choice. The way of life itself is a choice. We have a right to make our own way, choose our own way that we want to live. Education is a choice. We can choose whether we are going to be educated, or whether we are not going to be educated. That's a choice that we have. Right and wrong is a choice. Every man, every woman, boy, and girl has to choose whether they are going to try to live right or not live right. It's a choice. Choice is a great thing. Your eternal destination is a choice, and maybe tonight some of you will make that--that choice of where you'll spend eternity, before this service ends tonight. There'll be one time that... If you turn God down many times, there'll be one time you'll turn Him down the last time. There is a line between mercy and judgment, and it's a dangerous thing for a man or a woman, boy or girl, to step across that line, for there's no return when you step across that deadline. So tonight it might be the time that many will make their--their decision where they will spend the endless eternity.

You have also a choice whether... When you choose this church, you can choose whether you, in this church whether you choose a church that will guide you to your eternal destination. You can choose a church that has a certain creed, that you might think that creed's just what you want; or the other church has their creed. And then there is the Word of God you have a choice of. You have to make your choice. There's an unwritten law among us of choosing.

Notice: **Your eternal destination is a choice**? How could it be, since we are saved by God's election? Just ponder!

LEADERSHIP FOLLOW ME. 65-1031A.

You must make a choice. Your choice will determine what your eternal destination will be. Remember, Jesus asks each one of us, "Follow Me if you want Life." See?

LEADERSHIP. 65-1207.

I know that's a stern, cutting Message, brother. But I didn't come here and choose a--a message to the people just to try to make them sing, shout, holler. I been in heathen meetings where they done the same thing. I'm interested in your life. I'm a servant of God that's got to answer to God someday, and the ministry that the Lord has given me has vindicated itself thousands of times before you.

Remember, Jesus said, "Follow Me. Follow Me. Get rid of what you've got, and follow Me." And that's the only way to have Eternal Life. That's the only remedy He give this man, was the only remedy He give this businessman; it's the only remedy He gives anybody. His choice, He makes His decision; it's perfect every time. And we must follow Him, is the only way to have Eternal Life. So the leadership of God is follow the vindicated Word of the hour by the Holy Ghost.

Notice: "...the only way to have Eternal Life is to follow Him, the vindicated Word of the hour"? But is not by "election", "predestination", that we have Eternal Life,

independently of what we do?

So, to have Eternal Life there is a CONDITION, that is: "Follow Him, the vindicated Word of the hour"?

Oh, many believers thought that there was no conditions! Well, may be some preacher have deceived you, my brother, my sister! You better listen to the prophet! Follow the vindicated Word of the hour, the Message, be obedient to It, just do what It says to do, just believe what It says; live humble, serve the Lord with all your heart, love Him more that all, and leave all the rest in His hands. He will do the rest for you.

#### THINGS TO PONDER

"Does a wolf eats not a sheep simple because she is a sheep, or is it because she is protected"?

Could you imagine a wolf that finds a sheep in the bushes and tells to the sheep: "Oh, sheep, don't worry, I will not eat you, because you are a sheep; I will not eat you, because you are an elected sheep; I will not eat you, because you are a virgin sheep"? Oh, that would be a stupid wolf! Don't you think so?

But the devil is not a stupid wolf!

There is only one case when a wolf does not eat a sheep, and that is WHEN THE SHEEP IS WITH THE SHEPHERD!

Stay with the Word (the Shepherd), and no wolf can touch you!

But don't be so fool to think that because you are a sheep (an elect) then the devil does not touch you. If you go away from the Word, from ONE Word, he can kill you any time!

Now, Death is "Life perverted".

Now, "Life" is GOD. Death is Satan. So Satan is "God perverted". Think about this!

Now, all original things comes from God, the Fountain of all things. And everything is a "thought of God expressed".

- What is a stone? A "thought of God expressed".
- What is a tree? A "thought of God expressed".
- What is a dog? A "thought of God expressed".
- What is a gnat? A "thought of God expressed".
- What is an Angel? A "thought of God expressed".

- What is Lucifer? A "thought of God expressed".
- What is a man? A "thought of God expressed".

Everything original that exists, one time it was a "thought" in God's mind. Then He expressed it, and it become what it is.

So everything is: GOD EXPRESSED. That is why the prophet says that we can see God in the nature, in a tree, in a flower, BECAUSE ALL ORIGINAL NATURE IS "GOD EXPRESSED".

Everything in the original nature is the ATTRIBUTES of God, His THOUGHTS. And His thoughts are HIMSELF, and they are perfect.

When you eat an apple, you are eating a "thought of God". In fact, we live by feeding our bodies with the thoughts of God. If you eat an original fruit, you are eating a thought of God. Remember: WE LIVE BY EATING GOD'S THOUGHTS. And since God's thoughts are Himself, then we eat "God".

And also our Spiritual Being, our "soul", lives by eating God's thoughts: THE WORD OF GOD.

So, you see, we "come" from God and we "live" by God. We could say it this way: "We exist because we came from God, and we can continue to exist only if we keep "eating God". If we stop from eating God, then we will die! Death comes in us when God goes out of us.

That's why a Scripture says that: "For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'for we are also His offspring" (Acts 17:28)

That is why Jesus said that if we don't eat His flesh and don't drink His blood, we have no life in us. See?

That's why man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God. And that Word is HIMSELF! So we live by eating GOD. See?

So, when we eat an "original" thing, we are eating God's thought.

And now that there are so many fruits and things that are no more "original", we are no more eating God's thought, but "man's thought", "hybrid thoughts", that is why our bodies get weaker and weaker.

Now, if we do not eat God's material thoughts (the food), our body dies. And if we do not eat God's spiritual thoughts (the Word), our soul will dies.

So to keep ourselves alive physically, we must eat God's material thoughts; and if we want to keep ourselves alive spiritually, we must eat God's spiritual thoughts, His WORD.

So we exist by God, and we live by God.

Now, pervert that food (physical or spiritual), and you will die. Death is ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD, the original.

Now, when you kill a gnat, what did you kill? You killed a "thought" of God. You killed an "expressed attribute" of God. See? Praise God, in the New Heaven there is nothing that will die!

Now, when you kill a thought of God, you kill GOD. Can you see?

"Oh, come on!", you will say, "how can God be killed and still be God?". Very simple.

Look, Jesus spoke a parable, the parable of the sower (Mat.13). Now, the "seed" that the sower sowed, was the WORD OF GOD, which was GOD. So he sowed GOD. Now, some of that Seed-God fell by the way side, and the fowls (symbol of demons) came and <u>devoured</u> the Seed-God. Some Seed-God fell upon stony places, and because it had no much ground, the strong sun came and <u>withered away</u> the Seed-God. Some Seed-God fell among thorns, and the thorns <u>choked</u> the Seed-God. And some Seed-God fell on "good ground" and yielded a crop.

Now, in symbols, the "side way" is a ground (a believer) that receives a "wrong influence", or has a "wrong attitude"; the same is the "stony place-ground", the "thorns-ground", and the "good ground". Wrong attitude kills the Seed!

The Seed was ALL THE SAME, only the "ground" was of different types.

Now, all those Seeds-Words-Thoughts of God expressed that fell in those kind of grounds, DIED ALL.

Now, was not all that dead Seed, God that died? Sure it was! Because the Seed was GOD. See how can God dies?

Now, consider this. When a man puts his seed in a woman, that seed is HIMSELF. Now, only ONE of those sperms can reach the egg. But what about all the other MILLIONS sperms that does not reach the egg? What happens to them? They will DIE. And when they die, is not a part of the man that dies? Sure it is! The same is with God. See?

Now, let's consider another thing. There are many things in nature that have not a "free will". A stone has not a free will. A bird has not a free will. A cow has not a free will. A star, the moon, the sun, etc. etc., have not a free will. They are made in a certain way, and they remain all the time that way; they cannot change their ways or position or motion.

But there are other things that have a "free will". Lucifer had a "free will". Brother Branham tells us that the Angels, Lucifer included, was put on the <u>same basis as God put man</u>.

THAT DAY ON CALVARY - JEFF. IN. 60-0925.

And sin did not start on the earth. Sin started in heaven. Lucir--Lucifer, the devil, was a condemned creature for his disobedience before he ever struck the earth. Sin began in heaven, where God put the angels and so forth upon the same basis that He put human beings on. Knowledge, the tree of knowledge... The Tree of Life, and the tree of knowledge, where man could take his choice.

And when Lucifer was given the preeminences to make his choice, he wanted something better than God had. That started the trouble.

SEAL OF THE ANTICHRIST. 55-0311.

The right hand man of Almighty God was Lucifer, the son of the morning. The first, God granted him almost co-workers with Him; he was a co-worker, partly equal with Him; only Satan could not create. God is the only Creator, but Satan took something that God created and perverted it back into something else, evil.

QA. HEBREWS PART 3. 57-1006.

And those <u>spirits</u> that <u>come from the throne of</u> <u>God</u>, and stands before the throne of God, and lived--and billions and billions and aeons of time before the world ever begin in the Presence of God, <u>you think they don't know something about worship?</u> And they come down and get right into men, and <u>they worship God</u>. Absolutely, <u>they worship God; and they have a knowledge of God</u>, and they're <u>smart</u>, and <u>shrewd</u>, and educated, always. But God rejected them from the beginning.

So therefore, friends, membership of a church, or--or knowledge of some theology or something, doesn't have one thing to do with it. It's got to be the **Blood of Jesus Christ** and a **new birth** that

joins you to Him as one person. There you are.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 6. 57-0908E.

Now, remember, I'm not saying there's not a burning hell. There is a burning hell, fire and brimstone, where the--the worm is--the fire isn't quenched and the worm never dies, of fire and brimstone, a punishment; it may last for a hundred billion years, but it has to have an end, for hell was created for the Devil and his angels. And everything that the very God Himself, which was in the beginning, everything come off of God. When the very spirit...

Let's take the Spirit of love, that was the great fountain of God, pure, unadulterated. From that, come in a perverted love. Then it come into human love. Then it come into sexual love. Then it come into other loves: loves and loves, and just keeps perverting down till it becomes to just filth. But all those things had a beginning. And someday it'll wind right straight back to the original (It's eternal.), where lust, human love, passionate love, all those loves will have to cease.

All these make-beliefs of faith will have to cease. There's One true faith; all others will have to cease. They were perverts off of this real Fountain.

Notice: "...the perverted love came from the Perfect Love", which is God Himself! Just ponder this, my brothers.

Now, Lucifer, and all the Angels, was all perfect beings. They where all "perfect thoughts of God expressed", attributes of God. They all come out from His mind. They were GOD, a part of God.

Now, once they was all in His mind. From where the Angels came from? FROM THE MIND OF GOD, the Creator, the Fountain of all things. They come from the SAME MIND from where we, as men, come from. And from that SAME MIND comes: flowers, trees, animals, minerals, water, wind, angels, moon, sun, stars, etc. etc. ALL FROM THE SAME MIND, all from the same Fountain. In one sense, we are all brothers and sisters, like San Francis preached, because we come all from ONE mind. Of different kinds, but all from ONE Eternal mind.

Now, these Angels was put upon the **same basis** that God put human beings, the man, that is: <u>free</u> moral agency, free will, to choose or to reject.

Lucifer "chose" to do evil, he "chose" to disobey,

he "chose" to take a position not given from God. And that choosing CHANGED his nature, from good to evil. In other words: he PERVERTED himself. He perverted the ORIGINAL THOUGHT, the original ATTRIBUTE of God. And from a PURE and HOLY and PERFECT and ORIGINAL attribute, he made himself the worst being that ever existed. The same thing did all the Angels that followed him in the conspiracy against God. From GOOD and ORIGINAL attributes (thoughts) of God, they become EVIL, PERVERTED attributes.

#### Their decision perverted them!

What is a "demon"? It is a Holy and Pure Angel of God, an "expressed attribute of God", changed, or perverted, into a devil.

The same thing can man do! By his choosing, he can pervert himself, and from a child of God he becomes a child of the devil, in his "nature", because the devil has no children of his own. To have children then he must be a "creator". But there is only ONE Creator, that's God. So the children of the devil are called his children because of the "nature-ship", not because of the "son-ship".

Cain was a child of the devil in his "nature"; but in his make-up, he was a son of the father serpent-beast and the mother Eve-woman.

But Satan was not the serpent, because the serpent was just a "beast of the field". Satan is a "spirit", a fallen Angel, Lucifer. And he, as a spirit, "used" the serpent, the "beast", to produce a "bastard" man, a "tool", an "instrument", by which he could work. Satan can work only through a "bastard child". He can work with those that are "mixed", half believer and half make-believer. Half Message, and half denomination. Half the Word of God, and half man's ideas. "Bastard", see?

But those that are called "children of the devil" are simple the children of God that "perverts themselves" by choosing to be "disobedient" to God's commandments, just like Lucifer did. And in the Bible those that choose to be disobedient are called: "Children of disobedience".

Even to Cain, which was a "bastard" child, God said: "<u>If you do</u> well, will you not be accepted? But <u>if you do</u> not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, <u>but you should</u> rule over it". See?

My, when I think that God's goodness wanted to save even a BASTARD man, my heart praises Him even more. God is really good! Blessed be His Name!

And think: Even a bastard child, half human and half beast, could CHOOSE to be accepted by a Holy God! My, look if this is not the Love of God, which does not want that any should perish. Glory to God! I just could not help to praise Him for His love and goodness.

But I think that God wanted to save Cain because if Cain was such type of a child, it was not because he chose to be like that. It was not his fault if he was born that way! It was Eve's fault, not Cain's. That is why God, being a righteous God, knowing that it was not the fault of Cain, He wanted to save him.

But when Cain chose to refuse to do well, then he killed Abel. Then he was guilty, <u>after his choosing.</u>

DISEASES AND AFFLICTIONS. 50-0100.

Someone said, "Does the healings last?"

They last as long as faith lasts. But when faith fails, then your healing will fail.

