

INFLUENCE
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Robert Lee Lambert

Congregation sings: "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I know"

Isn't there a real sweet feeling here tonight? (Amen) I believe that's the Lord Jesus, don't you? (Amen) The one that created, the one that died for us, I know his presence, I know he's right here tonight. He loves you, he wants to confirm his promise here on earth by his presence. He wants to confirm his promise, he's waiting for his people to get in the right place to call him on the scene. Let's just talk to him a little bit now and worship him in this song.

Congregation sings; 'I love Him' & "Jesus Is All I Need & "We Worship him"

Are you glad for the truth?

Congregation continues to sing. 'Holy Is The Lord.'

Amen! Holy is the Lord and mighty is his name. Do you love him with all your heart, all your soul and all your might? (Amen) Let's just all raise our hands and give him a praise offering. Oh, how we praise you, Lord! How we adore thee, oh Lord! We worship you, oh God! We praise thee for thy great love and thy power, oh God. Bless us tonight, dear Lord with your power. Glory be to God in the highest. Praise his Holy name. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! My wonderful, Lord. Holy is the Lord and mighty is his name. Praise his blessed holy name. Amen! God, bless you! You may be seated.

My, I enjoyed worshipping the Lord with you. That...I really enjoyed the song, Sister Rodriquez and sister Ruthie. It blessed my heart, I appreciate all the ones that are singing, little quartet and I just wished they'd sing more! And it's wonderful, to hear somebody that loves Jesus singing from their heart. So, I enjoy it, a lot of times I may not mention it, but I certainly enjoy your singing. It's not so much the voice that you have, but I know that you love the Lord and you sing it from your heart and that's what blesses me. You know it's the life that you live. That's why I never cared much for commercial music, because I know that most of them don't live the life. And so, it just don't bring the spirit upon me, like it does someone that I know that is a Christian and loves the Lord Jesus. And that's what brings the blessing of God upon us.

When we're in Love with the Lord Jesus and we gather together around this evening light message. And standing our post of duty, because we know that this is the hour that he said he'd come and fulfill all things. That he would come and give us the promise. And that's what, we're not gathered around some man... we're not following some man today but we're following Christ Jesus. We're looking unto Jesus, the author the finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2-Reference quote:

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

So, that's what's brought us together, is the evening light message. And that message is, "I Will Restore, Saith The Lord."

Endnote:

61-0112 - Questions And Answers

William Marrion Branham

430 All right. What was it? The people were under such expectations of the Messiah to appear, when they seen this great anointed ministry, of a man coming out of the wilderness and having his campaign and going back in the wilderness, many man, that was his own followers, said, "He is the Messiah." They was expecting it, see. 431 Then if this is the true Message of God forerunning the Coming, of John the Baptist, the same...like the same thing, the Elijah Message, it'll have to be thought of in the same manner. See? So that answers that question, I think, exactly. See? It's got to be thought in the same manner. See? 432 [A brother asks, "Is there anything that we are responsible to do in order to try to help anybody that would—would take in a—in a conflict like that? Or what could we do?"—Ed.] There wouldn't be nothing, there's nothing you can do. ["A reprobate mind...Could that develop into a reprobate mind?"] Well, it would come to a reprobate mind if it come to this: if the man, that was it was spoken of, would witness that he was the Messiah, then we know he'd be a false christ. See? 433 See, as long as the man himself would hold his position, you see. **Like they told John, John didn't...It don't say nothing there about him saying anything about them. They were—they were the—the people, the—the lovely Christians who...or the believers that was believing on John.** 434 They said, "This man truly is a prophet of God, there's no doubt." They said, "Are—are—are—are—are—aren't you that Prophet?" He said, "No." 435 He said, "Why, are—are—are—are—are—aren't you the Messiah?" See, they—they thought he really was. See? He said, "No." See? "Are—are—are—are—are—aren't you? Who—who are you?" **HE SAID, "I'M THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS."** 436 And then the Bible said, "The people being under expectations." Who was that? His hearers, his listeners, his followers, his brethren. See? Now, they didn't want to hurt him, they wasn't trying to hurt him. But, see, they—they thought actually in their hearts that he was the Messiah. 437 Well, now, history has to repeat itself on every occasion. We know that. **It has to repeat itself.** 438 Like you take over there in Matthew 3, it said, "That it might be fulfilled, spoken of the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'" Now, that wasn't...It was speaking of Jesus, the Son; but run the reference; it was Jacob, the son, too. See? See? It all has a compound meaning. 439 So now if that...if—if that thing did not rise, I would still say it was in the future to rise, **BECAUSE I KNOW THIS MESSAGE COMES FROM GOD AND IT'S THE FORERUNNING OF CHRIST, AND IT IS THE SPIRIT AND THE POWER OF ELIJAH BECAUSE IT'S TO RESTORE THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN.** Everything exactly vindicates it, so it's bound to shape up to a thing to be like that under the true people, that—that's absolutely believe and your brothers and friends.

There is going to be a Bride! There's going to be a church! There's going to be a rapture! And friend we'll see that take place the next few months or next year. Because we know that there's not any time left. Just for the little Bride to make herself ready, to be married to the Bridegroom and be caught away in a moment in a twinkling of an eye.

1 Corinthians 15:52-Reference quote:

⁵¹ *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

⁵² ***In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

⁵³ *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

⁵⁴ *So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.***

Endnote:

62-0624 - Super Sign

William Marrion Branham

*There is still a remnant of people that believe God and keep His Word. **There'll be a bride. Just as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit; THERE'LL BE A BRIDE THAT'S WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THAT LAMB.** And that Lamb will be living among them, showing super signs of His resurrection, after two thousand years the same thing He did when He was here on earth. I believe that. Amen.*

And to think, that you and I have found Christ in this evening time, should over joy our hearts. And no matter how hard the trials may be, or how much pressure there are, just to wake up in the morning.... As I said this morning when I woke up I said, "Thank God I'm saved!" I woke up again this morning and I didn't die last night during the night. And you know every night you go to sleep, you die. You don't know whether you're gonna wake up in the morning, but it's the grace of God, that lets you wake up in the morning. That's a miracle in its self. Science can't explain, how you go to sleep and wake up. You don't have no control over yourself, once you go into sleep. But then the grace of God, lets you wake up the next morning.

And how wonderful, it is to know that you are saved. Not some psychology, but you know that your heart has received the promise of the hour. God has extended to you his grace and his mercy. Above all the people upon the earth, you have found Christ revealed in his own word.

When I get to thinking, how simple God makes things and to think that I could find his simple ways, then it blows your mind up. But I just say, "Thank God, that I'm able to receive it." And I'm able to receive it, because he ordained me and called me to receive it. Isn't that wonderful, right there to know that? (Amen)

You're a young person, elderly person, middle age person just think, how many there are tonight, that are trying to find Christ.

We're happy to be back again tonight, we enjoyed the tremendous messages. The five in one message we heard Sunday morning. And I'm so thankful to God for his revelation, because the longer he tarries, the more he proves his revelation.

The Bible said, "Prove all things and then hold fast to that which is proved."

1 Thessalonians 5:21-Reference quote:

²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

And we're not many in number, but we are holding fast to the promise of God because we have seen it proved, time and time and time again. Month in and month out, year in and year out, the last five to six years we have seen the promise of God made sure before our very eyes by the revealed word of God. And we know that the Bridegroom is coming to back up his revelation in POWER.

Endnote:

54-0724 - A Personal Experience With God

William Marrion Branham

What we need tonight is some more Shamgars. Isn't that right? Somebody who will step out on the Word of God, and say that it's the truth, [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] and don't be afraid. GOD WILL BACK UP HIS WORD; He's under obligation to.

Endnote:

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 5 - The Pergamean Church Age

William Marrion Branham

It is at such a time as this that the messenger of Malachi must come. Then in the latter rain will come a Mount Carmel showdown. Watch this carefully now to see it in the Word. John was the forerunner of Malachi 3. He planted the former rain and was rejected by the organizations of his day. Jesus came and had a Mount Transfiguration showdown. The second forerunner of Christ will sow for the latter rain. Jesus will be the showdown between the denominations and creeds, for HE WILL COME TO BACK UP HIS WORD AND TAKE HIS BRIDE IN THE RAPTURE. The first showdown was Mount Carmel; the second was the Mount Transfiguration, and the third will be Mount Zion. The strange behaviour of Moses, Elijah, and John withdrawing from the people into seclusion left many confused. They did not realize that it was because their messages had been rejected. But the seed had been sown, the planting was over. Judgment was next. They had served their purpose as a sign to the people, so judgment was next.

So, we know that... maybe Sunday night, I don't say I will, but Lord willing. I was thinking on something tonight I'd like to just kinda talk about world events and Bible prophesy. And I know that there's something there that's holding things up. We know that at any time, we're under great expectation that God will move on the scene. Just remember it don't take long, when he begins to work he works. Said he's makes a short quick powerful.... short quick powerful move. Short quick powerful message, that'll shake the nations.

Endnote:

*65-0815 - And Knoweth It Not
William Marrion Branham*

*94 I'm only building. The hour is close at hand when you're going to see something happen, when something is going to take place. And all this background here has only been laying a foundation **for a short, quick Message that will shake the whole nations.***

So, we know that all things are right on time. Where a lot of times I think that it may be a little off time, because I want him to do it today, tomorrow. But you know, there's one thing I learned about God... I told Brother Ruddell I said, "Fourteen years serving the Lord," said "you know, the thing that sticks out most in my mind that I learned about God," I said, "God don't never get in a hurry." He never gets in a hurry." He moves slow, but he moves sure, you know. But when he really begins to move in this last day, he'll do a short quick powerful work. But we got to be under great expectation for that!

Now, I just wanna speak to you on a little thought tonight. Maybe a little different, maybe kinda change the order of things. I don't what Brother McGhee and the Brothers been speaking on. But I'm certainly am thankful for Brother McGhee and Brother Renner. And these brethren kinda... I believe that God sent them to me. I believe that with all my heart, God sent these elder brothers to me and to you, to help us in the faith. And so, I appreciate this! I know that what they have carries great weight with you, because you see their lives. And that to me, that's what carries weight and that is the life that you live, your sincerity in serving Christ. And that's a great blessing among us. And I certainly appreciate the brethren.

Especially right now, you know what I'm going through right now. I appreciate your prayers, I'm feeling a lot better I had two nights of fairly good sleep. That's been a thing that I haven't found for a couple of months. I was getting kinda... the ole enemy working me around into a place about the worst I've ever been. And I'm just trying to center my mind and rest it you know.

Because you know, the revelations out. There's more things that I'll be preaching later on. But I'm kinda waiting right now, upon the Lord. I know, waiting for the hour that when my ministry will change. I've moved up to a place to where I've just got to hear from God and that just tears my insides up and throws me in a real strain. But I know your... are you praying for me? (Amen) So, I appreciate... I appreciate your prayers more than anything else in the world, I really do. And I say, that if God ever uses me a little bit, it'll be because of your prayers. That's right! Now, I say that not just to find favor in your sight, but I say that truthfully from my heart. That if the Lord Jesus ever makes me a blessing and all my tears dripping down my face these past fourteen years, to be a blessing to Gods people. If I am ever am gonna be a blessing, it'll be because of your prayers. And so, I want you to know that I appreciate every time you kneel and say, "God help Brother Bob." I appreciate that very much.

And I feel a great responsibility to Gods people in this hour, especially seeing the revelation climaxing the way it is. And see the religious world and everything heading up, just exactly like he told me it'd be. And so, it just puts you just like a... in an awful state. But so, am thankful to God, that... I really think a lot of men that want to be used of God and want to have an office with God, I just don't think they really realize what they're asking for. You see, because if you ever did stand in the presence of God and hear his voice and stand in his person... meet his person and his power and come in contact with him and have him talk to you and then that's

enough right there alone.... that's enough right there alone to put you into a mental insane asylum right there.

And of course, we know Pentecost, but you know that how that is. But I'm talking about something real, you know. Meeting God like Moses or somebody like that, you know. Not...we certainly don't mean by any means, that we've ever met God like Moses. But I mean if you...if man's got an office that ever-met God, it takes God to make you up in such a way and give you something on the inside. And he'll wind you up so tight in your spirit to get that deep revelations of God, you have to go out in there by inspiration and get that and then when you come back down here. Then you see your faults and your blemishes. Then you see the necessity that God requires upon you. Then it's enough, it's enough just right there to put you in a insane asylum. And that's way so many minsters fast and pray 40, 80, 120 days to get in that realm. And when they do get in that realm and they hear something supernatural they...when they come back down they get into a place where they got to drink or they've got to take some kind of dope or something to keep them going, see.