Would you say every person that came to the altar and got converted would be a Christian all their days? He could be tonight a child of God, and tomorrow be a child of the devil. It's when he loses faith in God, what sends him back.

ONENESS OF UNITY. 58-0128.

Now, when God made you so you could empty... For when you was born, you was made with a place to be filled. By nature you're a child of the devil. (Look here: by NATURE we are children of the devil, not by CREATION, because the devil CANNOT create. By CREATION we are children of God. See?) And when you... Evangelist comes along, and you repent and get cleaned up, you see what the devil comes? He brings back to you, and sets you in some little denomination, and say, "Our church is the biggest one." You're wrong, right there to start with.

Then you get <u>heady</u>, <u>high-minded</u>, <u>"Why, it don't condemn me to stay home and watch television.</u>

<u>It doesn't condemn me to smoke a little friendly cigarette or take a drink once in a while."</u>

Your fruits tells what you are.

And then you'll hear some clergyman get up...

And you might be reading a Bible, and you see where Jesus performed and done miracles. You take it to the pastor. "Oh," he'll say, "now look. We don't believe that." Who's we? Who is the, "We don't believe it?" Him and who? It isn't him and God, for God wrote it. It's him and somebody else.

And if you'll get behind it, it's the <u>same motive</u> that was at the tower of Babel: to build a manmade earthly dominion. But God don't want that. He don't want you all united under the Methodists, under the Baptists, or under the--any ecclesiastical church head. He don't want you all united under Rome. He don't want you all united under the--a--any--a church dominion. He wants you united under <u>His Spiritual Kingdom</u>, the Holy Spirit.

And when the Holy Spirit comes, the world becomes dead, and you're filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

And the devil is a person that has to stay away from you. You're under God's domain. You are a new creature. The Holy Spirit come into that empty place and filled it up.

You see how the prophet explains it?

Now, let's go back to see how the Angels was; let's look here what the prophet says about them.

#### **INFLUENCES.** 64-0215.

Let's look at their makeup for a little while. We find out that these were six-winged Creatures. They had two wings over their faces, two wings over their feet, and were flying with two wings. Think. Two wings over their faces first. Firstly, what would it be? Let's find out what the two wings over their face meant. When God is so holy that even the holy Angels and Cherubims have to cover their face to stand in His Presence, how are we going to stand when to stand we all have to, in the Presence of God? He is the supreme Judge. And we'll all stand in His Presence. And holy Angels have never known what sin was. They were created a special Being, and to stand in His Presence have to cover their holy faces to stay there. If Angels have to cover their holy faces to stand there, what will we do to have to live in the Presence of Almighty God, if we stay in His Presence? We've got a covering, though, the Blood of Jesus Christ. That's right. Today...

That's reverence. That meant reverence in the

Presence of God.

IDENTIFIED CHRIST OF ALL AGES. 64-0409.

Now, in 1st John, or St. John the 1st chapter, we find out... Here's what the writer said. Being inspired by the Holy Spirit, he wrote this, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the word was made flesh, and dwelled among us." May I break it down? In the beginning was the Eternal. He wasn't even God. "God," our English word "God," is a--is an object of worship. But He... There wasn't nothing to worship Him. He was just the Eternal.

In Him was attributes. Anyone knows what an attribute is. In others words, in Him was His thoughts, just thoughts. That's His attributes. Then His Word, and a thought expressed is a word. "In the beginning was the Word." Before It was even expressed, It was a thought, attribute. In this thinking He was to be God. Probably created angels first, then He was worshipped, He was God.

KNOWETH IT NOT. 65-0815.

And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning,... (Who is the beginning)... the firstborn from the dead;... (That is, raised up when He came to redeem)... that in all things he might have the preeminences.

Might have preeminence... You know what it means? That's over all. <u>He's over all things that was ever created: every angel, every being, ever--everything that there is, He's over all things</u>. What creature is this? Who can it be? Over all things.

And having made peace...

Let's see I've... Just a minute.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

All the fullness of all things, all the Fullness of God, all the Fullness of angels, all the Fullness of time, all the Fullness of eternity: everything dwells in Him. That's this Fellow.

So, you see how all comes out from God? All things are just His "attributes expressed".

The things that are not His attributes, are all those things that are not ORIGINAL.

For example, Cain was not an original attribute of God. He was a "hybrid". He never came from God's mind. Cain was a product of a "beast

mixed with a human being". Cain could not be redeemed. No way, even if God "desired" that he could be also saved. He could have been saved only because it was not his fault if he was born a bastard child. But "after" his choosing, then he could not be saved. And also his children could not be redeemed, because his decision brought under course all his seed. The serpent seed cannot be redeemed. Redeem means "to bring back to its original owner". So if a serpent seed should be redeemed, it should be brought back to its original owner.

Now, to which owner, since he came half from the woman and half from the beast? Which part of him has to go back to the woman, and which part of him has to go back to the beast? It should be that the "body" goes back to the woman, since it's from the woman that the body comes from; and the spirit, has to go back to the beast, the serpent, since the seed comes from the male. See? But this could not be done! A "bastard" child cannot be redeemed! You cannot redeem a "mule". You can redeem a donkey, a horse, a dog (if it is original, not a hybrid one), but you cannot redeem a mule. No way. See?

Now, in a certain sense, Satan is redeeming his own seed by bringing back to himself what belongs to him. And when he has redeemed them all, he will bring them to Roma, to worship the beast.

See, a mule is not an attribute of God, because it is not an original thought. And the mule cannot be redeemed, says the prophet. There are so many races of dogs that are not original attributes of God. There are many plants, flowers, birds, that are not attributes of God.

And now there are also MEN and WOMEN that are born in the scientific laboratories, where men manipulate the molecules and mix the seeds. What about their bodies? Are they originals? No way! So they are not redeemable people. They are not God's thoughts expressed! They are not originals. They are "man's laboratory attributes". How can God ever redeem such a creature? No way.

Now, there are some of those attributes of God that have a "special quality", that is: <u>The ability to CHOOSE</u>. This ability to choose is a special quality that ONLY God possesses. And God gave it only to the Angels and to His children, the human beings.

Remember: Man and Angels are on the same basis. It is a "special" quality, a "perfect" quality; it is a quality that no other attribute has. It is something special, a special part of God that He has placed inside of these attributes. Without it the Angels could not have been perfect. Without it man could not have been perfect. Without the "free will" we would not have been perfect beings, in God's image!

Now, of this kind of perfection (the ability to choose) God put MORE of it in the man than He put in the Angels. We, as men, have MUCH MORE of this perfect "free will" that Angels have, because He never said to the Angel to choose, but He said it to the man, in the Garden of Eden.

As far as we know, God never said to the Angels: "I put before you good and evil. Choose". But He did with man, in the Garden of Eden. Why? Because of the MORE of this "special" and "unique" quality of God that He put in the man, which is much MORE perfect than that He did put in the Angels.

That is why man can judge the Angels, but the Angels cannot judge the man, because God put in the man more of this special quality. In other words: Man is more like God that the Angels are.

We could say that the "attribute-man" is the MOST special thought of God expressed. Yes, man is the MOST HIGH and PERFECT thought that God has ever expressed.

The BEST thought that ever was in God's mind, was MAN, the BRIDE.

So, in creating the creation, all the expressed attributes of God are of a different "quality". One is an "Angel-attribute". Another is a "tree-attribute". Another is a "donkey-attribute", and so on and on. Then He expressed the last attribute, the BEST, and it was a MAN-attribute, a "son-attribute", a "bride-attribute".

Then in a second thought (an under-attribute) He expressed the woman-attribute, a "daughter-attribute".

Man is in the IMAGE OF GOD, in His likeness, the <u>most high attribute</u> of God expressed.

Now, since that Angels-attributes and humanattributes have this "special" quality of "choosing", that is the thing we have to watch!

Now, consider this: if with this special quality

Lucifer was able to "pervert himself", and to pervert also two third of the Angels, then HOW MUCH MORE MAN CA DO THE SAME THING! Just ponder this, my brother.

See, since because of that quality we men have MORE than Lucifer and the Angels, then <u>how much more we have to be careful the way we use that quality of choosing!</u>

Now, God has chosen us since before the foundation of the world. Sure, we are His ATTRIBUTES! We are HIM expressed. He knows us since before the foundation of the world, sure, because we are His thoughts. And He loves His thoughts. And all of His thoughts are just perfect. No one of them is wrong. And they are ALL Eternal, as He is eternal.

But, what happens, since the Angels have this special quality of choosing, Lucifer and those two third of Angels that chose to change their God's given position, PERVERTED themselves. In other words: they perverted that PREFECT ATTRIBUTE OF GOD. And so, by doing that, a "perfect" attribute became a "perverted" attribute. From a "eternal attribute", it become a "time attribute". Death, separation, came in.

Now, think: From a Heavenly, Holy, Pure, Perfect Angel, Lucifer become a DEVIL, a DECEIVER, an ENEMY, an OPPOSER to God, a PERVERTER, a MONSTER, a DEATH; the WORST BEING. And the same thing was with all the two third of pure Angels that followed Lucifer. See?

See, a perfect thought of God perverted, become the "enemy" of God. Just ponder the thing!

Now, let's go down to man. He is also a prefect attribute of God, EVEN MORE PERFECT than Lucifer and all the Angels. But in him, too, God put that special quality to choose. Man is able to choose. And by that ability to choose, if he uses it wrong, he can pervert himself, like did Lucifer, and from a son of God he becomes a son of the Devil, an illegitimate child, a bastard child.

What is "death"? God's Life perverted.

What is a "demon"? An angel of God perverted.

What is "adultery"? A right act perverted.

What is an "harlot"? A good woman perverted.

What is a "lie"? A truth perverted.

What is "antichrist"? It is Christ perverted.

What a is a "son of perdition"? It is a son of God

perverted.

What is the "bride of Satan"? She is the Bride of Christ perverted.

And we could on down in this line.

Now, did God knew that Lucifer will pervert himself? Surely He knew! But it was NOT His desire or will that Lucifer should become a devil.

Did God knew that Adam would fall? Surely He knew. But it was not His desire that he would fall! God never desire any evil thing about His children or His creation!

But because He knew, then He made preparations for that fall. And, by that fall, He would express more of His qualities, like a Saviour, a Redeemer, and so forth.

So as Satan turned good to evil, God turned evil to good. Praise the Lord for that, otherwise we was lost forever! How many times He turns our wrongs thing in good? Oh, how many times He has done it form me! Oh, how I love Him for that! Blessed be His Holy and precious Name. Glory to God! Oh, when I think on this, I just could not help to bow down at His feet and express my love to Him. Glory to God!

But don't take all this happenings as a "comedy"! Some believers are taking it as a comedy, as a drama. What a pity! No, it is not a comedy. It was not a comedy when Lucifer and all those Angels rebelled against God; it was a "tragedy" not a comedy. It "looks" like a drama, but in reality it is a "tragedy".

It was not a comedy when Adam and Eve fell; it was a tragedy. But God put a remedy to their fall!

It was not a comedy when Jesus died on the Cross. No, it was not a comedy, like some preachers preach. If you preach that Calvary was just a comedy, then I tell you that you are just saying a blasphemy.

Sin, unbelief, is not a comedy. It is a horrible thing before God! To take it easy, is a tragedy!

"Repentance" is not a comedy. The "conversion" is not a comedy, it must be a reality, otherwise you are LOST. The "New Birth" is not a comedy, it is a "mess" and a reality, and without it you are LOST.

Yes, Redemption is not a comedy, it is a reality, otherwise you are LOST. Taking the Lord's Supper, is not a comedy. If you take it as a comedy, you sin against the Lord's Body, and

you DIE.

In a drama you have "actors". Actors are "pharisees", says the prophet. So, if it is all a big drama, then Lucifer is a big pharisee, not a "real" devil. The demons are pharisees, not "real"demon. And Jesus also is a pharisee, not a "real" Saviour. Then the preachers are also pharisees, impersonators, imitators. And the believers are just the "spectators", the ones that watch and enjoy the drama. My, if things are really like this, then I AM OUT OF THE PICTURE, because I am taking the thing real serious!

And then, even if it is real a drama, with actors, then, don't you know that a real actor is the one that acts like if the thing he is doing is real true? If he acts like if the thing he is doing is not true, then he is not a good actor!

So, you see, even if it is a drama, you have to act serious, carefully, diligently, otherwise the spectators don't like your drama! See?

Yes, the danger I see among Message believers, and among the ministry, too, is that we are taking it easily, relaxing, becoming actors and spectators, like in a drama. **Be careful!** 

It is good to know that no one can take us away from God's hands. It is good to know that our salvation does not depend from our works. It is good to know that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life since the foundation of the world. But yet, it is ALSO good if we listen to the prophet of our age.

CHURCH AGE BOOK. PAGE 359.

Oh elect of God, beware. Study closely. Be careful. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Rely upon God and be strong in His might. Your adversary, the devil, is even now going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Watch unto prayer and be steadfast. This is the end time.

Here below I want to bring to your attention some quotes where Brother Branham speaks about the danger to relay only on predestination the way Calvin taught it. We have to relay on both: Calvinianism and Arminianism.

DEMONOLOGY 1. PHYSICAL. 53-0608A. *I believe this, in security, I believe the church* 

has eternal security. Any reader of the Bible knows that, 'cause God's already said It would appear yonder without blemish. Is that right? Then It's going to be there. Is that right? The bi--the church is eternally secured. Now, are you in the church is the next thing. If you're in the church, all right, you're secured with the church, but you better stay in the church. And how do you get in the church? By shaking hands? No. Putting your name in the book? No, sir. "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body." And that Body God judged at Calvary, was the Body of Jesus Christ, and we're baptized into that Body by one Spirit. We have eternal security as long as we're in the Body of Christ; nothing can separate us, nothing can touch us. If you go out, you go out by your own will. But just as sure, if you're in the Body of Christ, as sure as Jesus rose from the dead you'll rise too. God's already done that.

Notice: "If you go out, you go out by your own will". Can you do that? Oh, sure you can! Lucifer did, why not you? But if you LOVE the Lord your God with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, and with ALL you mind, then you will never do it.

But if you DO NOT love the Lord with that "ALL... ALL...", then you are already on the way that brings you out from eternal security. And if you Love Him, you show it by OBEYING His commandments. Which commandments? ALL commandments, starting from putting a necklace around you neck, or a little paint over your eyes. Yes.

WHY I AM A HOLY ROLLER. 53-0830A.

And then I--I believe that God has a Church. Now, I believe that in this Church, that this... I--being many people has thought that I was a radical eternal securitist.

Well, that's--that's an error. No, I only believe in eternal security as this: I believe the Church has eternal security. Now, if you're in the Church, you're secured with the Church. But now, whether you are or not, that's between you and God. Isn't that right?

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM. 56-0223. Now, talking, bring it right up to the age of eternal security here. I do believe in eternal security in this way: I believe that the Church

has eternal security. And as long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church. Do you get it? As long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church. You get it?

Then God <u>foreknowing</u>, and there will be... **The Church is going to be, whether you are in It, or I am in It**; <u>It will appear before God without spot or without wrinkle.</u> God's done said so, and that settles it forever.

Now, <u>He never said</u>, "In this church will be <u>William Branham</u>." He said, "The Church would be there, and she would be a glorious Church, washed in the Blood, ironed out, and would be without spot or wrinkle."

Now, IT'S UP TO ME WHETHER I WANT TO STAY IN THAT CHURCH OR NOT. Not... He didn't say He would—He would predestinate me, and I'd be sure to be there, but He give me the assurance if I was with this group I would be there, or if I was in Christ Jesus, which is the Bride, I would be there.

Now, that brings us down to election now. Now, God by foreknowledge could set election.

But now, <u>Abraham was called of God by election</u>, or foreknowledge, knowing that <u>Abraham would walk before God.</u> And that's the only reason tonight, by the same way... How many Christians are here lets see your hands, all over the building everywhere? Why are you a Christian? Because God elected you. Amen.

So if the Father has drawn you, <u>it's God's</u> foreknowledge of election.

Now, here it is. <u>Every Christian in here that's</u> born again, when God called you, called for total separation. If He didn't, you got the wrong call. See?

God doesn't make any difference between His children. Every son that cometh to God must first be tried or chastised. You get it? First be tried, or chastened, corrected, child trained, schooled, everyone not one exception, every son... Have you went through trials? Have you went through tribulation? Have you suffered persecution? Then you're endure these things, you are real children of God.

But when you can't bear chastisement, when the rod comes down heavy, and you run off and back into the world, the Bible said you're illegitimate children and not the children of God. For when a man's born of the Spirit of God, he expects those things, and he loves those things.

Now, this Covenant with Abraham was UNCONDITIONAL. It was based ONLY on God oath. God swore for Himself, without the part of the man. So it is a Covenant that CANNOT fail. God will keep that covenant. When we make mistakes, that covenant is valid. It cannot fail.

When Abraham (Genesis 20) let his wife go to king Abimelek because he feared for his life, <u>it</u> was not a deliberate act of disobedience to God's <u>Word.</u> No. It was an act of "human weakness", **not a deliberate act of disobedience.** 

Sarah NEVER went to the king "willingly". Abraham NEVER give her "willingly". In this case their "will" was not involved, rather, IT WAS CONTRARY. It was only a "weakness".

But when we come to the "obedience", we find that Abraham was always obedient to God's voice. Always. He never disobeyed.

Look here: after God made the unconditional covenant, why He required from Abraham the Token of the circumcision? Was not enough the unconditional covenant? Why the token?

Do you see that man had to do also his part to make the covenant valid?

And after that God made the unconditional covenant, why He told many times to Abraham to keep His covenant? Look here in Genesis 17:1: "Walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly". And then in verse 9 God warns Abraham to "keep His covenant". Why He had to tell Abraham to keep His covenant, since His covenant was unconditional?

And then, after the unconditional covenant was made, God appeared to Abraham before his tent, and Sarah laughed in the tent, and God was ready to kill her. How can it be, if there was an unconditional covenant?

If the covenant was "unconditional", then she could laugh, she could do whatever she wanted to do, anyhow there was an unconditional covenant! Huh, God could have killed her!

And then, look: The covenant was made for Abraham and his SEED. But look how many times God has destroyed the seed of Abraham (Israel) because they was not faithful to God's covenant? Then, where we put the "unconditional"?

You see, a seed can go into a woman womb, and go into the egg. Now, that seed was "predestinated" to reach that egg. Millions of his brothers and sisters DIED. They could not reach the egg.

But after that that seed has reached the egg, that is not all. Now the "woman" has to be careful what she does, because she can ABORT, or KILL the child! See? So, for nine months she has to BE CAREFUL, otherwise that PREDESTINATED seed will DIE.

The same is with the Spiritual Seed. Exactly the same.

A farmer can plant a seed, and the seed becomes a tree; BUT IF THE FARMER DOES NOT TAKE CARE FOR THAT TREE, THE TREE CAN DIE!

A shepherd has his sheep; BUT IF HE DOES NOT TAKE CARE OF HIS SHEEP, THE WOLF WILL KILL THEM! The same is with a spiritual shepherd, a pastor, and his Sheep-Believers, the Elects. If he does not watch over their souls, the wolf-devil can KILL them! Yes. (Hebrews 13:17)

Oh, I know that some believers-unbelievers (pastors included), don't believe this Scripture, because they say: "God watches over His Sheep". But here the Scripture, GOD, is telling that it is the "shepherd-man" that watches over the souls of the God's Sheep!

But do you know who are those pastors that say that they have not to watch over the souls of God's Sheep? They are NOT true shepherds! They are just "hirelings" shepherd (John 10:13)! That is why they say that God watches over your souls, because they "don't care about your spiritual condition". They are interested to feed you with knowledge, with Message-theology, just to keep you under their control and take your Tithes. Yes, they are not interested to feed you with the LIFE, but with the KNOWLEDGE. In this way they take your money, then they kill you by deceiving you with their theology. **Be careful!** 

Let's consider another thing: After that God made the unconditional covenant, why then He asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22) to see if Abraham was really fearing God? Why?

What?, God first make a covenant, and then He

"proves" to see if the man with whom He made the unconditional covenant was fearing Him?

And what if Abraham would have said to God: "No, I cannot do that. That is too much for me!"? Abraham could have done that, he had the capacity, the ability, to choose and say "yes" or "not". That is why God gave him the chance. If Abraham could not choose, then there was no need to test his faith.

But what if Abraham would have said "no"? What about the unconditional covenant that was made? It was for sure ANNULLED! Not because God failed, but because MAN failed to do his part.

Oh, I know that someone will say: "But God knew that Abraham would have said "yes".

Are your sure that God knew? Then tell me why God said: "For <u>NOW I know</u> that thou fearest God" (Genesis 22:12).

"NOW I know", not before. See?

You see, the heart of man is so deep that even God Himself has to test us to see what there is inside of our heart. It looks like that God's Omniscience is not able to do it! God needs to "test" us to know exactly what there is inside of our heart. See?

And, look here: After the unconditional covenant was made, and God tested the faith of Abraham, then listen here what God tells to Abraham: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; **BECAUSE** THOU HAST **OBEYED** MY VOICE" (Genesis 22:18).

Now, where we put now the unconditional covenant? Here God tells him that BECAUSE he OBEYED His Voice (the Word), because of this ACT of obedience from Abraham, God was going to keep His unconditional covenant.

We know that God does't change His program, NEVER. Yet, sometimes men have changed His mind! King Hezekiah once did it.

EXPECTATION. 61-0207.

What man calls great, God calls foolish. And what man calls foolish, God calls great. So what we've got to do is get back into the program of God and find out, after all, what God wants us to do. And the only way I know to do it is prayer. Prayer is the key. That's the answer. Prayer changes things. Prayer is the most powerful weapon that was ever put in the--the control of

human beings. There's no atomic bomb, or no hydrogen bomb as powerful as prayer.

**Prayer will change the mind of God.** Did you know that? It did do it one time.

You see? Prayer can change the MIND OF GOD! Now, and if God has a plane and you will change His MIND, where do you put then predestination?

You see, we should never forget "what man is".

Man is in the "image of God". He is a "miniature" God. He is a "part" of God. And because of that, he has a lot of influence on God, even to change His mind. Because man is like a wife to her husband. And those that are married men know how much influence the wife has on the husband; so much that some times (and for some men, MANY times) the wife changes the mind and program of the husband. The same is between God and man.

See, the heart of man is so deep, so perfect, that even God Himself sometimes does't know exactly what he has inside, just like the wife with her husband. My, how can you know what the woman has inside her heart? It is so deep! So complicated! So powerful! It has so much influence on the husband! My, my! And if you have a wife with a "good" heart, then you are a blessed man. But can you imagine a man that has a wife with an "evil heart"? My, can you imagine how many times she will change his mind? Oh!

Now, the same is between man and God, only in another level.

Many times we forget how great God made the man. Man was made to be NEXT to God! Now we are what we are because of the fall. But before the fall, and after the resurrection, man will be near "equal" with God! Even Lucifer was one time co-equal with God. He was the "right hand of God"! Can you imagine how much more is man, since man is <u>much higher</u> that angels?

So to know the heart of the man, God has to put him under a "test". By the results that comes out of the test, then God knows. Like it was with Abraham. After the "test", God said: "NOW I know that you fear God". Oh, how marvellous is this! We should praise God for the way He made us; because He made us to be His "companion", His "friend", His "wife". Glory to God!

Yet, God does NOT CHANGE His program. His

program is just PERFECT, and never changes.

So, you see, we have to keep the doctrine in balance! If we go to much in one side, we can kill ourselves with the Word of God.

The Word of God is a SWORD, very SHARP; but if you don't use it in the right way, you can kill yourself with that Sword!

**Salt is good**; but if you eat too much salt YOU KILL YOURSELF!

**Sugar is good;** but if you eat too much sugar you kill yourself!

Water saved Noah; but the same water killed all the people!

**Predestination** is one of the BASILAR doctrines of the Bible, yet, if you use too much of it, you can deceive the people. Yes, because too much of that doctrine makes the believers "relax", they do not watch and pray anymore. They just will do nothing, because they think that everything will just go the way it has been predestinated. So it does not matter what you do or what you don't do, everything will be as God has predestinated.

And so they do nothing. They become spiritually lazy. They do not have any more the burden for lost souls; they don't pray any more; they loose the zeal for God, the love for God; and if they come to church, they come with such a cold attitude! With such a formalism! My, it makes God vomit!

Remember: any good water that stands still, WILL STINK! "Worms" will appear in it!

And any believer that stands still, doing nothing for the cause of God, will spiritually STINK.

See, we have to "balance" the doctrine, otherwise we could kill ourselves.

I see in my church those that do something for God, they get stimulated, they get happy, motivated. Those that just go out in the streets and speak with the people about what God has done in our age, and give out some tracts, some Messages, tapes, my, when they come back home they are so happy! So stimulated! So full of joy!

Even if nobody will come, yet, because the believer have done something that pleases God, he is happy and stimulated.

On the other hand, I see those that do nothing, they are just like dead; no stimulation, no zeal, no enthusiasm, no faith. Just Lukewarm!

So, even if no one comes, because of the results

you get in yourself, it is worthy to work and be busy in God's field.

But some are so bad against evangelizing! Why? May be because they are spiritually dead, or because they are deceived by the devil that tells them that time to evangelize is over. Look here what they asked to the prophet.

OA ON THE SEALS. 63-0324M.

#### 2. Should evangelists continue on the field?

In this hour, of course, what they mean. Certainly, by all means; don't change a thing. If Jesus is coming in the morning, preach today like it was going to be ten years from today, but live like it's going to be at this hour.

Don't--don't get scrupled up now. That's why I'm trying to warn you about. See? Just don't be odd, peculiar. Don't change nothing, but if you're doing something wrong, or doing evil, repent (See?), come back to God.

Continue on your evangelistic service just as you always did.

If you're building a house, put it on up. If Jesus comes tomorrow, you'd be found faithful at the duty. If you're building your church, go on, put it up. I'd rather be putting my money in something like that than be found with it in my pocket. See? So just-just keep on; continue as you are.

Everybody understand now? Continue right on. Just go right on as you are. Now, just--just don't stop; don't do nothing. Just go right on just as you are; keep on serving the Lord.

Now, for instance, if you was--if you was working for a man and you knowed it was fifteen minutes before quitting time, "Well," you'd say, "it's just fifteen minutes more so I might as well just go over and set down." You'd get docked for that fifteen minutes.

See what the prophet said? Yet, in spite of what the prophet told us, many believe that time to evangelize is over. They are deceived, and don't know it!

Listen; even if there is no one more to come, just go on the streets, in denominational churches, wherever there are people that you can talk to, and tell them that the Lord is coming soon, that they should repent or perish; tell them what the Lord has done in our age, how He has sent a vindicated prophet, with a Message that brings us

back to the original Faith. You never know, may be your words will fall in some good ground, and a soul is saved. We never know.

And if nobody comes, well, at least you have preached to the lost.

JEHOVAH JIREH. 57-0106.

Man always breaks his covenant with God. When God made a covenant with Adam in the garden of Eden, he broke it. Every time man breaks his covenant. Give him the law he broke it. But God was determined to save man, so He made the covenant with Abraham unconditionally. Not, "If you will," He said, "I have." I like that. Not, "If you'll do this, if you'll do that..." I know that has a little Calvinistic swing to it, and I am a Calvinist as long as Calvin stays in the Bible. But when he goes off on eternal security and them black sides over there, I'm an Arminian from then on. I'm with any church as long as you stay in the Bible. When you get outside, that lets me out. But they both got a picture, but they both got Scripture, and they both went out on limbs and hung themselves. That's right, the holiness and the Calvinists...

SERPENT'S SEED. 58-0928E.