And... but it's so wonderful to know, that if God has called you, you will not fail. You won't break down, you won't go to pieces, you won't fail God because he's called you. And you know what's so good about Christ you see, he's responsible for his own. If he calls a man, he is responsible to that man. And he's responsible for them, because he said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." And so, these things comfort our heart, don't it? (Amen) He's promised to be with us.

Matthew 28:20-Reference quote:

²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Now just for a few minutes, I'm happy to see everybody tonight and may the Lord Jesus bless you.

I'd like to speak tonight on just a little word, kinda rest your mind just a little bit. But I think it'll help you to kinda understand a little bit more, about the word of God and what God requires.

And that is, if you'll open your Bibles to Romans the 12th chapter. I'll read a verse of scripture. Romans 12 and 16.

Romans 12:16-Scripture Reading;

¹⁶ Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

May God add a blessing to the reading of his word. Let's just pray a minute.

Dear heavenly father, we pray that you'd bless this scripture that I've just read. And you'd give us a little study upon this scripture father and you'd help us tonight. To say something that might just add a little bit of knowledge to us Lord and help us to have a little more understanding tonight. God bless all the people here tonight and bless the minister Lord. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

I'd like to speak on just a word, "Influence." Influence, that's a real good word. It has a lot of meaning in it. Influence! And I looked up that word, "Influence" and I thought I knew a little bit about what it meant. And I looked it up in the Dictionary and found out that it means, "The

power of a person or group to produce effect without the exertion of physical Force or authority. Based on wealth social position and ability.”

Now, Influence! Notice here, in this scripture where the Apostle Paul to the romans said to the saints there said, “Be of the same mind, one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. And be not wise in your own conceit.”

Now, I think that’s a beautiful passage of scriptures and has a wealth of meaning in it. And I believe here, sat down the apostolic example of an assembly or a minister or a Christian attitude toward the persons of man.

Now, I’ve noted these things for about fourteen years and being in training by the Holy Spirit. I’ve took knowledge, of all the assemblies that I’ve been in. And I took knowledge of the ministers that I have saw minister and saw their lives. I’ve took knowledge of these things, over the past few years that I’ve been serving the Lord. And I’ve wondered, about those things that I’d seen among the assemblies and among the ministry. And that one thing that always stuck out in my mind, is the ministries attitude toward the person that they would come in contact with their ministry. And I found out that the majority of the ministers that I have met out in the religious world... I found out that maybe they don’t realize it, but they have fell into a snare of the devil. They have fell into an unapostolic manner in the way they respect the persons of man.

And the apostle Paul said here, that the Christian example should not condescend to men of high estate. For in other words, you should not cater to men of high estate. Other men that hold a position in the social world. Men that are looked up to, that are esteemed of the town or the city of the state or the nation. Men who hold great wealth, because in wealth there is power. They hold great wealth and a high position among Society. Paul said, “That a Christian and a minster should not condescend to persons of high estate.” But you should have such a spirit in you, that you would condescend to men of LOW estate. Condescend to, people and persons who are not helt in high esteem by the social world and the city and the government, see.

Condescend to the poor! That’s why the Bible said, “Blessed are the poor!” There’s always a blessing upon the poor.

Mathew 5:3-Reference quote:

³ ***Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

But there is nowhere in the Bible that recorded a blessing upon the rich, see. So, that’s why I think John the Baptist said to the soldiers and they said, “What must we do?” He said, “Be satisfied with your wages.”

Luke 3:14-Reference quote:

¹⁴ *And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And **what shall we do?** And he said unto them, **Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.***

In other words, it’s a...What is esteemed highly of man is not esteemed highly of God at all.

And so, I think the apostolic...the apostolic attitude towards the persons of man is that the real genuine spirit of Christ, does not show respect of persons to any man, I don’t care who it is. The real genuine spirit of Christ, you cannot influence that spirit within that man of God or that Christian. Because that you have great wealth or great home or you have many cars and you have great friends and you have great social respect among the people. Or you may have a high office

of the dignitaries out in the world. But that does not impress the spirit of a Christian. The spirit of a Christian is always for the underdog. The down and under's, the down and outers as we call them. They don't condescend to the great renowned, to the rich men, to those that are held in high esteem. But their spirit always moves out to those that are poor and looked down upon, those that are rejected. And I believe, that's the apostolic example of a Christian attitude towards man's person, see.

But we find out today that the majority of the ministry that I've seen out in the world and I hear upon the radio... and I try listen to these things... I don't watch television, but have occasionally where I've been in people's homes where I've watched the last past year, a lot of the ministries on television. And they're all going to television because Oral Robert's said today, "The day for the tent is over." However, I don't believe it is. And they say that, "The television is the way to reach man." And so, brother Oral has gone back into the Methodist Church so he can reach them that way, because they have lots of money. And we find out, that the ministry today wants to influence the uppity up's. And they don't care so much for the down and outers any more but they do want to influence the uppity up's. Because it is the uppity up's that have the ole green dollar that is able to put their ministry out on the field.

Endnote:

*56-0101 - Why Are People So Tossed About?
William Marrion Branham*

*47 And He said, "Now, the First time I spoke with you, you put your hands on the people and told them what was wrong with them. And the Second Pull, why, when you did, you would know the secrets of your hearts, and I made you a seer before the people. But you was always trying to explain it. You oughtn't to have done that." Said, "You've made a public show out of it." I said, "I'm very sorry." 48 **THEN HE TAKEN ME FROM THERE, AND I SEEN A GREAT HUGE TENT. I NEVER SEEN SUCH A—A TENT! And it was packed and lined everywhere, with people. And I walked out to the...looked like I was standing above the people, looking down; where I just made an altar call, and hundreds and hundreds of people were weeping and rejoicing after they had accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. And I looked. 49 And then I heard a man get up and say, "Call the prayer line." And people begin to line up over on this side, the left, from where I was looking down towards the platform. And they lined all the way up-and-down the street, for a prayer line. 50 I noticed to my left, which would have been to my right if I was on the platform, a little wooden building. And I seen that Light that they have the picture of, you know. It's always in the meeting. I seen that Light leave me and go to that building, and go in that building. And a Voice said to me, "I'll meet you in there. That'll be the Third Pull." I said, "Why?" 51 He said, "Well, it won't be a public show like the other." And I came to. And I...***

Endnote:

*56-0219 - Being Led Of The Holy Spirit
William Marrion Branham*

*Now, **WE GOT THE TENT IN MAKING.** And then in there I'll be able to carry a prayer line right on through. Now, you remember, **I SPEAK THIS BEFORE IT COMES TO PASS. THE EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY IS FIXING TO TAKE PLACE.** I can't wait till I get into*

*that place. My heart's a yearning and burning. **AND THESE THINGS HERE THAT YOU SEE NOW WILL BE AMATEUR TO WHAT OUR LORD IS FIXING TO DO.** You just remember that with all your heart. And live for Him now and be reverent. And just be yourself. Just—just be Mrs. Doe or Mr. Doe and—and love the Lord and just move on with a true heart before Him, and love Him. He will take care of the rest of it. You see?*

But I don't believe this is apostolic! I don't believe this is apostolic! I don't BELIEVE IT'S GOD'S WAY, I BELIEVE IT'S MANS WAY. That's what I think about it. And I see, how they all want to influence the uppity ups and the big ones.

We find out that's why that's all you hear now; every time you see the president you see Billy Graham with him, see. If anybody wants to know anything about what God has to say about anything, they go and see what Dr. Graham said about it. But I tell you, if Dr. Graham told them what GOD SAID ABOUT it, they wouldn't even ask him what he said about it, see. That's because, that they're all trying to influence the uppity ups, see. And so, they think that's great. That's really wonderful to be able to influence the uppity-ups, see. Now, because they have to do that. Because that is making a way for their ministry. The uppity ups, are making a way for their ministries.

But I tell you, if God ever calls you, you'll preach the word of God straight, it'll take God to make a way for you, see. But they got to influence the uppity-ups. Now, they got to have money to be able to go on with what they believe to be Gods plan. In other words, if we can get the money we can further the ministry and make it greater. But I don't believe it makes it greater in God's site, I believe IT MAKES IT SMALLER IN GODS SIGHT, see. Nah, the ministry wants to influence. They want to influence, like Dr. du Plessis was always telling Brother Branham, "Oh I'm in Penn State and I'm over to Notre Dame." And "Oh, Brother Branham, I'm getting the message over to the uppity-ups." Said, "We've always been taking the message to the down and outers. But now we're getting it up to the high one's brother Branham." And Brother Branham said, "Brother David didn't realize it, but that was a snare of the devil to him!"

And you know what? That's exactly what caused the Catholic Church to be in the condition that it is tonight. Is because that the Church, when it moved out in power which was Gods way. The early church never made influence on the public, see. They never cared about influence the public on the day of Pentecost. All they cared about was the Power of God! And now the church world and the ministers don't care about the power of God any more, all they care about is influence.

You know I have to say, we find a lot of that among the message even today. Because if somebody kinda up around the family that's in the ministry you know, was you know. Why, you'd be surprised, how they always... I noticed, how they always catered to one another's person. Just to get an interview with Brother Branham or get to have dinner with him. Or somebody that was close to Brother Branham, that had any contact with him, why he was catered to, looked up to. And oh my! But it's the same ole spirit that's among the ministers and the religious world today. Everybody trying to influence the big wigs as we call them, the uppity ups, you see. I just don't believe, it's God's way!

I don't believe it's God way, to have all these television programs and these big buildings and magazines and big radio programs. To do that, they've got... the men have got to influence the people that have money.

And listen! Let me tell you something! That's something, I say by the grace of God I've never done. I've never done that, to ever try to cater to anybody that had any money. And God knows it to be true!

Because I find, that it is a snare of the devil. That you've got to watch out, what you let man put in your hands. Because it'll blind the spirit. It'll blind your eyes and cause you to miss the Holy Ghost see. And we find out, the ministry today they're seeking so much to find influence. That's all you read about, just makes me sick!

This Col. Sanders of the Kentucky fried chicken thing, oh my they made such a big thing about that. Because they got Col Sanders (*Owner Of; Kentucky fried chicken restaurants*) in their meeting and got him upon the platform and got him to accept Christ as his personal savior. Why, that don't make no difference in the site of God, about Col Sanders or this great big rock singer or whoever his name was! **THAT DON'T MOVE GOD!** God don't...but everybody else, "That's great! That's great!"

Being across the river from where the prophet of God walked, like Jesus walked the shores of Galilee in Jeffersonville Indiana. Their having Pat Boone, now they'll have ten thousand people over there trying to get in a place, that will only seat about two thousand. Why? Just because, Pat Boone is coming! Why? Because the person of Pat Boone, he was on...he was in the movies, he knows all the movie stars and all the uppity-ups. It's just something about the ole carnal man, he likes to be around the uppity-ups.

But Brother, a spiritual man wants to be around a man or a child of God, **THAT'S MET GOD!** That knows about the Holy Spirit of God. That don't influence them.

And I get so sick of seeing that so manifested today, how everybody is trying to influence. Trying to show some influence their way. To get in the...to get in the spot, you see that they want to get into, see.

And over in James 2:1, I think that a real apostolic example of James and 2:1. Where the apostle James said, "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons."

James 2:1-Scripture Reading

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

In other words, the faith that was in Jesus Christ. Now what is Faith? Revelation! And what is Revelation? The spirit! In other words, the spirit or the Revelation! The Faith! "THE FAITH!" Not A faith, but THE FAITH that was in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Endnote:

*55-0123E - Earnestly Contend For The Faith
William Marrion Branham*

*109 Paul was down here in the natural realm with his Ph.D. See? He didn't know. He had an intellectual faith, but he didn't have a Divine faith. **There's quite a difference in me having an intellectual faith than a DIVINE FAITH.** There's where you, my Baptist friends, failed to go on. You get the intellectual faith by that, but **IT MUST BE A DIVINE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO YOU THAT TAKES SIN OUT OF THE HEART.** Intellectual faith is not enough. That's all right, but it only brings you to the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit is a personal***

experience of the birth, the new birth, regeneration, making a new creature in Christ.