Baptists come in, baptize a couple over here in immersing. The preacher baptizes, nine out of ten smoke cigarettes, go back out and stand out there and play cards, bunco all night, run around, crooked business deals. And all the women wearing shorts out here, running around in the streets, and bobbing their hair, and--and smoking, and talking, and little stitch and sew parties, and telling dirty jokes. You call that Christianity? And you think you got eternal security? You're going to hell like that. You wouldn't enjoy yourself in heaven in any manner. Certainly not. That's not eternal security.

But when a man is born again of the Holy Ghost... And you Pentecostal, 'cause you jumped up and down, spoke in tongues, and run up-and-down the aisle, that don't mean you got eternal security. Don't you ever get that in your head. No, sir, it certainly doesn't. Because you know that your own-your own life bears you record that you're not right with God. That's right. You're not right. That's not eternal security yet.

POSITION IN CHRIST. 60-0522M.

"Oh, wonder if I can just hold out. Oooh, if I can just hold out now." Hold out nothing. It isn't whether I held out; it's whether He held out. I'm in Him now. See?

Well, you say, "Well, if I'm in Him..." Now, you--you Presbyterians say, "Aw, we always believed that." But your life proves that you're not, unless you walk the kind of life that He walked, you believe the same Gospel He preached.

You say, "Oh..." Baptists say, "Sure, I believe in eternal security." And go out here and smoke cigars, and run to dances, and women cut their hair, paint their faces, and act like I-don't-know-what? Your fruits proves that you don't believe It.

DEMONOLOGY 2, RELIGIOUS. 53-0609.

After I come out of it, I walked over and set down. I said, "How do you do, ma'am?"

She said, "Oh, hello."

And I said, "If you'll pardon me," I said, "I'm Reverend Branham, a minister."

She said, "Oh, excuse me, excuse me, Reverend Branham."

I said, "Lady..." I was... Told her the story. I said, "I was standing there, and I was condemning you in thinking what a horrible thing. Maybe you've got children."

She said, "I have."

I said, "What caused the way to go wrong?" She begin to unfold the story to me that would rend the heart of anything. I said, "I--I was asking God why didn't He just rake such off the earth? Here you here with these two drunken men, and you're drunk yourself." And I said, <u>"Someday</u> that Blood that's holding God's wrath off from you, you're going to die one of these days, and then you're...

You're a free moral agent now; you can reject or receive." And I said, "But someday your soul's going beyond there, where there's no mercy left. And if you die in your sins you're already judged, and you're going to hell."

And you know what? That woman slipped out of that seat there in that restaurant, and we had a prayer meeting like you never heard in your life, and she come to Christ. What was it? Don't condemn them; tell them the Gospel. They're demon possessed; they're mortals in this realm. They're influenced from over here. Our influence comes from above. Let's see what we can do with our talents to win others to Christ.

Notice how the prophet urges us to win others to Christ. But I have found that dose that have gone too far into the doctrine of predestination, they have no more compassion for the lost souls. No, they have no compassion for the lost!

And not only that, but they even get upset if they hear you telling them to do something to win souls to Christ! Yes, too much of that Calvinist doctrine has KILLED in them the desire to win others!

They say: "Ah, if they are predestinated they will come anyhow. God will search for them".

But the Scripture, God, tells us: "How can they come if there is no one that preaches the Word to them?" (Romans 10:14-15).

These Calvinist pregnant believers don't know that it is the "branch" that bears the fruit, not the "vine". No, they have forgotten that the Bride has her part to do in the salvation and redemption of souls. Yes, they have forgotten that God has no other hands that "our" hands, no other "mouth" than our mouth. Yes, they have forgotten that it is the believers that brings Eternal Life (which is God) to the lost. Yes, they have forgotten that it is the "Wife" that brings children to the Husband. Husband ALONE cannot bring forth children! Impossible.

But too much of that Calvinistic doctrine has killed all this truth!

And not only this truth, but also the truth to pray for one another, to go to church, the truth to live godly. And by feeding daily with predestination, they have become spiritually DEAD. REPENT!

THE RESURRECTION. 53-1205.

So now, whether we live, whether we die, whether the world stands, or whether it doesn't, whether the people thinks this or that, there's only one alternative that we should have: That's worship God, and be just as happy as we can be. Believe Him for everything He said. 'Cause and life, or death, or nothing can separate us from the love of God that's in Christ. And there we'll be with Him in His Presence forever. Say, "Brother Branham, that sounds very Calvinistic."

Well, I believe in Calvinist doctrine, as long as Calvinist stays in the Bible. See? If it gets out of the Bible I don't believe it.

I believe this; I believe every believer believes it

with me, that the church has eternal security. God has promised and said He'd--He'd be there without a blemish, spot, or wrinkle. Is that right? God's done said so, so that...

Now, if you're in the church, you're secured with the church. Is that right? That don't mean Methodist, or Baptist now, or Pentecostal. That means Holy Spirit borned again Church, that one we're born into. Then you're secured while you're in the Church.

This building has been built here for security of weather. And as long as I'm in here the weather ain't going to bother me. See? It ain't going to rain on me here, 'cause there's a roof over me. You stay in the church; you got the protection of Jesus Christ. Is that right?

**Notice:** do you see how simple the prophet made predestination? He gave the example of a building that is built for security of wether; <u>and as long as I am in there</u>, it does not bother me.

The same is with Christ: as log as I am in Christ, in His Body, the Church, then I am secured. But if I go out (and all men can, because we have the ability to choose) of Christ, out of His body, the Church, or the Bride, then I am no more secured.

You see how eternal security works? Very simple! Let's keep it simple that way, and don't make it complicated for the people, putting our own interpretations, like some intellectual and scientific preachers do.

You may say: "How can you go out of His body? Well, how can a member of your body go out of your body? Just cut it off, and it goes out. Very simple!

Cut a finger from your body, and that member is dead, even if your body, or "you", are still you.

What Jesus said in John 15:1,6? "Avery branch (member) in Me (the vine) that beareth not fruit, he taketh away (cut off), and then cast them into the fire". What about that? Where you put Calvinistic eternal security here?

HOW THE ANGEL CAME TO ME. 55-0117.

He could foreknow it because He's infinite. If you know what it means, that's just there's nothing that He don't know. See, He knows. Well, there's nothing from before time, and after there's no more time (See?), He--He still knows everything. Everything is in His mind. And then as Paul said in Romans, the 8th and 9th chapter, "Then why

does he still find fault?" So we see that. But God...

Like preaching the Gospel. Someone said, "Brother Branham, do you believe That?"
I said, "Look."

Said, "You must be Calvinist."

I said, "I am Calvinist as long as Calvinist is in the Bible."

Now, there's a limb on the Tree, that's Calvinism, but there's more limbs on the tree too. A tree has more than one limb. He just wants to run it on out there into Eternal Security, and after while you go on off into Universalism and you drop off out there somewhere, there's no end to it. But when you get through with Calvinism, come back up and start on Arminianism. See, there's another limb on the Tree, and another limb on the Tree, just keep on. The whole thing together makes the Tree. So I believe in--in the--in Calvinism as long as it stays in the Scripture.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM. 56-0223.

Now, Jesus didn't come to Calvary just for a haphazard thought, "Well, I'll die up there; perhaps maybe somebody will feel sorry for me and--and come down and get saved." No, no, God don't run His office like that. You don't run your office like that. Jesus come for one specific purpose: that was to redeem those that God foreknew would be redeemed. See?

Now, God's not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. But in order to be God, He had to know... Now, the word "predestinate," as is used in Ephesians 1:5, predestinate there, isn't a good word. It means in--in speaking of predestination to the people sometimes leads them to think that God just predestinated you to push you through a little pipe, or something. That's not right. Predestination looks back to foreknowledge. And foreknowledge looks to destiny.

Therefore, God being God before the foundation of the world knew that who would be saved and who would not. Romans 8, He could say that He hated Esau and loved Jacob before either child was born. For by foreknowledge He knowed what a little shyster that—that Esau would be, and how He would save Jacob. So therefore, by foreknowledge God knew those things (See?), foreknowledge.

So then, look now I'm basing something. Wish we

had about three or four hours on this one subject, but we haven't; we just have to hit the high places. And notice, now by foreknowledge God knew, and He did say that there will be a Church.

Now, talking, bring it right up to the age of eternal security here. I do believe in eternal security in this way: I believe that the Church has eternal security. And as long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church. Do you get it? As long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church, you are secured with the Church. You get it?

You see? It is "as long as you STAY in the Church". And if you go out? Then you are no more secured. But did God knew if I, you, was going to stay in the Church until the end, or stay in It for a while and then go out? Oh, sure He knew! But He never tells you what you will do in the future! No one knows about what you and I will do in the future; only God knows.

I have seen brothers, preachers, that was so sure about their eternal security, so sure about their salvation, their election! But then, suddenly, they backsleed, and left the Lord.

Well, you will say: "They did that because they was never really IN Christ". Sure, but before they backsleed no one knew that! Even themselves did not know that. That is why we have to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and be humble before the Lord.

Listen what the prophet says here below:

#### DESPERATION. 63-0901E.

Now, I'm sure, or hope, that you got the--what the Token meant. See? The Token is the sign that the Blood has been applied, that the price that's been asked, required of God, Jesus paid that price by shedding His own Blood. He did that. Then, from His life came the Holy Spirit. And when the Blood is applied to you, the Holy Spirit is a Token that your price is paid. God has received you, and that's the Token. Remember, that is the Token.

Now, there's many people who doesn't... They--they don't know what that Token is (See?), and you have to make it like that nobody knows it (See?), so that the--all of them will get it. Just like preaching salvation, we have to preach salvation in a way that everybody--it's for everybody, which we know it isn't.

We have to preach Divine healing for everybody, yet we know it isn't. See? Jesus come to save those who was in the Book of Redemption before the foundation of the world. He only come to save those. Who they are, I don't know. See? But you--nobody can have faith unless you say it's for whosoever, and it is. Nobody can come unless God's called them. That is true.

So there's many people that won't be saved. We know that. They're... God knew that before the world began, that they wouldn't be saved. There's many that won't be healed (See?), many won't be healed. They just can't--they can't grasp it. They don't know what it is. Many will be. But we preach it that it's for everybody, because we don't know who that person is; we just don't know. But that is a whosoever. But some people just can't grasp that faith.

Now, and the same thing about this Token. The Token, we have talked to the Token all the way along, but now is the manifestation of the Token. See?

Now, we have sometimes allowed It... The Lutherans allowed It to accepting the Word, accepting Christ as personal Saviour. The Methodists said, "When you get happy enough to shout, that's It." The Pentecostals says, "Speak in tongues, and you got It." And we find out that all of it was wrong. See? The Token is the Token. It's you and Christ as persons together. See? It's the Holy Spirit, His Life in you working His--His own Life through you. And it's for the rich, the poor, or for whosoever will receive It.

IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY. 57-0120M.

Now, we find out then to take... He was going to make a new church. He didn't want... You can't polish up the old church. You only give it a facelift, and it doesn't do any good. It is a new heart. "I'll take the old stony heart away." Not you'll throw it away, but "I'll take it away." Do you see the difference? It's a act of grace. "And I will..."

And you people, Baptist, and you Presbyterian, who <u>preach</u> eternal security and <u>act</u> like the world, shame on you. What are you preaching? Certainly.

**Notice:** There are also some Message ministers that preach eternal security, but act and live like

the world, or loving the things of the world!

That shows that the love of God, which is God Himself, is not in them. Yet they preach, and believe, and can show it to you from the Bible and the Message, that for them there is eternal security; they have not to worry.

Yes, they don't worry NOW, their worrying will come AFTER. Their desperation will come when the Bride has gone, then they will realize that their eternal security was just a "theory" and not a "reality of life".

#### JEHOVAH JIREH. 57-0309E.

Now, you say, "Well, I wished I was a Jew." Well, that which is outwardly, is not a Jew, but that which is inwardly, says the Bible. "And we, being dead in Christ..." the Bible said that we take on Abraham's seed, and we are heirs with Him, according to the promise.

Every man that has been filled with the Holy Ghost, has the seed of Abraham in him, because he has the faith of Abraham in him. And Abraham believed God before circumcision or anything else, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. You see it? That takes the scare out of you. It's not, "Oh, if I can just keep hanging on. Oh..." That isn't the idea. I never did try to hang on. He done the hanging on, and by grace He saved me. It ain't what I do, it's what He done. What I do doesn't matter anything. It's what He's done for me.

# Now, if I <u>love</u> Him, I will <u>do</u> everything that's in my power to <u>do the right</u> thing for Him.

Now, if a man says, "Well, I just... I'll just... (Presbyterian idea), I just walk up and shake hands and say, 'I got it. That's all right. I got eternal security." Brother, you're off the track. My wife, I love her. I made a covenant with her to be her husband. And if I was away from home, and some woman would come to me and say, "I love you," and I wanted... felt like that I would make love to the woman, and Meda would forgive me for it when I went home, I still wouldn't do it. Though I knowed she'd forgive me, I wouldn't hurt her like that.

And a man that loves God, you don't quit drinking, smoking, just because you think you're go... keep you from going to hell. If you love the Lord, you'd do it because you don't want to hurt Him.

I seen fashion, clothes, and...?... people to wear their... They used to wear long dresses, long sleeves, and long hair. That's all right. They should, but that isn't what takes you to heaven. You could have your hair long, your dresses long, and have a temper enough to fight a buzz saw, and hate your neighbor and everything else. But the reason that you do keep yourself the way it should be, is because you love the Lord and want to keep His commandments, if you're Abraham's daughters, Abraham's sons. That's what does it.

#### THE EAGLE STIRRING HER NEST. 58-0500.

God knows we need some more Baptists like that, the old fashion type of Baptists, not just the ones believes in grace and brings a lot of disgrace to the Gospel; but one who believes in the grace of God and lives it by the Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. 58-0928M.