Endnote:

63-0318 - *The First Seal*

William Marrion Branham

74 And at the end of the Pentecostal age, we are supposed to receive, according to the Word, as God help me tonight to show you, through here, that **WE ARE TO SEE, RECEIVE A MESSENGER THAT WILL TAKE ALL THOSE LOOSE ENDS OUT THERE AND REVEAL THE WHOLE SECRET OF GOD, FOR THE RAPTURING OF THE CHURCH.**

75 And **then there is coming forth seven mysterious Thunders that's not even written at all.** That's right. And I believe that, **THROUGH THOSE SEVEN THUNDERS, WILL BE REVEALED IN THE LAST DAYS IN ORDER TO GET THE BRIDE TOGETHER FOR RAPTURING FAITH.** Because, what we got right now, we—we wouldn't be able to do it. There is something. **We've got to step farther.** We, we can't have enough faith for Divine healing, hardly. **We've got to have enough faith to be changed, in a moment, and be swept up out of this earth. And we'll find that, after a while, the Lord willing, find where It's written.**

Endnote:

55-0501E - *The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints*

William Marrion Branham

22 Now, we couldn't go to the Old Testament. Because they wasn't called saints in the Old Testament. They were saints in the New Testament. Therefore, we'd have to begin from the New Testament. Well, then the New Testament was based upon Christianity, which come from Christ. And Christ was the first 'Ministrator of the faith that we should contend for, because it was the faith that He introduced to the world. Christ born, virgin born Son of God... **John was between the law, and the—and the dispensation of grace.** Luke 16:16 said, "The law and prophet were until John, and since then the Kingdom of heaven's been preached." And John saw him coming, just an ordinary man. 23 Now, let's start right here with John. What did Jesus look like any different in man, in stature, figure, or whatevermore? Did He look like or was any different from any other man? As far as we have record in history or the Bible, none of it ever gives one day that Jesus ever attended school. Never did it says anything about His diploma, says nothing about His education. 'Course I suppose He had it. Being raised in a poor home, He probably didn't get very much of this world's schooling; He didn't need it. Now, but His wisdom at the age of twelve just confused the teachers of theology. They couldn't understand that how this Boy, twelve years old, why, would just unroll the Scriptures there in such a way and prove to them things that they didn't know nothing about. See, they were teaching it from a intellectual standpoint, **and Jesus knew it by direct revelation.** And may I say this, my brother, sister, with all love in my heart, **that the real true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is given by spiritual revelation, only way you could know it.** 24 Now, look at Cain in the garden of Eden. Cain, when he come back to Eden, he was just as religious as he could be. He brought flowers and so forth, and put them on the altar. He brought the fruits of the field and laid them down. He believed in God; he worshipped God; he sacrificed to God; he built a church to God, just as religious as he could be. And Abel rolled him up a rock and made him a church or worship place. **But when Abel come, he, by faith... Faith isn't something that's imaginary thing. I want you to get it.**

Faith is a direct revelation. See, if you only accept Christ as your Saviour by a intellectual, you haven't got it yet. You cannot say that Jesus is the Christ, until the Holy Spirit has revealed it to you. See, intellectual faith, that... Oh, if I could only get that one point right now to go down home in every heart. I'm thankful for this place, position right now. See? Oh, if you can only see this, you'll see the greatest thing you've seen in years. Look, not because I'm standing here saying it, but if you can understand how it is that faith is not something mentally perceived, but it is a revelation, a revelation of God, by faith, not intellectual, but by his heart. 25 Now, how would Abel ever know to bring a lamb? And he was taught by the same father and mother, and Cain was. The only way, the Bible said it was by faith that he offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, showing that he was just. In other words, he was justified in the sight of God, and God gave him A REVELATION WHAT THE PLAN OF SALVATION WAS. THAT WAS THROUGH THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD, not the offering of building churches, and coming with great intellectual faith, and saying, "Certainly..." Cain said, "God, I believe in You. Certainly, I will bow down here." No man facing eternity could ever come falsely, when he knew that his eternal destination rested upon him finding favor with God. So the man come up with a true heart before God and said, "Lord, I believe in You. And I offer unto Thee this beautiful altar, this beautiful church. And I bring of my substance, and I tithe, and I kneel on my knees, and raise my hands to worship You, Jehovah. Will you receive me?" Just as religious as he could be. But he failed to have the direct revelation. 26 But Abel, being in favor with God, BROUGHT A LAMB, not beautiful, pulling the little old fellow with a grapevine around his neck up to be killed. It was bleating and carrying on. Threw it up on the rock, and took a sharp rock, and chopped its little neck until it bled to death. BUT BY FAITH HE DID IT, HAVING A SPIRITUAL REVELATION OF WHAT GOD REQUIRED. You get it? Now, when they come off of Mount Transfiguration, Jesus of Nazareth asked His disciples, said, "WHO DOES MAN SAY THAT I, THE SON OF MAN, AM?" And some said, "Well, You're Elias, and some say You're the prophet." He said, "But Who do you say I am?" And Peter, speaking right out, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Listen, He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona (by Jona, rather, his father)," said, "for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but My Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, 'Thou art Peter, and UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.'" 27 Now, the Catholic church wants to say it was built upon Peter, the little stone. The protestant church says it's upon Christ the Cornerstone. But look at the Scriptures; it wasn't upon either. It was upon the spiritual revelation that God gave Peter. The same thing he gave Abel at the rock, the altar. He gave Abel spiritual revelation of what the plan of God was. And He gave Peter, not by flesh and blood, not by saying prayers, or going to church, but by spiritual revelation, "Blessed art thou, Simon, for flesh and blood has not revealed it to thee, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed it to you. Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Now, you see why we have so many different denominations? You see why we have so much confusion, one believing this and the other one believing that? Because the spiritual revealed Truth has to come through God alone. The Word's hid from the eyes of the wise and prudent. God said so. And He reveals it to babes such as will learn. So be a baby, humble yourself, and say, "Oh, God, here I am. Just make Yourself known to me. I love You." God will reveal Himself to you; He will make Himself known. You see it? 28 Notice. Then when John saw Jesus coming, just an ordinary man, not any different in stature perhaps than the average man. He walked right through the crowds and nobody knewed Him, went right through the pool of Bethesda and all around. Sometimes they'd

get to fussing with Him, the Pharisees; He'd just walk right out of the crowd. And they couldn't tell Him from anybody else; they all wore beards and robes; so they all looked alike, no different. **But John, when he was standing preaching, being the forerunner...** As a little history of it, maybe true, maybe not, I can't say. But said he was preaching on that day about eleven o'clock and debating with the priest across the river. Anyhow, we know he was at the river baptizing. And he turned and looked, and here come Jesus walking down the hill, coming to the bank of the Jordan. **And when John looked, quickly he knew Him. He said, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD."** Do you get it? **"Behold" means "to look up to."** **"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."** Over in the book of John he said, "I knew Him not (He was like any other man.), but He that told me in the wilderness to go baptize with water, said upon **Whom thou shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on, the same shall baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.**" Amen. 29 Get it? **"Upon whom thou shall see," revelation. John. Didn't say the audience. John bare record, seeing the Spirit of God. John was anointed; John was given the privilege to introduce Him. John was the only one that knew anything about it. For it was given to John alone. And he bare record, said, "I saw the Spirit of God descending like a Dove. And It went upon Him, and a Voice speaking from this Dove, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I'm well pleased; hear ye Him.'"** Oh, my, there you are: spiritual revealed truth. Nobody else saw it. Or the Scripture doesn't declare it if they did. But John bare record. It was revealed to John, as it was revealed to Abel, as it was revealed to Peter, as it is revealed to every believer here tonight. **Something that you can't, you can't explain it. John couldn't go on all the diagnosis, and say, "This is the way it was, and this is the way it was."** He said, "I saw the Spirit of God. That settles it. **And God told me in the wilderness upon Whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining, the same is HE THAT'LL BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND FIRE, SO I KNOW IT'S HIM."** Amen. That it settles it.

Did you ever see that respect of person, James said? Did you ever see Jesus Christ, show any respect of persons to anybody? Why, when they said something about Herod coming over or something he said, "Go tell that fox!" Said, "Go tell that fox today, I cast out the devils and tomorrow I'll do cures and the third day I'll be strait."

Luke 13:32-Reference quote:

³¹ *The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.*

³² *And he said unto them, **Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.***

He called him a fox! Why? A fox is the dirtiest thing you ever seen. If you ever wanna get around where a hole where a fox is at, you'll know it by the smell, I tell ya. And he said, "Go tell that Fox Herod that I said!" He wasn't impressed by King Herod! He didn't care anything about King Herod! HE ONLY CARED ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD! See!

And James said, "Did the faith of Jesus Christ...did you ever see it respect any man's persons? Oh my, who...he didn't care who you was! He didn't care who you was! You come into the world naked and your going out naked! He didn't care, if you had a big diamond ring on and a big gold chain around. Pulled up in white horses and chariots with golden nuggets on the

spokes and everything. He didn't care, if you owned half of Judaea. Jesus Christ, never cared nothing about them things! They couldn't buy Jesus Christ off. Jesus Christ wasn't trying to influence Caiaphas or King Herod or anybody else. Only one thing he wanted to do, WAS PLEASE HIS HEAVENLY FATHER! He wasn't trying to build up influence. He wasn't trying to gain political power and get all the elders of the church behind him. He didn't care about them things. All the thing he cared about, was saying what God said.

And so, the apostle James said, "Did you ever see the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ respect of persons?"

James 2:1-Reference quote:

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

Did you know...did you know to really have the really genuine Holy Spirit in your midst that you can't have it if you got a minister that is a respect of persons? You know, how many ministers have started out building a little work for the Lord and then because they begin to cater to different ones in the church, we find out that the spirit of God just completely left the church.

I've seen churches completely dominated by a woman because of her husband was the one that put the most money in the building. And bought all the pews, he bought the organ and he bought the piano and he put the carpet down. And so, the ministers was all the time catering to him, you know. Have you ever been in that kind of Church? And now we're gonna let Brother so and so say something, or now we're gonna let sister so and so get up and lead the songs.

Why, a real spiritual person knows right away what they're doing. They've got to cater to those people, see. And you'll know right then that's not the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have not found the strait and narrow way, if you sit under that kind of ministry that has respect of persons.

Matthew 7:14-Reference quote:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

I believe, the real genuine Holy Spirit of God that's in his ministry, does not have any respect of persons whatsoever, they Love everybody with a burning even flame, see. Because if you have respect of persons, you'll find out that you won't chastise everybody the same. You've got to have the spirit of Christ, where you chastise everybody that needs chastisement. And that's from, the deacons to the elders, from the back of the church to the front of the church to WHOEVER IT IS! See! You can't do that, if you have respect of persons. No, sir! You never did see the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ respect of any man's persons.

And I think a real Christian spirit and the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, does not have clicks in the church, does not clan together. But they have no respect of persons, they love anybody. And you cannot influence a Christian spirit to be on your side, of any kind of a matter that might come up. They're on one side and that's the side of the Lord Jesus Christ who is the word of God, see. I like that!

Endnote:

59-0125 - Be Certain Of God

William Marrion Branham

*15 I said, "That is true, all of it. And no one knows how I appreciate this nation! But, look, my brother, Israel also was chosen of God, and He sent her prophets and great men. But God cannot stand sin. He made Israel reap every grain they sowed. And if He made Israel reap what she sowed, He'll make us reap what we sow. **He is no respecter of person.**"*

James said, "For if there come into your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing" Listen to that! "And say unto him, Sit thou here in this a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?"

What? James said, "That's evil thinking and that's sin!" That's sin!

James 2:2,3 Scripture Reading:

² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

Did you notice, that most of the men that God calls, he calls them out of a poor family? He usually calls a man that's just as poor as Gabe's turkey.

Endnote:

Gabe's Turkey: *Southern expression:*

The story goes that his turkey had one feather and stand against a fence to eat; that basically the turkey had nothing. The guy compared himself to the turkey and it means that he's worse of than the turkey or things for him couldn't get any worse.

And then usually, the people that follow that man are the same way that he is. Why? Is because, he don't cater to the other kind of people. He don't have no respect of persons. You can't buy him off! You can't persuade him to do...to be on your side and all that you see.

Endnote:

51-0506A - Believest Thou This?

William Marrion Branham

*Now, during the time of our Master's life, this had come to the place to where He had become very popular. When He was first here, in His first claims, He was not very popular. But when they begin to see the physical results of His ministry, then they were willing to—to admit that there was something about Him, especially **the common people, they heard Him gladly. They still hear Him gladly.** 25 I've never desired to be rich. I've... I—I believe Solomon, I believe,*

*had the most level prayer to God that I ever heard. He prayed that God wouldn't make him so rich that he would forget God, and yet, not to make him so poor that he would have to steal. So just the comforts of life is what we desire. Is that right? And that's about where the most of us stand, I guess, and very fortunate and thankful to have that. **Jesus dwelt amongst the poor and the humble.** If you'll notice Him in calling His ministry, He—He never—**He never called the—the rich; He—He called the poor.** When He was born, why, they never—the angels never went down and sang in the temple, about—to Caiphasis and the high priest and those, and told them about, "There's born tonight, in the city of David, Christ the Saviour." But there, the angels came down and give this salutation, or the visitation, **rather, to the shepherds and peasants, the poor people.** 26 When He called His disciples, He never went and got the educated priest out of the seminaries. **He went down on the river and got fishermen, peasants, poor people that they would have nothing.** That the—the world could say, "Why, yes, they become great men because they had a great background. They had this..." **They had no backgrounds at all, and He just picked them up like jewels out of the dirt and made their names immortal among men today: Peter, James, John, and so forth, fishermen of lowly peasant-type people. And I'm so glad that God still deals with poor people and common people, for we don't have much of this world's goods. We don't desire this world's goods. If there's anything that we ought to—not to desire is too much of these things: just enough to live by, that's all.** 27 If I'd probably taken the money that had been offered me, I'd be an independent rich man. But today, as far as I know, I own this old backslidden Chevrolet truck, out here, about six years old, and a Pontiac about three years old, that I take my wife along in when I take her. And the clothes that we have on and what we have at home, that's all we own (That's right.), everything that we have. **But I'd rather live like that and have favor with God, than have the best movie star home there is setting on Hollywood hill over here. That's right. That's right. I'd rather feel in my heart the Presence of Christ that I feel now, than to have the riches of this world. That's right. I love Him and He's Wonderful.** 28 And He came to this world as my example. And He came as your example to be—to just be content with such as we have. And when He was borned in the world, He had a—a hard start. When He was born, He was borned in a manger in a barn. Could you imagine a birth of that type? No lower birth could be, I don't expect, than to be born in a manger. And before He even got here, **it was tacked onto Him of being a illegitimate child, that He was absolutely a—an illegitimate child; that Joseph was his father and he was going to be born out of holy wedlock, and that was not nothing but just Joseph's boy.***

Now here's what made the early church fall into Catholicism. Is when they begin to take in the Mayor of the city. They begin to take in the uppity-ups and try to bring them into the church. And then because they ate out of golden spoons and rode chariots and had the wealth and the riches. And then he come around to the poor people, that made the poor people feel out of place. And it caused them to bind their services up, where they was ashamed to worship the Lord. And to operate the gifts of the spirit and all like that. And the next thing you know, the spirit of God begin to dwindle down. And the next thing you know, those people organized the church.

Now brother I tell you, this ain't no little thing that I'm talking about. This word "Influence" caused the early apostolic church to fall into Catholicism! And it dwindled and drained the power of the Holy Ghost completely out of the church. Because ministry begin to respect man's persons.

God, I pray that it'll never happen to you and I. That we'll never have respect of persons to anybody. But Love everybody, with the spirit of faith of Christ, see. No, that's not the apostolic pattern at all, you see.

Now if you noticed one time, the Jews came to Jesus. They never really came to him to learn anything, but they come to trip him up in his talk. Come to trip him up in his message and they said, "Master, good master, we know that thou art true! And teaches the way of God in truth! Neither carest thou for any man. For thou regarded not the person of men." Brother, that's one thing that the Pharisee's learned about Jesus. That Jesus didn't give two hoots, about what they thought about anything. He didn't care, what Caiaphas had to say about it! And they could not persuade or influence Jesus in any way. So, they said the truth! "We know that you don't care about any man's person."

Matthew 22:16-Reference quote:

¹⁵ *Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.*

¹⁶ *And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.*

And said... now notice here, that ole Pharisee had some revelation. And said because of that, "We know that thou teachest the way of God in truth. When you can find a man that has no respect of persons in a man, you'll find the man that's got the way of truth. Them Pharisee's even knowed that!

And I'll show you... Let me tell you something! Every denominational preacher, has a respect of persons. Every one of them, cater to their overseer. Every one of them, has got their head covered by somebody. Huh? Why, they cater to them! They cater to them, that's why they're in the denominations. And if one of them begins to move out and he's a good speaker and he begins to get a crowd and thinks about becoming independent, they'll make him General Superintendent. Huh? They'll do it every time, you know. Or get him a better donut machine. Oh yeah! Sure, they will!

No, them Pharisee's, "We know thou speakest the way of God and truth. Because you don't respect us." "I'm Doctor so and so," I'm this I'm that! Never moved Jesus at all, you know.

It's like that woman one time, Brother Bosworth was telling, you know. Brother Bosworth, you know being a field manager you know was always worried about the money. Brother Branham never was. He said, "Brother Branham, we got to make a pull tonight! We're ten thousand dollars in the hole." He said, "No! Just pass the offering plate." Oh, how I love that about Brother Branham! He never sought man's persons to meet his needs, but he always sought Jesus Christ to do it! "No, Brother Bosworth don't pull for money! Now remember, I told you that! You can never work with me! Just pass the offering." He said, "Oh, Brother Branham, there's a Duchess here tonight. There's a Duchess here tonight Brother Branham and she wants to see you after service." Well, he said, "So does a lot of other people want to see me, hundreds of them." "But, oh Brother Branham this is the Duchess! She has great Influence! Why, she's the Duchess of so and so and so." "Oh, she is? Now Brother Bosworth, you know that I don't see nobody." Said Brother Branham, "What could I do? He was the field manager, he was in charge of everything. Well, He said, "Bring her on! bring her on!" And he said, "There I was out back and here she come with her glasses out in front of her." He said, "She had her glasses on a long stick! You know that she couldn't see where she was going with them glass way out there." Oh,

but she had influence! She had money, she had great wealth and great property. And she was doing this humble ignoramus preacher a favor, by even coming to see him. And he said, “Here she come with her glasses way out on a stick like that, you see.” He said, “I looked at her the poor thing, had enough ten cent jewelry on, it was just pitiful. And that ole perfume would just knock you down and she had them big long ear rings on her ears.” He said, “I tell you, what it looked like! It looked like the devil had throwed a saddle on her and had used her ear rings for stirrups and had rode her all over hell!” (*Congregation laughs*)

Now, to me that’s a real apostolic preacher! He wasn’t caring one bit, about her influence! He didn’t give no hoot about how much influence she had or how much money she had, see.

And of course, she said, “Well, how do you do Dr. Branham!” And put her hand out there, for Brother Branham to kiss it. Brother Branham looked at her hand and said, “Just call me Billy, but get your hand down here, where I can shake it!” (*Congregation laughs*)

Well, it’s a shame, that most of the ministry never had the real spirit of Christ in them that Brother Branham had.

Endnote:

64-0319 - *Calling Jesus On The Scene*

William Marrion Branham

81 We need a Book of Acts again. But the only way you’ll do it is get back to the Bible, and away from some of this hybrid religion. 82 Hybreeding, have to be babied! No faith! Just a bunch of—of powder puffs, just sissified, babied into it. “I’m...” I say, are you a Christian? “I’m Methodist.” Are you a Christian? “I’m Presbyterian. I’m Pentecostal.” That don’t mean that, to God. [Brother Branham snaps his finger—Ed.] 83 You’re a Christian because you are born in the Spirit of Christ, and the Word of God lives in you. 84 You know, I always enjoy a high-bred horse. You know, he has got sense. You can—you can teach him things, do things for him, and he’ll learn. But you take an old mule, you can’t do nothing to him. He’s just a big old long-eared donkey. He sits there, and, you could talk to him, he’ll stick his ears out, and, “Huh? Huh? Huh?” See, that, he’s just a hybrid. 85 Puts in mind, a lot of these so-called Christians, hybrid, donkey religion. You tell them Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever; say, “I don’t believe It.” See? And so you can’t never teach him nothing. How can you teach him; he’s gone, anyhow. “My church believes It this way. Mine believes It that way.” But God’s Word says He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever! I like not a hybrid Christian. 86 I like a—like a pedigreed horse. He knows who his papa was, who his mama was, who his grandpa and grandma was. He knows all the generations all the way back. 87 So does a pedigreed Christian, he knows Who his Father is. He come from God; He is the Word of God, He’s the same as He ever was. He’s a real pedigreed product of God, the Word of God is in him, Jesus Christ manifesting Himself. 88 Bunch of unbelievers! Jesus wanted to shake off a bunch of parasites one day, He had too many following Him. He had His disciples. Then, He had the seventy, the ministerial association. Then, He had the congregation, by the thousands. And then He made this statement, He said, “Except you eat the Blood...eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you.”

You know, I wonder how many of the ministers... When the two FBI men brought a cashier’s check for a million and a half dollars to Brother Branham and he just smiled and took it and tore

it up! And his brother said, “Now Bill! Now Bill! Now Bill wait a minute.” Said, “Wait for nothing Herold. Wait for what?” He just tore the check in two! I wonder how many would of done that? Oh, you could have had a lot of influence brother with a million and a half dollars. Think what an influence you could of had with that million and a half dollars? See!

No, I don't believe that's the real apostolic way at all. And we see so much of that, among the ministry today. And you know the ministers today how they're dressing? They're dressing just like the world is, you see. To meet the uppity ups, that cater to all the styles, you see. If a double-breasted suit comes out, that's what they get you see. If the flare leg pants come out, that's what they get see. If they comb their hair and duck tail it in the back...that used to be the way you know. And now of course, now it's hanging bushy down in the back. Well to me, that just makes me sick to my stomach. I don't...

Brother Branham said, “I don't care, whether my pants match my britches (*Coat*) or not!” Man, when Brother Branham went to Arkansas with the power of God, he went in there with an ole seersucker coat on and had a patch over the side of it and shook hands left hand so he could keep from showing his patch on his coat! BUT HE HAD THE POWER OF GOD!! AND HE SHOOK THE NATION WITH IT. WE DON'T NEED INFLUENCE CHURCH, WE NEED THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST!

Endnote:

60-0313 - *Hear Ye Him*

William Marrion Branham

37 Now, you see, Jesus had proven to God that He'd been the right kind of Son. And God took Him up on the top of the mountain, brought witnesses out there—heavenly witnesses and earthly witnesses—and He clothed Him in immortality. When they looked up, they said, “His garments shined like the sun.” A supernatural something taken place. His garments glistened like the sun in its middle of the day, as white as they could be. God placed on Him that robe of immortality, showing that He had received Him. That's the thing that God will do to His sons here on earth someday. He will call you aside, Church, if you'll only obey Him and stay on the Word and believe it. And He will place into the Church, before the coming of Jesus Christ... He will place into the Church... All the powers that Christ had in Him will be in the Church. All that God was, He poured into Jesus; all that Jesus was, He pours into the Church. God wanting His work done, He sent it into His Son; the Son wanting the work done, sent it into the Church. “At that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, and I in you, and you in Me.” At that day, because the same power of God, was in Jehovah God, rested in Jesus Christ. The same power that rested in Jesus Christ, rests in the placed sons in the body of Christ. 38 Placing of a son... Take him out in a certain place, have a ceremony before Angels, and place him positionally what he is in the body of Christ. Then that person has the authority. Let me say this, if you count me a fanatic from this night on. That very same thing that I'm speaking of will be done. There'll be a power put into the Church, and now is coming in, that the Holy Spirit will so anoint the people, till they'll speak the Word and It'll create Itself right there. We haven't seen powers like's coming into the Church now. I know it for a fact. “Say unto this mountain be moved. Don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said shall come to pass, you can have what you have said”: the placing of the Church in position, where the fulness of the power of the Holy Ghost comes into the Church. Then

critics' mouths will be shut. It'll be a short time. Jesus come right off the mountain, went straight to Calvary. Notice, it won't last long, but it'll be here.