"Well," you say, "now, Brother Branham, I guess once in grace always in grace." That brings a lot of disgrace. But when a man or a woman has been borned of the Spirit of God, old things have passed away, all things have become new, and he's been birthed and blessed by the Eternal God. And they can no more perish than God Himself can perish.

Do you mean to tell me that a God, a infinite God, would come down and give you Eternal Life, knowing that He was going to lose you, save you here knowing He's going to lose you there? What did He save you for? Why, He's working against Himself. If He saved you once, you are saved for all eternity. There's no demons in hell could upset you.

Praise God for this blessed assurance! He will NEVER loose us. No demon (or fallen Angel) could touch us.

But what about our "free will"? Could there be that some danger would come from our own will? That is the thing to watch, brother!

DEMONOLOGY 2. RELIGIOUS. 53-0609.

Now, don't go plumb too far over here on the Calvinistic side, "once in grace, always in grace," 'cause you'll get in disgrace. See? Now, just a moment; we'll get time this week to bring that up and show you how level it is. But

don't think just because you've done something wrong that you're gone forever. You're a child of God; you're born of the Spirit of God; you're sons and daughters of God, and the fruits will bear record of itself. There you are.

You see, we are not so much recognized by what we "believe", but by what we "produce in our life". The "fruits" is the thing that counts before God!

WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN'T KEEP VICTORY. 57-0324.

And God in the beginning knew every person that would ever be on the earth at the beginning. He knew every fly, every flea, everything that would ever be. He's infinite, and He knew everything. And so therefore, the day that our name's on the Lamb's Book of Life, they were placed there before the foundation of the world.

And the Gospel to be preached is nothing in the world but the seining all of the fish out of the lake, as Jesus said. The Kingdom of heaven is... You say what's the used of preaching then?  $\underline{A}$ preacher's got his part to do. He's got... The Kingdom of heaven's like one that's cast the net in and pulled it. Now, there's so many fish in that lake, and when the last one's brought out, that's the end of it. Now, a--a preacher he just throws in the net; he pulls. In that great net, the Bible teaches, he brings in everything. He brings in water spiders, frogs, snakes, lizards, terrapins, tadpoles, and fish. Now, it's not for me to determine or to judge, to say which is fish and which is tadpoles. But if you'll just watch them--if you'll just watch them, the nature that's in them will prove what they are. That's right. That's exactly right.

You watch a Gospel message go forth. Many will come up around the altar. Sure, the net's got them. Just a little bit they'll be an old Brother Terrapin will stick his head up to say, "I just didn't believe it in the beginning." He was a terrapin to start with; that's all.

And the snake will say, "You know, there's just something about that old holy-roller stuff I can't stand." Snake to begin with... That's right. And the old water spider starts plop, plop, plop, clung, clung, going back. It was that to start with. When the net went over them, they were that. That's exactly right. But the fish was fish when the net went over it too. We are seining for

#### fish. God's the One to determine.

SERPENT'S SEED. 58-0928E.

Baptists come in, baptize a couple over here in immersing. The preacher baptizes, nine out of ten smoke cigarettes, go back out and stand out there and play cards, bunco all night, run around, crooked business deals. And all the women wearing shorts out here, running around in the streets, and bobbing their hair, and--and smoking, and talking, and little stitch and sew parties, and telling dirty jokes. You call that Christianity? And you think you got eternal security? You're going to hell like that. You wouldn't enjoy yourself in heaven in any manner. Certainly not. That's not eternal security.

#### FAITHFUL ABRAHAM. 59-0415E.

Now, being a Baptist, or have been... I—I'm still a Baptist as long as Baptist is in the Bible. But I believe in eternal security as long as you're secured with Christ. I believe this building here was made to keep you out of the rain; as long as I'm in the building I'm safe from rain. But when I walk out deliberately, I'm on my own. And as long as you're in Christ, you're secured with Christ. But if you want to get out in the world, you're backslid. That's a big word for a Baptist to say, isn't it? But I sure believe you can backslide. We know that.

#### GOD PERFECTING HIS CHURCH, 54-1204.

So, we're sealed into the Kingdom of God until Jesus returns again. The Blood's been spread. It's for whosoever will, let him come. The Holy Ghost stands tonight as a witness to bear record of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Signs and wonders take place. The Gospel's being preached. Everything's taking place according to His Word. The signs are heaping up everywhere, everywhere of His Coming. Don't you want to go when He comes?

The only thing you can do, if you're baptized with the Holy Ghost, and sealed in the Kingdom of God, rest assured. If you remain in that Church of the living God, you will go in the resurrection. Got to. Got to. Yes, sir. Stay in the Church of God. I don't mean the denomination, Church of God. I mean there is only one Church. And that's those that are borned-again.

O God, save the lost tonight. Realizing that every soul that comes to Christ must realize that what

it means, that he has Everlasting Life **if he will remain in the boat**, **he will be saved.** O God, grant that that determination will come into the heart.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. 59-0628E.

Now, the church itself has eternal security. If you're in the church, you're secured with the church. <u>But when you go out of the church</u>, <u>you're not secured</u>. See? Now, you stay in the church.

How do you get in the church? Joining hands, writing your name on a book? By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body; that's the church. How? Through Holy Ghost baptism we are sealed in the body of Christ. How long? Until the day of your redemption. Ephesians 4:30, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption": sealed away until the day of your redemption. Now. Certainly, certainly, that's the Holy Spirit.

NOTICE: Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God where by you where sealed... And what happens if you grieve Him?

Brother, sister, you never know what He can do to you! <u>Better don't grieve Him, but respect, obey, serve, please Him in ALL ways of your life.</u>

REV. CHAP. 5 PART 2. 61-0618.

Now, how you going to-how you going to backslide? You might backslide, but you can't be lost. And if you stay in that state, it showed that you didn't have It in the beginning. But if you are a child of God, "The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin," says Hebrews. That's true. So you can't--you can't be a Christian, you can't have the Holy Ghost and run out and live in the world. "If you love the world and the things of the world, the love of God's not in you." So you're just listening to a false sound somewhere; the Devil got you all puffed up. But if you examine your life by the Word of God, it shows you're living right down that Bible pages, then you got eternal security.

And there's nothing to be fearing about. What God promised, God will do it. I challenge any person to take that. You just take that and walk with that Word, and watch what happens to you. Brother, It'll bring to pass everything. God said so. Everything that God promised, it'll happen.

MESSAGE OF GRACE. 61-0827.

come the Headstone. And I want you to notice that when the Headstone comes, the prince that's going to cry out the message will cry out, "Grace, grace." For it's by grace are we saved, that not of works, lest any man should boast. And the message of grace has been tramped under the feet of men until it's become a disgrace. Some of them runs out into eternal security; some runs out into, oh, everything. But the true message of grace remains the same, and there's where Satan tries to knock it out from the church. But it's the grace of God that we're all

But now, according to the prophecy, there will

BLASPHEMOUS NAMES. 62-1104M.

saved by.

Then Ephesians 4:30 says, Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption. Now, some of you Baptists that wants to go on eternal security, now, if you'll come to that stage, I'll stand with you it's eternal security, if you'll come to that place. But just to say, anybody says, "I'll belong--joined the Baptist church"; "I'm a Presbyterian"; "I got eternal security"; that's wrong. Your own <u>life</u> proves you haven't got it, Until this is there and God has adopted you and sealed you by the Holy Ghost into His kingdom... Then there's no getting out of it. You are eternally secure. "Believe--Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby all you and your godly virtues are sealed until the day of redemption."

THE BREACH. 63-0317E.

Another thing a seal signifies is ownership. See? The seal has a mark on it, shows ownership. When you are bought by the Blood of Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Ghost, you no longer belong to the world or anything pertaining to the world. You are owned by God. And another thing is: a seal is a security. Seal means you are secured. Now, you that don't believe in eternal security, I don't know, but now... But a seal signifies security to its destination. Woe unto that guy that would try to break that seal. And the Holy Spirit Seal cannot be broken. You all have heard me say that people said, "The devil made me do this." No, no, the devil didn't do it. You just wasn't sealed in, so then (You see?), 'cause when you're sealed in,

he's sealed out. See?

Now, you went out to him. He couldn't get into you, because the only way he'd get into you is come through the same process that you have. He'd have to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; then he'd be your brother. So, see, so he--he didn't do it, no, no. You just went to the borderline and come back lusting for the things of the word. He never went all the way over into Canaan (You see?), across Jordan, the death to self. See?

#### LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE. 56-0603.

It's--it's not in mankind. There's nothing we can boast on or brag on. The only thing we say is, "God thank You for Your grace." Thank you for Your mercy, Lord. Seeing that we were aliens, but now Thou has perfected us with that perfect Sacrifice that we stand in (O God), stand in Him today as we move on.

Thanking You, Father for these things, we ask, if there be one in here today, Lord, that is not in that condition, may they this moment make their one, and eternal, and final decision before You make Your last and final call at their heart. We pray that You'll grant it through Christ's Name.

#### TIME OF DECISION. 59-0611.

Now, Eliezer was confronted with a <u>great</u> <u>problem like ministers are today</u>. There was a whole lots of women that <u>he could choose</u> from. And the choice had to be urgent.

We don't have time to set around and think it over or wonder. We've got to make the decision quickly. The time is at hand. This may be people setting here tonight, this'll be your last time to make your decision. It's urgent. Don't gamble on tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come for you. Like the woman one time. She had two man that she was--thought she was in love with. And she did not know which one to marry. And she'd think awhile she would marry one, and then she thought she'd marry the other. And she put her decision off too long and lost both of them. We'd better watch. The decision must be quickly.

#### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, 65-0221M.

It's just like today; there is two great schools of doctrine in the church: one of them is Calvinism; the other one is Armin--Arminianism. One of them is legalist, and the other one's grace. And

we come to find out that the people who believe in grace (the Calvinists), they say, "Bless God, it don't hurt me to smoke; it don't hurt me to drink. I can do these things; I've got eternal security." Then we find the other side (on the legalists) said, "Oh, I would like to bawl him out; I'd like to show him a piece of my mind, but I'm a Christian; I have to keep still."

See, you find yourself on two different roads, and neither one of them is right. Now, that's hard to say that, but it is the truth. We find ourselves on two different roads: one going one way; one, another. Now, let's see what truth is.

Now, He plainly shows here in these types there is one Christ and **many mem bers** of that Wife.

Notice, <u>He can put us away for **spiritual**</u> fornications and false doctrine anytime <u>He wants to</u>, but how dare you try to put Him away and make it. The man can put away his wife and marry another, but not the woman put away her husband and marry another.

# See all the shadows and types there perfectly balanced out? See?

Notice, he can put away his wife any time he wants to, but she can't put him away. He can make me--He can throw me in the dust any time He takes a notion to, but oh, brother, I'd better not try to throw Him there; I'm finished. Notice, He can put her away, but she cannot put Him away.

Now, what about the <u>love</u> of many believers that has become cold? If they are not in love with God, then they can betray Him at any time, and make love with the spirit of the world, or the spirit of false doctrine, which is the spirit of Satan.

See, the lacking of love for God EXPOSES a believer to commit spiritual adultery! And when you commit spiritual adultery against God, God can DIVORCE YOU, CAN PUT YOU AWAY!

Now, Jesus said: "If you love Me, then keep My commandments". "If you say you love Me and don't obey My commandments, then you are a liar". Now, I see many believers disobeying God's commandments: some don't go to church; some don't take the Lord's Supper; some don't obey their pastor; some don't pay their Tithes; some watch T.V.; some cut their hairs; some paints their faces; some wears necklaces, and put them also on little girls!, when it is a sign of "paganism"; some drink alcoholics; some go to

worldly places; some don't pray any more; some don't have compassion for lost souls; etc. etc.

Now, how can they say they LOVE God in such a condition? No, they don't love God no more!

Their love for God has become COLD! It has become only a "theory", a "doctrine", a "belief", it is no more a LIFE.

Now, since it is LOVE that protects us from being unfaithful to our Husband, then it means that those that have no more love for God are apt, prepared, ready, to commit spiritual fornication, spiritual adultery against God. And what will God do to them? DIVORCE! Yes, He can do it. The prophet says so.

And a divorce to a woman can be given only because she is a "bride", a "wife". A man cannot divorce a woman if she is not his "wife". To be divorced she must be his "wife".

So God can only divorce you if you are a part, a member, of His Wife, the Bride. If you are not a part of It, He CANNOT divorce you. Just think on that!

Now, how can you show God that you love Him, if you neglect to do all those little things that pleases Him?

- He is pleased when you don't put makeup on your face; but when you paint it, then you are displeasing Him, you are "grieving" Him.

Brother Branham says that when you paint your face, you are at war with God.

#### JUST ONE MORE TIME LORD. 63-0120E.

Wife said to me the other day, said, after somebody had bawled me out, said--said, wrote me a letter, and said, "Billy, why don't you keep off them women about their bobbed hair, and their way their..." Said, "People believe you to be a seer. You should teach the women how to get great spiritual gifts, and leave that go." I said, "How can I teach them algebra when they won't even learn their abc's?" See, see? Certainly. How can you do it? Such a conglomeration of sin, the mark of it shows. Anvone knows that paint is a heathen trait. I'm

Anyone knows that paint is a heathen trait. I'm a missionary. Heathens paint. The Indians painted their faces here in Arizona before they knowed God. If they ever knowed God, you don't have to tell them no more about it; they take it off.

Shows they're at war with God. When they take

#### it off, shows they're at peace with God.

You see? When you paint your face, you are making war against God. Why? Because you are doing something that does not please Him! You are grieving the Holy Ghost! You are doing a little thing contrary to the Word!

- He is pleased when you don't put necklaces around your neck; but when you put necklaces then you are displeasing Him, you are "grieving" Him.

Don't you know that putting on necklaces is a sign of paganism? Listen here the prophet:

#### CHURCH AND ITS CONDITION. 56-0805.

I met a young lady the other night, down in Shreveport. Billy and I went out to a place to get a sandwich after the service was over. A beautiful young woman come in there, probably a young girl, of maybe a twenty or something like that, nice dressed. She set down. I noticed her kept looking across that way. I just kept on eating. A few minutes a lady come in. She said, "How do you do?" Spoke to her. And I know the lady was Sister Davis down there, and—her and another lady from Life Tabernacle, I knew them well; she come over and spoke to me, went on. Then the young lady setting across, she said, "Brother Branham, that was a nice message tonight."

I said, "How do you do, sister?" I said, "Thank you, very much." And I said, "Are you a member of the Life Tabernacle?"

She said, "I am." She said, "You know, Brother Branham, I could've sung in the choir, but they make a restriction down there." She said, "I had, oh, so many years of vocal training, and everything." Said, "I sing solos and I sing certain things." Said, "But, I--I couldn't sing, because they have-they have a restriction that no woman wearing paint can sing--sing in the choir."

I said, "Well, praise God for Life Tabernacle." She said, "Well, I tell you, Brother Branham," she said, "I'm a Christian."

I said, "Then, sister, go home and wash your face or whatever you do." I said, "Do you mean to tell me that you'd let such a little thing as wearing a little of that old stuff on your face..." And I can prove to you that that come from the Devil. I can prove to you that nothing in the... The originate of it was heathens. And as long as

#### you wear it, it's a mark of a heathen.

Now, I just come back from Africa, and I've been in the Hottentot jungles and found out just exactly where earrings, where all that stuff come, and all this, a lot of jewelry wrapped your necks and ears and everything, where that comes from. It's the heathens.

And the Bible don't want a Christian to be a heathen. And you don't want...

I don't say that you are a heathen because you do it, but you're making yourself look like one. <u>It's</u> because your pastor didn't tell you the truth. The Bible said so.

You see? Oh, I know that you will tell me about the question they asked Brother Branham about wearing a necklace. But if you listen carefully you will see that Brother Branham says it is "his opinion", not the Scripture. And then he says: "Watch the *motive* you have behind".

But now has become that every one has the right motive! And so every one wears necklaces, even little girls! Huh, can't you see that that thing has already taken a hold of our sisters? The world is coming in the church! And for this the pastors are guilty. Yes. They don't preach against it as they should, because they are afraid that some one leaves the church. Well, every one of us one day have to give an answer before God!

Do you know why God hates jewellery upon us? Because that jewellery **comes from Lucifer!** Read Ezekiel 28, and you will see who was the person that was full of those jewellery.

You see, when God put upon Lucifer all that jewellery because God was pleased to see him beautiful, nice. But then, what happened; it happened that because of that beauty Lucifer got proud of himself, he become self-satisfied, self-looking, self-appreciated, self-centred; in other words: he become to thing that he was "somebody", and so he started to give glory to himself, instead of giving it to God, and by this he fell into the trap. See?

Why the woman puts on jewellery, make up, etc.? Because she wants to become nice, so that others will appreciate her, and look at her, and worship her. Same trap in which Lucifer fell! See?

Now, God knowing that those things brings that result, then He, in order to protect us, forbade us to put those things on us. See?

So when you sister desire to put on yourself make-up, jewellery, etc. etc., it is the "spirit of Lucifer" that is influencing you. For sure it is not the Spirit of God. It is the spirit of the "world", and the spirit of the world is the "spirit of Satan".

Now, you say: "But also sister Meda had a necklace!". Yes, I know. **But sister Meda is NOT your example!** Your example is THE WORD OF GOD.

Why you look to sister Meda? Was not she a "woman" like any of you? Had she also her "weaknesses"? Was she also in a body of flesh, tempted like all of us? Influenced by the evil spirit like all of us? Or you thing that because she was the wife of the prophet then she was immune of those things? No, no! Rather, just because she was the wife of the prophet SHE WAS MORE UNDER THOSE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY! Yes, the wife of a minister is MORE under the attack of the enemy that any other sister. Yes!

The believers should pray more for the wife of a minister, the wife of the pastor, because she is MORE under the pressure of the devil. The devil knows that if he can get the wife of the minister, then, by her, he can influence all the women of that church.

So, please sisters, don't look to the wife of a minister (included Brother Branham's wife) as your example. Look to the WORD as your ONLY example!

- He is pleased when you don't smoke, don't drink, don't go in worldly places;
- He is pleased when you don't watch T.V.; but when you watch it, then you are displeasing Him, you are "grieving" Him. Brother Branham says that watching T.V. is COMMITTING ADULTERY AGAINST CHRIST! Just thing on that!
- He is pleased when you go to church; but when you don't go, then you are displeasing Him, you are "grieving" Him. And many don't go any more to church, and yet they believe that are pleasing God. What a seduction! They are deceived and don't know it. Brother Branham say MANY times, that if you have the Holy Spirit in you, you LONG to go to church, to worship the Lord, to sing to Him, to thank Him, to hear His Word, and to stay with the other members of the Body. But many are just deceived, and so they stay at home, listening a tape, relaxing,

drinking a cup of coffee, taking it easy, and don't realize that they are simple DECEIVED by Satan. Yes.

- He is pleased when you worship Him with your brothers and sisters; but when you separate yourself from your brothers and sisters in the Lord, then you are displeasing Him, you are "grieving" Him.
- He is pleased when you give Him the preeminence in all things;
- He is pleased when you pay you Tithes;
- He is pleased when you obey and respect your pastor;
- He is pleased with you, ministers, when you fight against false doctrines, false influences that want to come in the church;
- He is pleased when you go out into the streets and do all you can to win souls for Christ, and bring Eternal Life to others;
- He is pleased when you go and visit your brothers and sisters, or invite them in your house, and serve them, love them, do something for them, take on you their burdens, pray for them, etc. etc.
- He is pleased with all these little things! But if you don't do *this* little thing, and *that* little thing and the *other* little thing, then your love for Him becomes COLD, LUKEWARM. And when the love for Him becomes cold, THEN YOU ARE IN DANGER TO BETRAY HIM! Because it is LOVE that makes you to be faithful to Him as your Husband. See?

In a place Paul said: "...a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (1 Cor.5:6).

The whole lump, or: "The whole Body, the whole Church". Just think!

Jesus said to His Elects: "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees" (Mat.16:6).

A "little" leaven! My, what a danger it could be for the Elects!

What could be a "little leaven"? It could be a little T.V., it could be a little "not going to church", it could be a "little not paying your Tithe", it could be a "little make-up" on your face, it could be a "little necklace" around your neck, it could be a "little false doctrine", it could be a "little taking it easy"; see, it could be any thing that is contrary to the Word of God.

It is all those "little things" that we leave <u>undone</u>, or <u>neglect</u>, or <u>ignore</u>, or <u>under valuate</u>, or <u>under</u> estimate, that counts!

RAISING JAIRUS DAUGHTER. 56-0731.

You see it's not the big things you do. It's the little things you leave undone. You've got to sacrifice. Why, that's the reason the people...?... come into a meeting. Why, they come by the thousands times thousands. They like to get out in the cold way; they like to do something for God. That's what we ought to do. Don't make any difference what it is. Let's do something for God. Make a sacrifice. For the Bible said that we are priests of God making spiritual sacrifices, the fruits of our lips giving praise to His Name. All right. But when them people thought it was going to cost them a few hogs, they come down and asked Him to leave the country.

So if you ask Him to go, He will go. He won't stay around very long. No, no.

He will never stay where He's not welcome. He always comes where He's welcome.

You remember the sermon not long ago of the woman washing Jesus' feet. He always stays where He's welcome. He feels at home when you welcome Him.

In the Book of Solomon's Song 2:15, God tells us that are those LITTLE foxes that spoil the vines.

We are the "vine" of the Lord, and those little foxes: little necklace, little makeup, little sex dress, little alcohol, little T.V., little lying, little lukewarm, little not going to church, little...little...little... and you find that your joy of the Lord is spoiled, your faith is spoiled, your zeal is spoiled, you love is spoiled, your consecration is spoiled, the OIL OF YOUR LAMP is spoiled, your WHITE DRESS is spoiled! And you are a FOOLISH VIRGIN WITHOUT KNOWING IT! Be careful!

So if you want to stay faithful to Him, then JUST CULTIVATE YOUR LOVE FORM HIM, by not neglecting all those little things that pleases Him so much.

By doing all those little things that please Him, YOU ARE CULTIVATING YOUR LOVE FOR HIM! Remember this!

HEBREWS CHAPTER 2, PART 1. 57-0825M.

Certainly. How shall we escape if we neglect such? You neglect to eat, you'll die. You neglect to turn a corner, you'll wreck. If you neglect to milk the cow, she'll go dry. You neglect your teeth, you'll have to have them all pulled out. Certainly. You pay for your neglection.

O Branham Tabernacle and you visitors, (included me and you and all those that listen the tapes or read the books) let me tell you something now. You neglect to testify of the glory of God, you neglect to give God the praise and glory, you'll find yourself cold, formal, and backslidden one of these days. You give God praise. "How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"

You see what you have to do to get <u>cold</u>, <u>formal</u>, and <u>backslidden</u>? You have just to <u>neglect to do</u> <u>all those little things that ple ases God</u>.

And once your love for God gets cold, formal, then you are ready to betray Him, to be unfaithful to Him as your Husband. Then you will fall into the harms of the opposer of Christ, Satan, and you will make love with him, by loving the "things of the world" that he offers you. And that is "spiritual adultery". Then, what will God do to you adulterous? **He will DIVORCE you. Be careful!** 

You see what the devil makes you to do to deceive you? JUST TO LET YOU NEGLECT TO DO ALL THE LITTLE THINGS THAT PLEASES GOD. That's all.

THE TOKEN. 63-0901M.

Then the blood was a token of <u>our identification</u>. The blood identified that the worshipper had slain the lamb, and accepted the lamb, and applied the token to himself, that he was not ashamed. He didn't care who saw it. He wanted everybody to see it. And it was placed in such a position, that everybody passing by could see that token.

See, many people wants to be Christians, and they--they--they like to do it secretly, so nobody would--would know that they were Christians. Or the--the associates they run around with, some of them would think, "Well now look, I want to be a Christian, but I don't want so-and-so to know about it." See?

Well now, you see, that's not Christianity. Christianity has to display its Token (See?) publicly, in public life, at the office, on the

### street, when trouble is around, anything, in church, everywhere else.

The Blood is the Token, and the Token must be applied (See?), or it's not--or even the covenant is not in effect. The blood was a token or an identification, identifying this person has been redeemed.

Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. <u>That's what you must do.</u>

Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world. time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and the Token must be applied.

Without it, you're going to perish; you must perish. That is the only thing.

Oh, don't come together, say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? He was not responsible for any out from beneath it.

With your hearts bowed now before God. Your pastor, Brother Neville, with his closing words, what he's going to say... Remember the services tonight, healing service. Come early. Let's begin at seven. Let me on the platform at seven-thirty. All right, Brother Neville?

Then I'm going to have communion (You see?) tonight. Come. This afternoon. Stay right with it. **Don't let this message depart.** Remember, never let this message depart. The Blood shall be a Token that the Life has been given. See? And when I see the Blood, I'll pass over you.

The Holy Spirit is a Token that the Blood has been applied to your heart, and it's the Token that the Blood has been applied. If it never has been applied, then the Token won't come. You understand, say, "amen." The Blood must be applied, and then the Token comes. It is the Token that the Blood of redemption has been applied, and your fare is paid.

"The Token must be applied, or even the covenant is not in effect"? What? Which Covenant is this that without the Token applied will be of no effect? Is not it the UNCONDITIONAL covenant that God made with Abraham and his Seed after him? Sure it is!

And is not the "believer", the "elect", the Seed of Abraham? Why then we, the Seed of Abraham, need to apply the Token, if we have an UNCONDITIONAL covenant? Why? Just ponder this, my brother.

THE TOKEN. 63-1128E.

If the token, or the blood, in the time of Egypt's coming out, their exodus, if the token was so the supreme sign... Now if... The token was not no good unless the token was displayed. The token had to be displayed, not a sympathizer with the token; but the token must be applied.

And no matter how much anyone could prove that He was a Jew, <u>and a covenant Jew by</u> <u>circumcision</u>, that didn't do anything about it at

all. The... It took the token, not the covenant.

He never said, "When I see the covenant sign," but, "When I see the token."

So today you might be a professed Christian; you might be a covenant—with covenant with Christ; but unless that Token is displayed in this late hour that we're coming to now, there is no way for Him to pass over. The Token must be displayed. It must be on.

My, my! Have you see what the Holy Ghost said here? "It took the token, not the covenant".

Not the unconditional covenant, but the Token? Huh! The unconditional covenant can work ONLY if the Token is APPLIED, otherwise It is of NO EFFECT!

And not just a "belief" token, just a "theory" token, but a LIFE-Token. A Public EVIDENCE-Token!

THE TOKEN. 63-0901M.

The token is a sign that the purchase has been made and <u>been accepted</u>. Now, you can't get the token from the railroad fare, **until you pay the price**. And the only way you're going to pay the price... Just pay it. That's right. What? Believe it; accept it.

Full obedience to the whole Word of God will entitle you to the Token. Full obedience, not to part of It, as far as your denomination goes, but all of It. Full obedience to the Word, which is Christ, brings you into Christ.

Now, what is the thing that brings you into Christ, the "unconditional covenant"? NO. The "predestination"? No. It is the Token! And you get the Token ONLY by your FULL OBEDIENCE to the WHOLE Word of God. See?

Yet, the Token ONLY cannot work unless there is an unconditional covenant.

See, if there was no covenant, the you can apply the token as much as you wanted, it would have done you no good. But the unconditional covenant from God, PLUS the Token that YOU apply, then you go into Christ, into God, into the Oneness with Him, into a Marriage fellowship. See?

And you CANNOT get the Token without your FULLY OBEDIENCE to the WHOLE Word of God! Just think of this!

Now, why you have to be obedient, since God has made with you an unconditional covenant? "Unconditional" means that there are NO CONDITIONS.