Endnote:

59-0628M - *A Deceived Church, By The World*
William Marrion Branham

76 "Samson, the Philistines is on thee." **Branham Tabernacle, worldly-ism is creeping in among you. What about it? Have you exposed your secret? Have you exposed that secret that God give you when you were wallowing there in the sawdust a few years ago? Have you let it creep out with social, formal worship? What's happened to you? God can come down and perform a miracle and go right down through the audience and tell people the secrets of their hearts, and everything, and heal the sick and afflicted, and do signs and wonders, and preach His Word as hard as they can, by the Holy Ghost; and people say, "Well, I guess that's all right. We enjoy listening to it once in a while, if we're not too tired." That's Branham Tabernacle. The Philistines is on thee.** 77 **When, used to be when the preaching of the Word, and the old saints with the tears in their eyes, would rise to their feet and walk, sobbing, maybe not saying a word, just walking around, two or three times, and set down, so filled with the Holy Ghost! The Word fed them! "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Philistines is on thee, Branham Tabernacle. Philistines is on you, Pentecostal.** 78 **Course, the Philistines got you, rest of you, long time ago when you organized yourself so tight, nothing could come in 'less you was a Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, or something. You wouldn't have nothing to do with the rest of them.** 79 **So, revival in our day? How can we have it when the regular revival-giver is bound by the world? God won't come in where the world is, you can just depend on that. You associate with the world, then it's—it's all of it. When you let the world creep in, you go to acting like the world, then you are finished. But when you'll cut loose every fetter from the world, and come to God, God will use you until you go to flirting again.** 80 **Here's the only hope that I have this morning, to wind up my Message, is this, "While Samson was bound, a new shock of hair grewed out."** 81 **God send us another Church just before the end time, that the Power of the Holy Ghost can come into her, in the demonstrations of the Spirit, and Mark 16 can follow the Church, Acts 2:4, Acts 2:38, all of it will be following right along with the Church. Signs and wonders accompany the apostles. Great signs of His resurrection accompany them. While we're in prison, surely God's growing a crop somewhere, for the last great kill. May it be you, my Christian friend here this morning, may it be your strength has begin to grow. I pray that this Message this morning, and out into the land to where this will go, I trust that this Message will help bring the vitamin to your system that'll grow a spiritual Power back into your life again.**

And you see so much of the ministry today trying to influence everybody, it just makes me sick. We don't need influence we need the power of the Holy Ghost. That's what we need, that's the apostolic guide line. It's to be no respecter of persons at all see, but condescend to men of low Estate.

Friend let me tell you something? I don't care, what may come or what may go or what minister may rise up. But I want to give you a sure guide line, for a man of God. Anytime that you see a man of God catering to the uppity-ups and the big wigs and peoples that got money,

I'll show you a man THAT'S NEVER BEEN CALLED OF GOD! That's one thing for sure! That's one guide line that you can go by. Because a man that's called of God will never have respect of persons. He'll condescend to men of low estate. He'll love the one sitting in the back, brother I don't care, if he's got a pair of bibbed overalls on and just eating just cornbread and beans seven days a week. And there's another man sitting there, that's a millionaire and paying his tithes off of a million dollars. But he'll not respect that man at all, but he'll condescend to the men of low estate!

As I often say as I read of history of the apostle Peter...how that the apostle Peter when he went out into the missionary journey to minister around, he always found out some poor brother. Some poor brother, he would go and stay in their house. And he would always steer away from the rich. The apostle Peter did! Made sure he always stayed around in a home with somebody that was poor.

How unlike the ministry today! They cater to the ones that can buy them a Cadillac. They cater to the one that can get them this and get them that! How unapostolic it really is, the whole thing. It's just not God's way at all, see.

All these big magazines and big television programs and all these big buildings and all that, IT'S NOT ONE BIT APOSTOLIC! Anybody could look at Oral Roberts buildings and look at TL Osborne's buildings, and look at Billy Graham's ministry, catering to the president. Why, any spiritual man, knows that God ain't in nothing like that! Why, course not! We know better than that! See, when you see a man catering to something like that and respect of persons and respect man persons to try to gain influence, you'll know right there children, just walk away and forget it, it's not of God!

Because a man that is called of God, will not cater to such as that. If he does, he cannot preach the way of truth and cater to man.

Apostle Paul said, "If I yet please man, how can I please God?" And the Bible also said, "Beware, when man speaks well of you." See, you'll know that!

Galatians 1:10-Reference quote:

*¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? **for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.***

Acts 5:29-Reference quote:

*²⁹ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.***

Luke 6:26-Reference quote

*²⁶ **Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!** for so did their fathers to the false prophets.*

God's way is a humble way, a way of simplicity. And it'll always...it will always remain the same. Do you believe that? (Amen)

Oh, I think of, that ole lovely brother John the Baptist. I think of him, how he was in the wilderness. History says, "From the time he was 12 years old, till the time he was shown to Israel." Think why, he ain't gained no influence! He hadn't been able to influence anybody. Well it looks to me like, if they' really known that was the Voice of one crying in the wilderness, they would of went out there and built him a nice house, out there in the wilderness! Went out there and fed him and took care of him. The Bible said, he had camel's hair for clothing, a girdle

around his loins. And his meat was locust and wild honey. Out there eating bugs, locust's and honey.

Why, do you think the ministerial association would receive John today? (No) Why listen, they believe firmly that if you don't have a new Cadillac, you're not even being used of God! That's right! Do you think, John had influence with anybody with his calling? "Aw, if it was God, you know he wouldn't be off out there in the wilderness, just out there like that. And nothing to eat and he ain't got no horse, he ain't got no chariot. Out there living in an ole lean two up there by that cave." "Why" said, "The man don't even have two suits, just got an ole camel hair clothing." "Why, don't you know, Caiaphas and all them would know about it, all the Pharisee's! Why you know there ain't nothing to that!" "That ole story about Elizabeth and Zachariah, there ain't nothing to that." But, he's God's prophet! Why, it looks to me, like God would of took better care of him, don't it?

Why if you don't have... if... everybody now is got power over, over prosperity now. They all...all the ministers out here now on the Radio now, have been givin power of God over...over poor, poverty. They got power of poverty deed. And they got the sure way to find answers to assets! And that is, just give them what money you got. And you'll become poor. That's what they all say! All of them, praise the power of deliverance over sin, sickness, death and poverty. They ain't got enough power to even get their own self out of the way. That's right!

You know, they never thought much of ole John out there. I just think about ole John, I just love that! See, look a there! Look at John's ministry! Come up out of there and on the banks of the Jordan said, "Repent! Repent! The ax is laid to the root of the tree." Well, he never advertised. He never got a bunch of men to run down through town and put up bill boards signs and everything. No, he just went out there on the Jordan and begin to Hollering! And kept raving around there, till they finally come out to see what he was talking about. And brother, after a time, he begin to persuade people that he had a message. And even the ole Pharisee's come down, to see what was drawing all the attention down on the Jordan. And brother when they come down there, did he try to get some influence? He said, "Woe unto you, Pharisee's! Woe unto you, you hypocrites! Woe unto you! You vipers! Woe, unto you! You snakes! Who's warned you to flee from the wrath that's coming right behind me?" "Who's warned you, that the Bridegroom's coming to burn your hide with the word of God! Who told you about it?" He never cared about influence.

Endnote:

*56-0419 - Earnestly Contending For The Faith That Was Once Delivered Unto The Saints
William Branham*

24 Now, in the beginning, we find out that John preached and said, "There's just coming One after me, and as soon as He comes," he said, "He must increase, I must decrease. I must get out of the picture, and He must take over.

Endnote:

*63-0118 Spirit of Truth
William Marrion Branham*

E-20 'THERE WILL RISE SOMEBODY AFTER ME THAT'LL TAKE THE MESSAGE ON.
He'll be an odd person, but he'll rise after this and take the Message on. And you listen to it. As long as it's Scripture, stay with it.'

Endnote:

65-1128E - *On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove*
William Marrion Branham

211 I laid my hands against the rock and looked up towards Heaven and started praying. I heard a Voice coming out of the top of the rocks there, said, "What are you leaning against, over your heart?" And I raised back like this, my bare shoulders; naked from my waist up, hot. I looked back. And there was wrote in the quartz, **IN THE STONE, "WHITE EAGLE"; JUST EXACTLY WHAT THE VISION SAID THAT THE NEXT MESSAGE WOULD COME FORTH BY.** 212 I was so excited, I run home; got a camera and come back the next day, and took the picture of it. It was still there, wrote in the rock: "White Eagle." (Dove leading eagle.)

Endnote:

60-1204E - *The Patmos Vision*
William Marrion Branham

214 Now, do you know what the sharp two-edged sword of the Bible is? Let's just catch it so you'll know. Take Hebrews 4:2, just right back just a page or two and you'll get it, see. Hebrews is just in behind the Revelation here; Jude, and then the Hebrews. Now, get it close now. Or...Hebrews, 4th chapter of Hebrews, here we are. All right, Hebrews the 4th chapter and the 12th verse: **For the word of God is quicker, and more powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and the spirit, and of the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** 215 And then they call you a "mind reader." **It's the Word of God made manifest in His Church! Sharper than any two-edged sword.** Say, I just happened to think of something nother there. I don't know whether I wrote a Script-... **Get Revelation 19, just a minute. Let's get this again, I think that's right. I'm maybe...Revelation 19, about 11: AND I SAW HEAVENS OPENED, AND BEHOLD A WHITE HORSE;...(HERE COMES WHITE AGAIN, JUDGMENT.)...AND HE THAT SAT THEREON WAS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE, AND IN RIGHTEOUSNESS DOES HE...JUDGE AND MAKE WAR.** (You know who that was, don't you? All right.) His eyes were...**a flames of fire,...**(Who was He?)...and on his head was...**crowns;...**(Uh-oh. He's done come over into the kingdom now.)...and he had...and—and he had a name written, that no man knew, but...**himself. AND HE WAS CLOTHED WITH A VESTURE DIPPED IN BLOOD: AND HIS NAME IS CALLED THE WORD OF GOD.** 216 What went out of His mouth? What went? The white horse rider. And Revelation, also, 7, when...I believe 8. When the white horse...no, it's 6. When the white horse rider went forth, He was given a—a bow, to conquer and to conquer. 217 And a sword went out of His mouth. What was He? The white horse rider of Revelation. Notice the sword. **"Out of His mouth goes a sharp two-edged sword,"** the Word. And, finally, by His Word, when It's made manifest to all the sons of God, He'll tramp every nation down with His Word, by this sharp sword. Look here what happened, as we get it: And...his right hand...and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenances was like the sun shining in its strength. 218 **"A sharp two-edged sword."** What was going from the mouth of this person? The Word of God. It's a sharp two-edged sword. What was it doing? Discerning the thoughts of the heart, the intents; goes even deeper than the meat, the flesh, the blood cells, into the

bone, down into the marrow of the bone, plumb on beyond that, even to a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. That's what the Word of God does. 219 "And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." And now the Word's made flesh in His Church, dwelling among us.

Why, if that would of been the ministry today, brother they'd would of softened that message down and tried to get out of that ole camels skin they was wearing. Get down there and get a little silk cloth on. Do away with them Locusts and wild honey diet he had. *(Brother Lambert laughs)* Why, you know I'm telling the truth! Aw, nah he never made no influence on the uppity-ups!

Why, when Herod come down there... when he heard Herod was coming, everybody said, "Herod is gonna be in the meeting tonight. Herod heard about you and he's coming to see and hear your message. He's coming to see you and hear your message." I guess a lot of people thought, "Boy, Oh John, he'll water her down tonight. Boy, this Herod he's the king. The kings coming down."

Why my, don't you know what'd that do today? If some little ole fella, a say well like your pastor here. Somebody say, "Preacher... *Unable to transcribe...* coming to church tonight." Then I'd say, "Now, all you women get out your best clothes. I'd speak to everybody, go to the pallor and fix your hair up. Let's paint this place up and fix it up here." Huh? And I'd try go down and oh I'd try to get the best sermon I could get together, wouldn't I? Oh, I don't know whether I would or not! See! *(Congregation laughs)*

But you can imagine what they thought about ole John there, well can't you? See! "Herod's coming tonight! Herod's coming tonight!" "He is? All right, he's to hear the word." I can just see him now, as he rolled up in his great chariot and all of his servants making a way for him. Helping him down out of the chariot. Went around and brushed off a place you know and fixed it all up. Squirted a little perfume around you know. And ole John walked up there to bring his message up that night and got along a little bit about the Bridegroom coming. And he looked out and said pointed his finger right at them, "IT'S NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S WIFE! YOUR LIVING IN ADULTERY!" Man scared his congregation to death. "My boy, John's done it now!" Yeah, he did! Boy, and it got back...it got back real quick to his wife. It got back real quick to her! "John's told it all over the country! That you're living in adultery and you're an adulteress." Boy, her face got red and she fumed up and she laid a trap for ole John, that statement...Because John didn't want to influence Herod. He didn't want to have any influence at all. He didn't want to gain any notoriety, he didn't want to get power and authority because he was pleased with Herod. He just dropped the word of God on him, like anybody else. He never paid no more attention to the person of Herod, THEN ANYBODY ELSE!