But now, you see, the Holy Spirit, talking through the mouth of Brother Branham, said that THERE IS A CONDITION. And the condition is: **FULL OBEDIENCE**, TO THE **WHOLE** WORD OF GOD!

Now, what about that, to you preachers that have gone so far into the unconditional covenant till you have made out of It a "disgraceful covenant" for the people of God? Shame on you, my brothers! Repent!

Now, the Spirit is not saying that if you are "elect" then you can get the Token. No, election cannot do it!

The Spirit does not say that if you are "predestinated" then you can get the Token. No, predestination cannot do it!

The Spirit does not say that if you are a "child" of God then you can get the Token. No, to be a child of God is not enough!

The Spirit does not say that if you are "Bride" then you can get the Token. No, not because you are Bride then you get automatically the Token. No, no. God has no respect of persons! You must come on the same principles that He has applied for others.

But the Spirit does say that if you are "OBEDIENT" TO THE WHOLE Word of God,

then you can have the Token!

So the "condition" is: OBEDIENCE, FULL obedience, to the WHOLE Word of God.

The Spirit says: "...until you pay the price". But what price do you have to pay, if Jesus made an unconditional Blood covenant with you, and He paid the whole price of your salvation? Huh!

And don't come to tell me that the Token is for the foolish virgins, of for the unbelievers. The Token is for BRIDE MEMBERS! And they are the ONLY ones that can get It!

And because they get It, then also others can BENEFIT from It; like the foolish virgins, and those that for just a cup of water given to a Bide member will get eternal life at the day of judgement.

In Egypt, in the First Exodus, it was not enough to be circumcised, it was not enough to be a Jew, it was not enough to have the unconditional covenant: without the token that God required that day, they perished!

Now we are in the Third Exodus, and again we have the Token to be applied. We can have all the rest, all of the doctrines, all of the predestination, all of our belief, and claims, and this, and that: ALL IS IN VAIN, without that Token!

And to HAVE the RIGHT to be ENTITLED for that Token, is FULL OBEDIENCE. Nothing else.

If you claim to have the Token, but you are not full obedient to ALL God's Word, then you have an IMAGINARY Token, not the Real one. You are just IMAGINING. One day you will realize that your token was just imaginary!

There will be MANY surprises the day of the Rapture! Many of them that now believe in eternal security, will then realize that they only got "eternal separation" from God! Be careful!

THE TOKEN. 63-0901M.

Now, what if you was all in but your feet hanging out? What if you was all in but hands hanging out? Most all of it's in but the heart hanging out? See, see? The heart's in the world yet. See? But we don't do that. Full, complete obedience puts you and the Word one. You believe It every bit, and all of It's in you, and you watch It working through you.

THE TOKEN. 64-0208.

And when we can display the Token of the Holy Spirit, shows that we have been accepted in Christ. And that is our Token that all that we have need of is already purchased by Him. We are identified with our Token. The Token must be ready.

The Blood, <u>covenant Blood is not recognized</u> <u>without the Token.</u> The Word assures us of the promise. The Token is a sign the purchase has been made for us.

## Full obedience to the full Word of God entitles us to the Token.

No other way is there that you can ever be entitled to the Token <u>until you fully obey the</u> <u>Word.</u> Not what somebody's put into it, and added to it, but what God said about it.

"The covenant Blood is not recognized without the Token"? And which covenant blood? The covenant blood of Genesis 15, and the New Covenant Blood of Luke 22:20. That is the UNCONDITIONAL covenant!

Just think about this, my dear brothers and sister! And don't let that some calvinistic, intellectual, scientific and psychological thinking Swiss kind of preaching inject in you a different revelation that this one brought to us by the vindicated prophet of our age! **Be careful!** 

THE TOKEN. 64-0208.

When He said, "You must be born again," that don't mean jump up-and-down at the altar. That don't mean walk back there, and shake hands with the pastor. That don't mean all this foolishness that we've seen done. It don't mean putting your name on a church book. It means death to your first being, and life to the second being.

It means that the Blood has been **applied**, and you're **identified by the Life of Jesus Christ.** And if <u>He be the Vine</u>, and we be the branches, the Life that's in the branch is in the--also from the Vine. It'll bear the fruit.

If that first branch come forth, that branch out of that Vine that wrote a book of Acts behind it, if that branch ever puts forth—Vine puts forth another branch, they'll write another book of Acts behind it, 'cause it's the same Life.

THE TOKEN. 64-0208.

I tell you, today we got so many grafted vines

into it, with denominations, and creeds, and things. And yet any citrus fruit grafted in can live, live in that vine. But it's bearing the wrong fruit. (Some where they are out of the Word)

What we need today is another baptism of the Holy Spirit, and have the real power of God that identifies the works that Jesus Christ promised for this day, not so much as that day, this day, the promise that He made here.

#### "Today we got so many grafted vines into

it", and among the many grafted vines there is also that extreme Calvinistic doctrine of predestination that has been grafted in the Message. And by it believers are DECEIVED.

THE TOKEN. 64-0208.

Full obedience to the Word brings God, the Word eternal in you. And that is the Token. When the Word is in you, it's Christ in you.

So you CANNOT have Christ IN you, unless you FIRST are FULL obedient. Where we put then the predestination? The unconditional election? Where? Just in our "imagination", that's all.

THE TOKEN. 64-0308.

Remember, the covenant Blood was recognized with the Token, and the Word assures us of the promise. The Token is the sign that the purchase is made for us.

Now, if you're not included in that, well, of course, you'll never get nothing; you're just walking through a prayer line, walking back out, walking up to the altar, and looking up, walking back out. But, oh, brother, when that Token's once placed in your--your--your heart, and you know it's the resurrection of Jesus Christ in you, something's happening. There isn't nothing going to turn you. You know where you belong.

Full obedience to the whole Word of God entitles you to the Token, and nothing else.

"Blessed is he that does all of His Commandments, he might have right to the Tree of Life."

Then when we pray, we must have the Token to present with our prayers. Now, don't fail to get that. When you pray, you must have the Token to hold over your prayer; if you're not, you pray until the Token comes, 'cause you're not

promised to receive it. See, you've got to have this Token first; that's the paying price, your faith to believe it.

Now, **sign of full obedience:** <u>fear is gone.</u> Paul tells us that the Blood speaks better things.

Now, in closing, I want to make clear that what I have emphasised here is only one side of the Truth. I have emphasised only the part that WE have to do. There is no need to emphasise the part that belongs to God, because He does it anyhow, and He does it good and perfect all the time.

Remember: when you have done ALL "your" part, then God is OBLIGATED TO DO HIS PART. You don't even need to ask Him, because He is PRESSING Himself into you more that you want Him to come into you. God is in dept with NO ONE!

Once you are IN the Word (Christ) and the Word (Christ) is IN you, YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE THINGS THAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU! Healing is yours; Salvation is yours; Election is yours; Predestination is yours; Heaven is yours; Joy, Peace, Humility, Meekness, Compassion for lost souls, Love, Life, Wisdom, Stimulation, Inspiration, Revelation, Faith, Eternity, ALL IS YOURS!

In that Token there is ALL OF GOD! Because the Token is CHRIST HIMSELF! So to get Christ in you, the secret is very simple: FULL OBEDIENCE TO THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD, the Message.

Now, to those that continue to say that the Bride cannot be lost, because She is part of the Word, I have already shown you that even Lucifer is part of the Word, and yet he is lost, eternally lost.

Now, look here. One day the prophet had a vision of the preview of the Bride. In this preview he sow some of the Bride's members that was going out of step, that means: out of the Word. Now, if the Bride IS the Word, how can it be that the Word was going out of the Word? Just ponder!

But listen what the prophet sow in the vision, in the preview of the Bride, the Elect, the Word.

CHOOSING OF A BRIDE. 65-0429E.

A few weeks ago I was in a vision, and I was standing upon a--a high place, and I was to see

the preview of the church. And I noticed coming from my... I was standing more like this way, facing the west, and coming this way was a--the lovely bunch of women, real nice dressed, long hair fixed nice in the back, sleeves, and skirts down neatly, and they were all in a marching tune, like "Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before." And as they passed by, I stood, and there's something there, some Spirit was God, and He said, "There is the Bride." And I looked and my heart was happy. And she went around this way, and passed around behind me.

After while when She come back this a-way, It said, "Now, the modern church will come into preview." And here come the Asian church up. I never seen such a filthy bunch. Here come the other churches up of the different nations. They looked horrible.

And I--I say this because I am duty bound to tell the truth before God. And when He said, "Here comes the church of America now to be previewed," if I ever seen a bunch of devils, it was that. Them women were stripped naked with a old gray looking thing like a color of an elephant's hide, and they was holding it in front of them with no upper part on it at all, and they were doing this kind of stuff that these--these dances that these kids do out here, that twist and stuff and that kind of music going on. And when I seen Miss U.S.A. come up, I almost fainted.

Now, this is THUS SAITH THE LORD. If you believe me to be His servant, you believe me now. I wouldn't say that for nothing in the world; there's not enough money in all the world to get me to say that if it wasn't true.

And when she come by, that was the filthiest looking thing I ever seen. I thought, "God, as hard as preachers and we brethren have labored to get You a Bride, and that's the best we could do." She was twisting, holding this in front of her like one of these hula skirts of a thing, holding it in front of her parts, her lower parts like this, dancing and twisting like these kids do out here on the--on these vulgar shows that they have, twisting. That was Miss Christianity of America. So help me, by the help of God, that's what it looks like in His face. I--I just... I start... I could've fainted. I thought of all the trying, and the preaching, and the persuading: every one of them with bobbed hair, and they were twisting and carrying on, holding this in front. They come around where I was standing there with this

supernatural Being. I couldn't see Him. I could hear Him talking to me. He was right around me. But when they turned this way, they hold... they was just twisting and laughing and going on, carrying on like that, holding this in front of them. Now, me standing in His Presence there, and His servant, and of all I'd tried, that's the best I could do.

I thought, "God, what good did it do me? What good did it do? All the crying, and begging, and persuading, and the great signs and wonders and miracles that You showed. And how I stood there and go home and cry after preaching to them and things, and what good did it do me? And then I have to present something like that for You for a Bride."

And as I stood there looking, she passed on by, and you can imagine the back part of her with nothing on, holding this in front of her as she went shimmying by like that to this twist, throwing her limbs out like that in her... Oh, it was vulgar how she was carrying on, her body shaking around like that. Now, I...

You say, "What does it mean, Brother Branham?" I don't know. I'm just telling you what I seen.

And when she passed by like that, I looked at her, and oh, I just got real faint. And I just turned around. I thought, "God, then I--I'm condemned. There's--there's no need of me trying any how. I just might as well quit."

Mrs. Carl Williams, if you're setting here, and that dream that you told me about awhile ago that you had the other night that's been bothering you; there it is. The steering wheel is taken from my hand.

Then I just thought I--I just might as well forget it; I was gone. Then all at once, I heard them coming again, and coming upon this side come the same Bride that went around this a-way. Here come them little ladies again, and each one of them was dressed in their national garb from where they come from, like Switzerland, Germany and so forth, each one wearing that kind of garb, all long haired, just exactly like the one at the first. And here they was coming, walking, "Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war..."

And when they had passed by the <u>preview</u> stand where we were standing, you just all at once every eye went that way, and then they turned back, and on they went marching. And just as they started to going right up into the skies, this

other one went up to a brink of a hill and went down like that. These started marching right up into the skies. (It was rapturing time, at the end. See?) And when they went to marching, I noticed a couple of little girls (a couple of churches?) from the back (looked like they might be of some foreign girl, like Sweden or Switzerland, or somewhere's,) they started looking around and got... I said, "Don't do that. Don't get out of that step."

And as I screamed like that, I come to in the vision, standing there with my hand out like that. I thought, "Well..."

That's the reason I've said what I have tonight. I want to ask you a question: Is it later that we think? Could she already be called, and chosen, sealed away? There won't be one extra one, you know. Could it be possible? Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Remember what I said the other day at the breakfast? In the pollen of breeding male and female, there's a million germs goes forth, million eggs goes forth, but there's only one of them live, and yet they're every one just alike: one out of a million. Every one of them the same egg and the same kind of germ, one of them lives; the rest of them dies. No one can tell which is the one that's the ripe egg and what **about it.** God has to decide that. Whether it's going to be a boy or girl, blond or brunette, or whatever it's going to be; God decides that. Not the first one meets, but the first one God's decided. Maybe one come up here, and one... If you ever noticed in a test tube to see them come together. I've watched it. God has to decide that. One... Every one of them just alike, but by election. The natural birth is by election. God takes one out of the million.

#### THE RAPTURE. 65-1204.

I remember that night... 'Fore I seen that, I seen the preview of the Bride. I stood there and seen a beautiful little lady just correctly dressed and things, marching this way. There was Somebody standing by me in the vision, and I seen they said, "The preview of the Bride." I seen Her go by. They come on this side and went around. And I heard it coming up; the--the church was coming up from this other side. There come the Asian church. Oh, you talk about filth. Here coming the European church. Oh, my.

And then I heard a rock-and-roll coming; and it was Miss America, the church. And she didn't even have on any clothes. She had papers, like

newspapers, gray, holding in front her, dancing by rock-and-roll: Miss America the church. I stood there in His Presence. I thought, "Oh, God, as a minister, if that's the best we could do, oh, oh." You know how you feel. Then I thought, "God hide me; if I could just get away from here. If all that we've done, and that's what we have to produce, if that's what..."

And then when them women passed by, all doing all kinds of rocks and things, and short hair, and painted faces. And as they passed by like that, supposed to be virgins to Christ... And when she passed by like that, I turned my head, you know with this... Just holding that in front of me; it was--it's disgraceful, the back of them. And there they was going like that.

And I turned my head to weeping like that. I said... I--I couldn't stand it there, Him standing there, me know that me a minister of the church and that's what I'd produced for Him. I said, "Oh, God, I can't look at it. Let me die. Let me--let me fade away," and like that.

And as soon as it went out--every time one of them would come, they'd go out to a certain place and <u>drop off</u>, and I'd <u>just the sound of it as it went away.</u>

And then I heard something like a "Onward Christian Soldiers." And I looked, and here come that sainted bunch of little girls just exactly the way they was, all correctly dressed, their hairs hanging way down on their back, smooth, clean, marching like this to the step of the Gospel. She was the Word. And it looked like one out of every nation. I was looking at it as they passed by, and seen them pass by. Instead of going down, they started going up.

And I noticed one of them trying, two or three of them trying--getting out of line; I screamed, "Stay in line." And the vision left me, and I was standing in this room screaming, "Stay in line." Line that...

Wonder, <u>could it be already passed? Could the</u>
<u>Bride already be called?</u> Is that what we're going through today?

She's HAS to be molded (not she IS already molded) and made into the image of Christ, and Christ is the Word. That's the only thing. See, it's in there, in the Word, it's just... See, there cannot be one thing added. It can't be a--a woman with a--one hand like a man and the other hand with a paw like a dog; it's got to be exactly the Word of the Lord, like He is the Word.

The Bride is a part of the Bridegroom. The woman is a part of her husband, 'cause she's taken out of the husband. Eve was a part of Adam from his side. And so is the Bride, not taken from a denomination, but taken from the bosom of the **Word of God for this day**.

Now, lets consider a few more things. If she IS the Word, how can it be that some of them was going out of step, out of line? In other words: **out of the Word?** How can it be? It means that EVEN if they are the Word, nevertheless they have the faculty to go out of the Word.

See, the word-thought expressed, the attribute, can go out of the WRITTEN or SPOKEN WORD, and then it can be lost and die.

And I would ask you, to you that don't believe that the Bride can go out of the Word. If Brother Branham did not scream to them "Stay in Line!", what would happen to them? Where they would have gone? Do you know where? IN THE SAME PLACE WHERE WENT THE OTHERS THAT WAS NOT THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. Perdition!

What saved them was the SCREAM, the CRY, the PREACHING, of the prophet, otherwise they could have been lost. Just ponder!

And another thing: Since Brother Branham KNEW that we are Bride by election, then why he did not keep quiet and say nothing when he sow those girls going out of step? Why? Why did he SCREAMED? Because he did not believe in predestination? In election? Huh!

I ask you: But why did he screamed? Why did he just not sit there, and relax, and watch, thinking and believing that if they where Bride, then they could not go out of step, and could not be lost?

But he SCREAMED, because he sow the DANGER, the DECEIVING condition in which they where falling.

If Brother Branham would have been like one of those preachers that just sit there and relax, thinking that any how those that are predestinated cannot be lost, then those Girls could have gone lost for ever. But his SCREAMING, his PREACHING, his WARNING, put them again in line with God's Word. See?

The Spirit of Christ in the prophet was even weeping, and was ashamed, and felt guilty, for all those bride-people that in the preview was going to be eternally lost. And now we just feel nothing for those that are lost? Huh, something is wrong!

He even considered those that was going down to be lost AS A PRODUCT OF HIS MINISTRY! He said: "And I turned my head to weeping like that. I said... I--I couldn't stand it there, Him standing there, me know that me a minister of the church and that's what I'd produced for Him. I said, "Oh, God, I can't look at it. Let me die. Let me--let me fade away," and like that".

Just think: the prophet was blaming himself for those that was lost! He was considering himself **guilty** for the loss of their souls! He never thought: "Huh, they are lost just because they was not predestinated. See, it is not my fault, it is because of predestination. They was predestinated to be lost. That's all!". No, the prophet never considered the thing that way.

Yet, we have Message-preachers that say, with carnal boldness: "Huh, if they get lost, is only because they are not predestinated", and no feeling at all for them. They don't feel sorry for them! But the prophet even WEPT!

See, if they would have in them the SAME Spirit of Christ that was in the prophet, then that Spirit will make them weep, too. See?

You know what I think? I think that those preachers, and believers, that does not feel like the prophet felt about the lost souls, it is because in them they have NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

And if you do not have the Spirit of Christ, what other spirit could you have, but the "spirit of Satan"?

But then the prophet sow the Bride coming up, well dressed, clean, singing. And that was the fruit of his MINISTRY. They were those that BELIEVED his Message, ACCEPTED It, and LIVED It. That was his Crown.

And the same is with every true minister of Christ. Just the same.

Now, that preview of the Bride was a vision that has to do with the time just when they was going up, in the Rapture. That vision is being fulfilled NOW. NOW there are those condition among Message believers, where some are going out of step. And now is the time when that "voice" that in the vision screamed by the prophet, will now scream PRACTICALLY, ACTUALLY, telling:

#### "STAY IN LINE! STAY IN LINE!".

Yes, that "voice" is <u>now</u> in the mouth of some minister of God that, seeing the danger, seeing how some are walking out of step with the Word, is screaming: "Stay in line! Stay in line!".

Could it be that what I am telling you in this tract is part of that Voice that is screaming? I don't know! You judge it for yourself.

And if you don't agree with what I have said in this tract, that's okey. Pray for me.

You see, I cannot be lost if I am predestinated to be an Elect! And I cannot be wrong by telling you to be careful. It cannot be that I am displeasing God for telling you: "Be Careful!". See?

And to those that are against me because I write this, I want to tell them that if they don't like this brochure they are free to throw it into the garbage can.

You see, why should not I write what I have in my heart? Every one of you speaks what he/she wants, and you forbid me to do the same?

See, every preacher preaches what he wants, goes around preaching what he wants, then he sends his tapes all over; some print their tracts, some their "circular letters", some their "Spiritual Building Stones", some their "Faith Challenge Report", some their "Here I Stand", their "Catch the Vision", some "speaking for ours on the phone", some by internet; every one is sowing his ideas, his revelations, his seeds, etc. etc. Why I cannot do the same? Why not? Am I not free as much free as you all are?

And tell me what is the difference between telling something on the tape, or telling it by phone, or telling it by script? There is no difference!

Not long ago a brother called me from Germany, and he was telling me that it is not right for me to wright tracts and spreading them all around. He said to me: "You are just a local pastor. Your duty is to preach to your Flock, not to preach to others". But at the same time he was speaking to me like a machine-gun, telling me *this*, *that*, and the *other*; and telling me about his revelations, and his personal troubles with some pastors and churches. I thought: "My, he is telling me that I have no right to tell my vew points to others, but look here how he is forcing to inject in me his ides and vew points!". Huh!

And while he was talking, he said: "You know, a brother so-and-so sent me a tape with a sermon he preached in his church, and there he spoke against the brochure you wrote concerning the Church Age Book (*But Wait Till You Get The Book*), and I enjoyed what he said. His sermon was a blessing to me".

I told him: "But you should not take or listen sermons that a pastor preaches in his own local church".

He said: "I am free, I can listen what I want".

Well, you see: "Every one is free, except me".

Why I cannot be free to say what is on my heart like any one does?

But I thank the Lord that He made me free also, and I can say what I have in my heart, whether you like it or not.

You know, I believe that if a brother does not want to read or listen what the other brother wants to say, it is because there is a lack of "love" toward the other brother. Yes, because you see, if you love the brother, then you listen what he wants to express to you, even if you don't agree with him!

But if you do not love him, then your lack of love is shown by refusing to listen to him. See?

So, if you like and are blessed by what I have espoused to you in this booklet, then I am glad.

If you don't like it, and are not blessed, well, then just throw it into the garbage can.

But, at least, now you know what is my colour, where I stand on this subject of predestination.

Now I close with this quote:

#### CHURCH AGE BOOK. PAGE 254.

If there was ever a time of denominational zeal it was at this tragic time. The words of Comenius describe much of this era. Comenius wrote the "ONE THING NEEDFUL." He compares the world to the labyrinth, and shows that the way out is by leaving what is needless, and choosing the one thing needful--Christ. The great number of teachers, he says is the reason of the multitudes of sects, for which we shall soon have no names left. Each church reckons itself as the true one, or at least as the purest, truest part of it, while among themselves they persecute each other with the bitterest hatred. No reconciliation is to be hoped for between them; they meet

Bible they forge their different creeds; these are their fortresses and bulwarks behind which they entrench themselves and resist all attacks. I will not say that these confessions of faith--for we can admit in most cases that they are so--are bad in themselves. They become so, however, in that they feed the fire of enmity; only by putting them away altogether would it be possible to set to work on healing the wounds of the Church. "To this labyrinth of sects and various confessions another belongs; the love of disputation... What is attained by it? Has a single learned strife ever been settled? Never. Their number has only been increased. Satan is the greatest sophist; he has never been overcome in a strife of words... In Divine service the words of men are usually heard more than the Word of God. Each one chatters as he pleases, or kills time by learned disquisitions and disproving the views of others. Of the new birth and how a man must be changed into the likeness of Christ to become partaker of the Divine Nature (II Peter 1:4), scarcely anything is said. Of the power of the keys, the Church has almost lost the power of binding, only the power of loosing remains... The sacraments, given as symbols of unity, of love, and of our life in Christ, have been made the occasion of bitterest conflict, a cause of mutual hatred, a centre of sectarianism... In short, Christendom has become a labyrinth. The faith has been split into a thousand little parts and you are made a heretic if there is one of them you do not accept... What can help? Only the one thing needful, return to Christ, looking to Christ as the only Leader, and walking in His footsteps, setting aside all other ways until we all reach the goal, and have come to the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:13). As the heavenly Master built everything on the ground of the Scriptures so should we leave all particularities of our special confessions and be satisfied with the revealed Word of God which belongs to us all. With the Bible in our hand we should cry: I believe what God has revealed in this Book; I will obediently keep His commands; I hope for that which He has promised. Christians, give ear! There is only one life, but Death comes to us in a thousand forms. There is only one Christ, but a thousand Antichrists... So thou knowest, O Christendom, what is the one thing needful. Either thou turnest back to Christ or thou goest to destruction like the Antichrist. If thou art wise and wilt live,

enmity with irreconcilable enmity. Out of the

#### follow the Leader of Life.

Now, I have taken quotes from every Message of the Hour. I tried to keep the quotes in their contest. Avery quote has its Message title and date, so you can go and look for your self.

And, please, don't come and tell me that I have taken quotes from Messages before 1963. If you do that, then I will tell you: "Don't read the Word of the Old Testament, because only the New Testament is the Word of God". Yes, exactly.

Some think that what the prophet preached before 1963 has to be rejected, because after 1963 the Bible became a new Bible. Yes, that is true. But it does not mean that what was preached before is not the Truth of God.

The only thing was that after 1963 NEW Light came and was ADDED to the previous Light. But MORE Light does not mean that the Light that was before has to be rejected. No way.

You cannot have MORE if you reject the previous. To have MORE you MUST keep what you had before.

If you build a house, and when you add another brick you take away the brick you put before, your house will neve be finished, and you will be declare and called a FOOL. See?

The same thing is with the Message, with the Revelation of God; God ADDS, but never takes away.

And where the prophet was wrong before, because something was not yet revealed, then the Holy Spirit Himself corrected His prophet; and those corrections are IN THE MESSAGE.

But if you come telling me that the prophet was wrong *here* and *there*, you know what I will tell you in your face? GET AWAY FROM ME, Satan. Yes, you can be sure of that.

You know, if you start thinking that the prophet made a mistake *here*, and a mistake *there*, soon you will have <u>no more trust in the prophet</u>, because you don't know where the prophet was right and where he was wrong. See?

Then some clever intellectual scientific and reasoning preacher will come along, and he starts to tell you where the prophet was right and where he was wrong. So then this reasoning preacher becomes your leader, and you will depend from

him to know what is right and what is wrong from the Message. He becomes your "interpreter" of the Message. In this way you begin to be deceived and don't even know it. See?

On the other hand, if you just believe all that the prophet has preached, and just obey what he tells you to do, then you can NEVER go wrong, because it is God's business to watch over your soul. See, you are just following His prophet's Message, and that is all He requires from you. For the rest, He will take care; don't worry. Just relax, be at peace. Shalom! In this way I agree with them that say: "Just relax, all is well!".

Yes, if we speak of <u>this kind</u> of relax, then I agree with you. Sure.

I am relaxing and resting on that every day. Perfect relaxing time! Just like those people that the prophet sow in the vision. When Brother Branham told them that he have preached the same Gospel that Paul preached, then: "...millions screamed out, all at once, said, "We're resting on that." FIFTH SEAL THE. 63-0322.

I believe that one of them that screamed out was ME, Mariano from Italy. Yes, I see myself there, one of those millions. I could not place myself no where else! No where else that in Christ, the Word, the WHOLE Message of the Hour, the Token.

But if God has predestinated me not to be there, well, what can I do? You know what I will do?

#### I LOVE HIM ANYHOW.

Even if He sends me to hell, you know what I'll do there? I'll start to shout with all my voice and star to bless The Lord Jesus as much as I can; and I will sing, and I'll praise Him, and I'll speak so much of His goodness, of His righteousness, of His love. My, I will make such a terrible and joyful noise for my Lord till Mister Lucifer and his fallen demon-angels cannot stand it any more, and they will kick me out of hell.

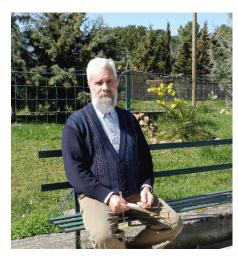
Then, once I am out of hell, since Purgatory does not exists, and there is <u>only</u> one more place to go, I'll find myself in Heaven. And I am sure that this time God will receive me, because He loves me much more than I love Him. Blessed be His Name! Glory to God, my Father!

So now my dear brothers and sisters, in closing I wish all of you the blessings of the Lord our God, our Good Heavenly Father.

And if you think and believe that in what I have said in this brochure is wrong, and you love me, then I ask you: Please, pray for me, that God may straiten me up, because when all of you go up to the Lord's Supper, I want to be there, too.

God bless you!

Your brother in Christ Jesus,



Bro.. Mariano Guagliardo

E-mail: Logos@lavocedidio.com

Printed December 2005