And THAT'S THE WAY OF A GOD CALLED MAN; HE DON'T RESPECT ANYBODY! HE HAS ONE PURPOSE, PREACH THE WORD! Yes, he did! Why, a real man that's called of God, don't know more care to stretch out his head and get it cut off, than to get up in the morning. He don't care! He knows he talked with God, he knows he's got God with him. If it's the will of God for him to die, well praise the Lord, that's all. John didn't care! And you know what happen. Ole Herod's wife, daughter got her to dance there in a little ole mini skirt and stirred ole Herod up and he got all carried away and said, "Half of my kingdom I'll give to you." She said, "Momma what am I gonna ask for?" She said, "John the Baptist's head, here on a platter so I can look at it!" Oh Herod, was sorry! Herod was sorry, that he said what he did!

Because he knew that John the Baptist had to be a man of God, that put his finger on the King. And said, "Yet he was sorry for John's sake, but because of the people that sat by. Because of the influence that he had, because of influence he called the executer to take his head. And here they come in, with the dripping blood of John the Baptist's head on a platter.

What a horrifying experience. What a thing that'll be, on the JUDGMENT DAY! WHEN THE BACK SLIDDEN PHARISEE AND SADDUCEE'S FIND OUT, AND OLE JOHN WALKS UP. And God shows his television there with his head on the platter. John will be glad, that he never sought influence.

There he was, John in prison and got his head cut off. And he never had enough influence, THOUGH HE WAS A PROPHET A FAITHFUL PROPHET THOUGH HE WAS IN JAIL GETTING READY TO GET HIS HEAD CUT OFF, HE NEVER HAD A INFLUENCE TO GET OUT OF JAIL. BUT HE HAD ENOUGH POWER WITH GOD, that Jesus said, "There wasn't a man ever born of a woman greater than him!"

Luke 7:28-Reference quote:

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: BUT HE THAT IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS GREATER THAN HE.

I believe I'd rather have that, wouldn't you? You know, when I think of influence, I think about Joseph and Mary. Joseph was the most chosen man on earth, at that time. That he should marry a virgin, that was gonna give birth to God Emanuel the Christ. Joseph was a chosen man. And yet he went down to Bethlehem with his wife pregnant and heavy with child and she went into birth pains at Bethlehem to have the baby. And he was throwed into desperation, to find a room. THOUGH HE WAS THE MOST CHOSEN MAN, UPON THE EARTH! AND HIS WIFE WAS THE MOST CHOSEN WOMAN THAT HAD EVER BEEN BORN, AMONG THE BILLIONS UPON EARTH. BUT HE NEVER HAD ENOUGH INFLUENCE TO EVEN GET HER A HOSPITAL ROOM OR GET HER A ROOM IN A INN. AND HE HAD TO TAKE HER TO AN OLE MANGER, because they never had any influence.

How unlike the ministry today, we can call this one, we could of called that one. And we could of had enough influence, to put somebody out of a room and got a room.

Oh God, DO YOU SEE HOW GOD MOVES! IN SUCH HUMILITY HUMBLENESS THAT HE'LL MOVE RIGHT THROUGH YOU AND YOU WON'T EVEN KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT! Because it's so simple!

Endnote:

*63-0320 - The Third Seal
William Marrison Branham*

51 Not the others; they sure won't do it. They'll miss It, a million miles. Like...We been through all that, and showed how they missed John, how they missed Elijah, how they missed Jesus, how they missed them all the way along. And they'll do the same thing, 'cause the Bible said they would. See? So then, in that time, it'll be very humble. It'll be so simple. That'll...what will make people fall away from It. It's too simple for them. We find out, and always, when people get smart and educated, and know a whole lot, then they just...That's just the kind that misses it, you know. See? 52 Jesus never took them kind of people for (be) His

disciples. He took unlearned people, fishermen, and nobody was connected with their churches and things. He just got ordinary men, tax collectors, and farmers, and fishers, and so forth, to do His work. See? Cause, they—they know they're nothing, then He can make something out of them, see. As long as they keep knowing that they're nothing, then God can work.

Endnote:

63-0412E - God Hiding Himself In Simplicity
William Marrion Branham

177 **God makes Hisself so simple that He just goes plumb over the top of the...The wise are so smart, that little peanut brain, you know.** They got it all figured out. You can't tell them nothing about it. The world can't rise, the sun can't shine, the world can't turn, without their knowledge of it, you see. **But God just moves right over the top of them and just let's them set there. That's just the way He always done.** Yes, sir. 178 **All the way from the garden of Eden, the Messiah was prophesied that would come. "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head, and his head shall bruise the heel."** Oh, my! It told. The prophets foresaw Him, and they told just exactly what He would be, where He would be born, how He would be born, what kind of a work He would do, what His Messiahic sign would be. The Scripture just lined it all the way through. 179 **But the theologians had it all figured out, their way, and they missed Him a hundred miles. But He never come contrary to the Word. He came according to the Word. But why didn't they receive Him? Because He didn't come the way they thought He ought to come.** That's exactly the way they missed Noah. That's the way they missed Moses. That's the way they missed it, all down through the age. 180 **They fail to see the simplicity of God doing something. See? God hides Himself there.** And He just goes over the top of the—of the wise and prudent, because He's so big. See? You take two objects coming together, like this, and when they pass one another, you see what I mean? **That's the way God can do. He can be so simple till He can go so far away from somebody till they can't even find where He's at.** Amen. I like that. I'm glad He made it that way, then I can—I can accept it. Because, there's some scholarship, I wouldn't know what to do with it. **But He made it so simple, people like me could understand it, or believe it. So, I'm so thankful for that.** 181 Now, the Messiah was told, how He would come, where He'd be born, what He would do, what His ministry would be, and what time He would arrive.

You think that God Almighty, would made room for his only begotten son to be born. But ole Joseph, never had enough influence to even get a room and had to put his wife up in a manger. Never even had no doctor, mid-wife or nothing else, I don't guess. No influence he had at all. BUT HE HAD ENOUGH POWER WITH GOD, that God sent angels to sing too shepherds when the baby was born. Had enough power with God to send three wise men miles away, to worship and give honor to the Christ child. Joseph and Mary, never had enough influence to bring one person out of the great...the great temple, to bring them down to know anything about the Christ. No, they never had no influence.

I like that! I pray, we'll never forget those things. They never had no influence but they had power with God.

We don't need influence, we don't need to try to influence anybody! ALL WE NEED IS THE POWER OF GOD, that all. See, you know a lot of times we fall into snares, trying to influence someone. We wanna influence, somebody, that we're a man of God. We wanna influence, somebody that we're something. The only thing that we can do, is get the power of God.

No, you see, how God moves with the poor the lowly and the humble. Joseph married the most chosen people upon the earth. Couldn't even find a... didn't even have enough influence to get them a room. No influence with the rich and the uppity-ups. I love that!

Over in Psalms 22:6, we have the picture of the attitude of the people toward Christ Jesus. And Jesus the Christ cried out...the spirit of Christ cried out through the Psalms of David and said through David, "I am a worm...I am a worm and no man." Christ Jesus said through David said, "I'm a worm, I'm not even a man." God Emanuel made a statement like that said, "I'm a worm! I'm not even a man."

Psalms 22:6-Reference quote:

⁶ But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

BROTHER, YOU TALK ABOUT HUMBLE! YOU TALK ABOUT GETTING HUMBLE! I WONDER IF WE COULD EVER GET DOWN THAT HUMBLE? That God came down from heaven, the Lord of heaven came down from heaven and said, "I'M NOTHING BUT A WORM, I'M NOT EVEN A MAN!"

But yet we get to thinking we're somebody! Somebody don't look at us right or don't shake hands with us, just don't pay any attention to us, why we get all offended and all fluffed up. Oh, we need to see ourselves, like Christ seen his self. "I'm nothing but a worm, I'm not even a man." "I'm a reproach of man, I'm a worm and I'm not even a man and I'm a reproach of man. And I'm despised of the people."

No wonder Isaiah 53 said, "He was despised and rejected of man, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief!" And he said, "We all hid our faces from him!" WE DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM!

Isaiah 53:3-Reference quote:

³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Endnote:

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ

William Marrion Branham

334 These things wasn't done in a corner, friend. Remember, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, and but few there'll be that will find it." Don't go with that crowd that's moving on yonder, friend, that Laodicea Church Age. It could jump up-and-down, dance under music, lukewarm. Didn't say it was ice cold, now, it said it was lukewarm, that's the Pentecostal, and don't know that it's miserable, wretched, blind. Blind to what? The Word, to the manifestation of the Word; because It never come through their organizations, they cannot receive It. 335 And

you ministers down there in Tucson, tonight, I don't hold you responsible for that. God does. I was there for three years. I told you I wouldn't start a church. I didn't. Brother Pearry Green started it. **I WAS THERE THREE YEARS, AND NOT ONE TIME DID YOU INVITE ME TO YOUR PULPIT. I SET IN TUCSON FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS. GOD WILL TAKE ME FROM THE DESERT ONE OF THESE DAYS. THIS MESSAGE MUST LIVE. I tried my best to get in to you. I—I know the reason you did it. You hear? Only reason you did it, your denomination would kick you out. And you know, many of you I've talked to, there at Furr's Restaurant, and you know it's the truth. Shame on you. 336 Come out of it. Get out of there, brother. If there's any Life in you, you'll be like that little eagle I just spoke of, you'll hear the Word of God. Remember, you're going to hear **This for the last time, one of these days. We're real close now.** Won't you come, tonight? 337 Dear God, we set solemnly now, a thanksgiving day it really is, Lord. I am grateful, Lord, to be living in this day. This is the greatest day. **Paul the apostle longed to see this day. The great men of old longed to see it. The prophets longed to see it. They looked for this day. Abraham looked for this day, for he sought for a City whose Builder and Maker was God; it hangs right above us, tonight. JOHN SEEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN, BORE RECORD, KNEWED THAT THAT WAS THE SON OF GOD. AND, THINK NOW, HE'S CHOOSING HIS BRIDE.****

Endnote:

61-0806 - The Seventieth Week Of Daniel
William Marrion Branham

This person that was to come forth, this Message, rather, that was to come forth, was to be like Elijah. Elijah was to come three times. Now you say, that, "John the Baptist was that guy." **IF YOU NOTICE, JESUS SAID IT WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE MESSENGER OF MALACHI 3, NOT MALACHI 4. "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE MY FACE."** I think Matthew 11:6, right down along in there you'll find it, Matthew the 11th chapter. 147 **Now, but in this last days, there is to come a Spirit of Elijah amongst the people, and he is to do the same thing that they did back there. His nature would be the same thing, the nature of the Church. The nature of the—the person would be exactly the same thing. AND THAT MESSAGE GOING OUT, TRY...HE WOULD BE HATED, WITH THE PEOPLE.** He would hate women, ornery ones, anyhow, bad ones. Love the wilderness; moody, upset guy all the time, like Elijah was, and like John was. And we've seen all this thing come to pass. **If we have had the Message, we see Christ rejected. You have to belong to one of these organizations or you can't get into them.** So, He, **HE IS THROWN ON THE OUTSIDE.** See? **CHRIST CAN'T WORK AMONG THEM.** "What are you?" "A Christian." "What denomination you belong to?" "I don't belong to any." **"We can't use you."** 148 See, **He's rejected.** Right! **See, rejected!** So was **Elijah rejected,** and so was **John rejected.** But, what, did it hurt them? Did it hurt their message? They said, "Oh, you stiffnecks." They poured it on them. They didn't pull any punches. They went right ahead. **AND GOD'S MESSAGE WILL MOVE RIGHT ON, REGARDLESS OF WHAT ANYBODY SAID,** see, till the consummation, and when the...that which is determined shall be poured out. And we're at the end.

You didn't want nothing to do with him, did you? Did you want anything to do with him? No, we all wanted our own way. We was ashamed of him! We was ashamed of him!

That's why a lot of people, when they hear about Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. When they see, they got to lose some friends and lose influence. And not have any more influence and no churches to preach to in. And lose all of their friends that they had and all their relatives turned against them, **THEY BEGIN TO FIND EXCUSES FOR THE WORD OF GOD, BUT THERE AIN'T NO EXCUSES FOR THE WORD OF GOD.**

Endnote:

*59-0415A - God's Provided Way
William Marrion Branham*

24 Now, when the invitations was given out, the excuses was made. Then back they come and said, "They won't come." Now, if you notice, the last time that He sent them out, was to go into the hedges, and highways, and byways, get the lame, halt, and blind, and compel them to come in. For God is determined that His table will not be set, and there'll be nobody there. God wants His tables full. The fatlings has been killed. Everything's been fixed and everything's ready. And if you'll notice, the last great message that was to go, was to go into the highways and byways.

A preacher said, "Oh well, if I preached that, I wouldn't have nobody to preach to." God ain't called you to preach anyway! A man that won't lineup with the word of God and try to make excuses for it, ain't called of God anyway. **THAT WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE WHOLE THING NOW! WE GOT TO MANY PREACHERS AND NOT ENOUGH MEN THAT ARE CALLED OF GOD. IF THEY WERE CALLED OF GOD, THEY WOULDN'T BE ACTING THE WHY THEY DID and wouldn't be living the way they do. No, that's what's wrong.**

Christ said, "I ain't nothing but a worm, I ain't no man. I'm a reproach of everybody." Christ Jesus was a reproach of...**EVEN HIS OWN MOTHER! EVEN HIS OWN MOTHER** was ashamed one time of her testimony. When she come back to the temple and found Christ Jesus in there, both answering questions and asking questions, to the little boy Jesus. And she come in because of influence. She said, "Son thy father and thy mother have sought thee diligently." He turned around and rebuked her!

Luke 2:48-Reference quote:

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

⁴³ And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

⁴⁴ But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

⁴⁵ And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

⁴⁶ And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

⁴⁷ And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

AND THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY NEEDS, THAT'S ASHAMED OF THE WORD OF GOD! THEY NEED A REBUKE!

And he said, "Wist ye not know, that I'm about my father's business!"

Luke 2:47-49-Reference quote:

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

He wasn't caring nothing about Joseph's business right then! He wasn't caring about finding some carpenter work for his dad! BUT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS FATHER HIS HEAVENLY FATHER'S BUSINESS AND THAT WAS TEARING UP WHAT THEM PHARISEE'S thought they knew about the word of God. That's are business today to. Your business and my business today, is to prove to these people that they are not the church of Jesus Christ. We're to prove to these denominations that they're not the Bride of Christ. THAT'S WHAT GOD CALLED THE BRIDE FOR AND THAT'S WHAT THE BRIDES GONNA DO! SHE'S GONNA BE ABOUT HER FATHER'S BUSINESS, SHE'S GONNA PROVE TO THIS CHURCH WORLD, THAT THEY WENT OFF TO MAKE LOVE TO THE DEVIL!

And he's not trying to do it by influence either!

Endnote:

*62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed
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260 Pentecost has done the same. They speak in tongues, and so forth, "That's all you have to do. That's got it. Come on, join the church." All right. Get your false baptism, and so forth, and go on, "And that's all you have to do." See? 261 BUT WHEN CHRIST COMES, HE'S COMING FOR A VIRGIN WITH...A CHURCH WITHOUT EVEN ONE SPOT OR ONE WRINKLE OF DENOMINATION OR ANY OTHER THING, DOGMAS MIXED WITH IT. IT'S GOING TO BE WORD, AND THAT ALONE. 262 Now, oh, man, here we are! Blessed be the Lord! Now we come to the Body to be the Bride of Christ, now to be His "flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bone." Now, we'll hurry up now. "Flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bone." Why didn't... 263 Ask you a question. Why didn't all your rains, back yonder, bring the bride to Christ? I want you to answer me that. If...His Coming is overdue. We believe it. (Like it was in the days of Noah, longsuffering, He's getting His Bride ready.) Why didn't these rains...Why didn't you Pentecostals back yonder, a few years ago, when you started, forty, fifty years ago, why didn't you bring Christ, the Bridegroom, to the bride? Going to let that soak, a minute. Why? BECAUSE YOU PREGNATED HER, YOURSELF, WITH YOUR DENOMINATION. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU DONE. HE WON'T MARRY A WHORE. He'll marry a

virgin. It's flat, but that's the Truth. You know It, in a flat way. You don't have to wonder. I don't stumble around about It. Tell you the Truth. WHY DIDN'T IT BRING HER? WHY DIDN'T IT BRING CHRIST, BRING CHRIST TO HER? BECAUSE SHE'S NOT FIT. HE FOUND HER IN ADULTERY. 264 Exactly the reason children don't live forever when they're born; Adam found his wife pregated. 265 That's the reason Jehovah had to take a Gentile Bride; found her pregated. 266 That's exactly the way Christ has to get Him a Bride now; He's found the so-called group pregated. HE'S GOING TO SOW HIS SEED. SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GET IT, BECAUSE THEY'RE PREDESTINATED TO BE A CHURCH AT THE END OF THE ROAD. 267 Like Adam and Jehovah's, He found them pregated with man-made doctrines of denominations. Like God's Truth, in Genesis 1, "Every seed has brought forth after its kind." So, when the Spirit fell on her, man had been there to her womb, and filled it with denominational seeds of his own thinking, so that's why she got to be the way she is, and Christ could not come to her. Hum! That's hard, isn't it?

Nah, that's the way we need to get, look at our self like a worm. You stay with the way of truth and that's the way people think about you. You'd be surprised!

A lot of people won't say that to my face, even around here in Durham and Middlefield. Well, a certain place where we give them all our insurance business. And they can't even say Mister to me! They don't even want to call my name! And they studder and stammer around, when I go in their presence. Why? They know what I stand for! THEY KNOW THAT I'M A HOLINESS PREACHER! THEY KNOW ALL THE WOMEN IN MY CHURCH HAVE LONG DRESSES AND LONG HAIR! THEY KNOW WHAT I STAND FOR AND THEY'RE ASHAMED OF IT! But it just makes me smile. I'm not trying to influence them, I don't care what...I don't care who they are, see.

I'm proud of this little ole store front building. I'm proud of all the women under my ministry! I'm proud of them, I think they're the cream of the earth! I think, they're the jewels of Gods crown down here, see.

You know, that can be a big stumbling stone, when we turn to Christ the word. See, we wanna still be influential among our relatives and among our friends, see. And if we get ta...if we don't watch out it'll be a little hard for us to change our mode of living and our conversations and our walk that we have. Because we don't want to lose our influence.

We don't ever want to compromise with the word of God, just TO GAIN INFLUENCE! We don't need influence! All we need is the power of God, that's all.

When I think of Christ saying, "He was a worm, despised of men and a reproach to everybody." Don't you never think, that God's servant and God's way will never be accepted. Even though it'll go forth with power, it'll still be a worm and despised of man.

And you can't have the friend...you can't be friends to the world and be friends to God. If you love the word of God, you've got to hate the things of the world. You got to hate everything about this world order. Because it's only those that HATE IT, IS GONNA CHANGE IT! AND THIS WORLD ORDER IS GETTING READY TO BE CHANGED! HALLELUJAH!

Yes sir! He was nothing but a worm and rejected. And the Bible said, "He came unto his own and his own received him not. Yeah! But as to many as received him and wasn't ashamed of him, to them gave he power." He never gave them influence, but "gave them power to become the sons of God!" I'D RATHER HAVE POWER, to become the sons of God.

John 1:11-Reference quote:

¹¹ ***He came unto his own, and his own received him not.***

¹² ***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:***

There was Jesus Christ our Lord and savior, finally he was delivered up by his own. He was delivered up to be crucified by the religious world and his own people. And though he was God almighty, tabernacled in human flesh THAT CREATED THE EARTH, BUT HE WAS HUNG ON CALVARY'S TREE AND HE NEVER HAD ENOUGH INFLUENCE to be delivered by anybody! He didn't have no influence.

Why, if that a been some of the great renown preachers today, they could of never...if they had of been his part. They could of never been crucified, because they had too much influence.

He didn't have any influence. Just a little ole teeny crowd of people among the multitude, about a hundred and twenty people mix in with millions. Caught away with a multitude, going up to the place of the skull.

You know, I liked that little message I preached! You know THAT'S WHERE ALL THE PREACHERS CRUCIFIED JESUS CHRIST TODAY, IS IN THEIR SKULL!

Endnote:

54-1219M - Divine Healing

William Marrion Branham

*275 Whew! Could you imagine a man trying to put some kind of a—a dictionary theology on the man like that? **Brother, he stood, anointed and filled with the Holy Ghost. He said, "Why, you rulers, the very power of God that you profess to be, that same God raised His Son Christ Jesus, to show the supernatural. And you, with wicked hands, have crucified Him."** 276 **You don't have to nail Him to the cross. Just deny Him, you crucify Him again. They're doing the same thing today. You crucify Him!***

Endnote:

64-0125 - Turn On The Light

William Marrion Branham

119 We are back to that time again, brothers and sisters. We're back to that hour again.

*Notice. Why? Same cause. 120 We find that the—these great lights that we've lived in, in the days gone by, they were all right, we have nothing against them. But, **this Laodicea Church Age, be careful, remember, it is a Christ-rejected. And that's exactly what it is now.** 121 This great council has moved around, to unite all the Protestants together, this ecumenical move. And what is it doing? **It's blackening out the very Word, itself, and the Word is Christ.** How can they do? When, the Christian Science, and United Brethren, and many of them people in other great organizations, some believe the virgin birth, some don't, some believe this and that. How can you join yourself with unbelief? "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?" **Come out from among them and be separated, and take God's Holy Word and stay by It.** 122 **Jesus Christ is obligated to manifest His Word. The thing we need today is a rising of Malachi 4. Another prophet will rise in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and will produce exactly what He promised to do.** Then, man blindly will forsake It and walk right into the darkness, as they've*

*always did. **123 Watch now, we find out, the same cause, that today, that they reject, the churches reject the Message, crucify the Word, take the Word out.** Now if you don't belong to it, you can't even—you can't even have your church. They'll close it down. You've got to come into it. If you don't do it, you're closed down. Then what about it? Oh, stand for That which is right! **REMEMBER, IT'S CRUCIFIXION TIME AGAIN, NEARLY.***

Like one told me, "I've been studying the Bible for 40 years." You have! And you still don't know nothing! "Who is that little feller think he is? I'll have you to know, I know the word!" "You do? Come over and talk to me! Come over and talk to somebody that knows the word of God." Huh?

You know I like that! You know when I was a little boy back when everybody say, "I tell you one thing, I can whoop him!" Well, it's easy to say that. It's easy to say, "I can whoop him!" And it's another thing, to meet him out behind the barn and do it.

I always heard people say, "Branham, Branham, Branham, that ole seed of the serpent. This and that!" It just so happened to fall on my ears a few of times. And I'd work my way through the crowd. "Just a minute I heard you say, such and such about Brother Branham." I said, "I'm his friend" I said, "Before these people" I said, "It's easy for you to say that preacher. Before all these people, when the little prophet is way off there in the hotel room." I said, "Now, how about you come with me and let me take you before my friend, Brother Branham. And then you say just what you said to these people and if God almighty don't parallelize you or strike you dead, then I'm a false prophet!" Aw! You never seen such wishy washy backing up. I said, "Hold it now folks, he's backing up now! He's backing up now!" I said, "Come on now! Come on!"

Many times, I done it! Many times, I would work my way through the crowd. You always hear Branham this and Branham that. "Branham is Jesus Only!" I'd say, "Hold it just a minute! He's not a Jesus Only!" Oh, boy! Then the scene changes then!

It's easy, to crucify Christ right up here in the SKULL! IT'S EASY TO TAKE CHRIST UP THERE TO GOLGOTHA, THE PLACE CALLED THE SKULL AND CRUCIFY HIM. Face the issue down one time!

That's why a lot of preachers today go around house to house. Cast the bait to "silly women" the apostle said. Trying to make them a little congregation. You got all kinds of guys, like that today hanging around.

2 Timothy 3:6-Reference quote:

*⁶ For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead **captive silly women** laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,*

⁷ Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

They are all where? "I got this ministry and I got that ministry and I got..." YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHING! IF YOU HAD ANYTHING, YOU'D SHUT UP AND LISTEN! Everywhere you go, that's all I hear!

Some man heard I was over in Georgia and drove hundreds of miles, to get over there to tell me about the revelation. Well, that's alright! That's alright! Maybe I need telling! But you know when I see somebody like that, that knows everything... you can't tell me nothing, because I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW NOTHING. You don't know nothing!

And everybody has got to impress everybody, how spiritual they are. And you got to tell everybody how spiritual you are, then you're not spiritual at all. The man that's got any revelation, just hides it down in his heart and walks around and ain't telling nobody about it! Then we go around and crucify Christ here in the place called the skull. And that's where they crucified Christ.

God almighty, 33 years upon the earth and he never had enough influence to keep him from going to Calvary. Because I know he didn't want to go, to be delivered. But I'm just making a point. Still, nobody come to his rescue, did they? Did any great man RISE UP? (No) AND SAY, "HERE! WE CAN'T PUT THIS HUMBLE MAN OF GOD TO CRUCIFIXION! WHAT EVIL HAS HE DONE! HE AIN'T DONE NOTHING BUT HEAL THE SICK AND RAISE THE DEAD!" Never had enough influence to keep him from Calvary! Never had enough influence to keep him from Calvary! BUT HE HAD ENOUGH OF THE POWER OF GOD, TO RAISE HIS OWN BODY FROM THE DEAD! HALLELUJAH! HE HAD ENOUGH POWER, TO DESCEND DOWN IN HELL AND PREACH TO SPIRITS IN PRISON. AND THE BIBLE SAID, "HE SPOILED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS AND MADE A SHEW OF THEM OPENLY." I like that, he said, "He made a show of them openly."

Colossians 2:15-Reference quote:

¹⁵ And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Endnote:

*65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The Sun
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*109 But there has got to come One! Hallelujah! **There has to come a real Bride!** There must come One that's not only got the Mechanics, but the Dynamics of It, makes that Church live, move in the Power of His resurrection. Until we come to that place, until we find that place, what good does it do to polish the hubs? What good does it do to give her a facelift or a simonize job, when there's no Dynamics in it? No matter how much the Mechanics prove to be right, there has got to be a Dynamics to make It work. 110 That's what He proved! Hallelujah! That's what Easter proved. **He wasn't only the Word, but He was God Himself, the Dynamics, in the Word. That made the body of Jesus Christ (cold, stiff, and dead, in the grave) shake into Life and rise again, and roll away the stone. "I am He that was dead," so dead till the sun said He was dead, the moon said He was dead, the stars said He was dead. All nature said He was dead. And now the whole world has to recognize that He's alive again. He was not only the Mechanics, God's Word, He was the Dynamics to prove It. 111 And as He, being the Groom, the Bride has to come forth, 'cause It's part of Him. And It can only be the manifestation of the fulfilling of all the revelations any others has spoke of the Bride; It can only manifest. If it does something different from the Groom, it isn't the Bride. Because, She is flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone; Life of His Life, Power of His Power! She is Him! As man and woman are one, and woman taken from his side; She had taken a Spirit, the feminish Spirit, from Him. The flesh from His side, made both Mechanics and Dynamics, the Wife. The Spirit of Him and the flesh of Him, and put it together, and made Mechanics and Dynamics. Until the church or the people... 112 All these Easter bunnies, and ceremonies, and big churches, and finery, will fail and pass away. 113 Until that Church becomes both Dynamics and Mechanics; and the Spirit of***

God, that moved Him, to do the things that He did! If He hit on sixteen cylinders, **so will the Bride.** Amen! For He said, in John 14:12, **“He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. I’ll give him a charge of My Dynamics, in his Mechanics, that the world will not be able to withstand it; and I’ll raise him up again at the last day.”** That’s the Easter Message, the Dynamics and the Mechanics, together! The Mechanics without the Dynamics, no good; neither is the Dynamics, without the Mechanics. 114 You can scream and shout, and jump up-and-down, all you want to, and deny this Word, it won’t do any good. You’re just cranking around the—the pistons of... Got the spark there to fire, but no gasoline to fire it by. 115 It’ll only work as they come together. Amen! So, one will set still, and the other One will go up. That’s the only thing there is to it. Yet, they both might look alike, both claim to be churches, both claim to be Bride. But One has Mechanics and Dynamics, It brings it to pass, of what He said is the Truth. 116 It just won’t move, no matter how good the Mechanics is, until the Dynamics come. **When the Dynamics come, that Fire is made to connect with that octane in the gasoline. And when That explodes, it causes a combustion, and that combustion moves every motion, every move, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That’s the resurrection. That’s the real Power of God, Mechanics with the Dynamics. Notice, “It’s the Spirit that quickens.” It’s the—it’s the Spark that fires. It’s not the gas that fires; it’s the Spark that fires the gas. See? 117 “You can do nothing without Me; but with Me you can do all things.” As He is the Word, It’s the Father living. “Father sent Me, so send I you. As the Father has fired Me and pushed Me into everything, I do only that which is pleasing to God. Now, as He sent Me, so send I you with the same Mechanics, and it takes the same Dynamics to operate It. And these signs shall follow them that claim to have the Mechanics. The Dynamics will take Its place.” 118 Paul said, “The Gospel came to us not in Word only,” through gasoline only, “but through Spark also,” to make It move. There you are. It came to us in that manner. 119 It’s the same Spirit, that raised Him up, that quickened the true believer to Eternal Life. Now remember, potentially... Now watch, as we are getting out of our time. Notice, “the same Spirit,” now, Romans 8:1. Now let’s just read that again, in Romans 8:1, and we’ll see what that says. All right. And not Romans... I mean, 8:11, I’m sorry. 120 In Romans 8:11, “But if...” There is the problem. There’s His catch. But if the Spirit of him (God, the Holy Spirit) that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, ... 121 Now, there you are, **“If the Bridegroom Spirit dwells in the Bride!”** 122 When God made His first bridegroom, He made the bridegroom first, and he was both man and woman, in spirit; formed him in the dust of the earth, to make him material. And notice when He made Eve, from Adam, He took not another piece of clay, He took from the same piece of clay; the same Word, for Adam was a spoken Word. See? He took from him, and then taken the... He had masculine and feminine spirit. And He took the feminine spirit away from Adam, and placed it in Eve; so it’s still part of Adam’s spirit, it’s Adam’s flesh. Then, it was Adam’s spirit, the dynamic, that quickened the mechanics of his body. 123 **So the Bride must also be flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bone. Then how is this mortal flesh going to become His flesh? We’ll get to it in a minute, see. How is it done? How? What is this great transformation? Notice. Now if the Spirit of him (God) that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 124 Oh, my! The predestinated One, of course, like the Seed laid upon the earth, the One that had Life in them. Many of them were dead; they were just rotten seed; the waters and things burnt them out. But, you know, there was a Seed laying there ready for Life. God knowed It was laying there. 125 Now, the predestinated Ones are the first to be quickened by the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit comes to claim Its Own. Now, this is deep now, and be sure to catch this good.****

He walked down there among thieves and said, "Alright you devils! HERE I AM! I'M HERE! YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD ME IN THAT CAVE UP THERE, BUT I PICKED IT UP AND I COME DOWN HERE TO TALK TO YOU!" He said, "I'M THE PROMISE ONE! HERE I AM!" And he went down there and just spoiled principalities. HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH INFLUENCE TO KEEP HIM FROM CALVARY, BUT HE HAD ENOUGH POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST TO GO DOWN AND PREACH TO THE SOULS IN PRISON. And spoiled principalities and power! He walked over to the devil and said, "Give me the keys, to Death Hell and the Grave!" And walked around in front of all them demons and said, "HEAR ME!! GOD ALMIGHTY MY FATHER SAID I WOULD BE HERE! HE SAID, "I'D BE HERE TO BRUISE YOUR HEAD! He said, "I'D BE HERE TO STRIP ALL POWER AWAY FROM YOU! AND HERE I AM! I'VE STRIPPED ALL POWER AWAY FROM YOU! LUCIFER AND ALL YOU DEMONS, I'VE STRIPPED YOU OF ALL YOUR POWER!" Man alive, He spoiled them boy!

You know when something spoiled, it ain't good for nothing! AND THE DEVIL IS JUST GOOD FOR NOTHING NOW! BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST SPOILED HIM!

Genesis 3:15-Reference quote:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Revelation 1:18-Reference quote:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Endnote:

56-0212 - Fellowship

William Marrion Branham

*And I see Eve and Adam standing there, heard their sentence of death pronounced upon them, and the tears running down Adam's cheeks and dropping off onto Eve's head, and her with her little head laying over on his shoulder, and they had to depart out of the Presence of God, standing there wrapped in those old bloody sheepskins. And as they started out of the garden in the Presence of God, I can hear them old sheepskins flapping together on their legs like that, as they went out. God, the Father, looking down and seeing His children being turned out like that because of disobedience, He stopped and He couldn't stand it. **HE SAID, "I'LL ENMITY BETWEEN HER SEED AND—AND THE SERPENT'S SEED; AND HIS HEAD WILL BRUISE HER HEEL, AND HER HEEL SHALL BRUISE HIS HEAD," PROMISING A DELIVERER.***

Endnote:

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed

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156 Now, that's why Jesus was so perfectly manifested, God was so perfectly manifested in Jesus, because He was the Word of God. He was God's Word. That's the reason It couldn't

produce nothing but just exactly God. And if God is in you, what more can you be? 157 Didn't Jesus say, of the prophets who the Word of God came to...Who did the Word of God come to? [Congregation says, "Prophets."—Ed.] Prophets. Didn't Jesus call them "gods"? ["Amen. "] Why? God was manifested in them. What was it? The spoken Word manifested. See? That's it. Said, "How can you deny, say...If you had any wisdom, you'd understand." He said, "I...How can you say you...We call them...God Himself called them 'gods.'" And said, "How can you then say you believe them, and deny Me, when I say I'm the Son of God?" Why didn't they see this then? Same thing today. "I'm that Seed that was to come, the woman's Seed." 158 "I'll give you a Seed." To the serpent, the serpent had already defiled her. He said, "But thy Seed, that I'll give you, shall bruise his head." He'll take that thing back again. Amen. I wish...I just wish everybody could see that. See? "I've come to conquer, and correct what Eve done. And only way I can do it is through a woman that believed the Seed; where, a woman didn't believe the Seed." A woman believed the Word; where, one didn't believe It. 159 "I'm that Overcomer. I'm the One that's come to give Life, that through My death, to pay the penalty of what she done. Through My Life, will be given to you, to flow over you. And you'll be sons of God, and daughters of God, see, as long as the Seed is in there."

And he ascended up out of hell and he stopped in paradise. Come in there and unlocked Paradise and said, "COME ON ELIJAH! COME ON MOSES! COME ON ABRAHAM! COME ON SARAH! WE'RE COMING UP OUT OF HERE! Amen! AND ASCENDED UP OUT OF PARADISE AND WENT INTO HEAVEN AND SAID, "BE YE LIFTED UP YE EVERLASTING DOORS!" SAID, "I'VE SPOILED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS AND NOW OPEN UP YE GATES!" SAID, "WHO IS IT?" He said, "IT'S THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE! I'VE CONQUERED DEATH HELL AND THE GRAVE! I SPOILED THE DEVIL AND ALL HIS DEMONS!

PSALMS 24:7-Reference quote:

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

HONEY, LET ME TELL YOU TONIGHT, HE'S STILL SPOILED! HE AIN'T NOTHING BUT A BLUFF! HE AIN'T GOT NO POWER OVER US! HE SPOILED HIM!

You know, I had three wieners left after I got through seeking the Lord down in Arkansas. I had three wieners left in the ice-box. And I was gonna eat them. You know they looked good! And I was hungry! They looked good, but you know when I cut it open it was spoiled! YOU KNOW WHAT I DID TO THOSE WIENERS? I THREW THEM OUT THE DOOR!

AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO WITH THE DEVIL! IS THROW HIM OUT THE DOOR! HE'S SPOILED! He spoiled him!

He never had a influence, he never had enough influence to keep him from Calvary. But he had enough power, to Spoil the Devil!

I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING TONIGHT, THE DEVIL AIN'T GOT A BIT OF POWER! HE'S BEEN SPOILED! Hallelujah! Amen! How many believe he's been spoiled? Amen! We're chaining him up, ain't we? Putting a chain on him! Amen!

WE DON'T NEED INFLUENCE, WE NEED THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST! That's what we need! Amen!

And I'm glad he was that way to! Do you love him? (Amen) Aren't you glad, he spoiled principalities and had power? Brother, he never went down there and just preached to them devils! He never went down there in hell and just preached a little sermon to them! HE WENT DOWN THERE, BROTHER AND SHOWED THEM WHO HE WAS! He said, "BEHOLD I'VE BEEN GIVEN POWER, ALL POWER IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTO ME! AMEN! Can't you see him coming up out of there now? Can't you see him passing by Paradise and walking in there and saying, "Come on Abraham! Come on Moses! Come on Elijah! Come on, we're coming out of here now! I MADE THE WAY!" And say, "ABRAHAM, YOU SAID, YOU REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY! HERE I AM! COME ON ABRAHAM! And the Bible said, "They ascended up out of paradise and they appeared unto the brethren. Appeared unto the brethren."

Matthew- 27:5-53-Reference quote:

⁵⁰ *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.*

⁵¹ *And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*

⁵² *And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,*

⁵³ *And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

Why did they appear unto the brethren? BECAUSE CHRIST THE REVEALED WORD OF GOD, SPOILED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWER. Amen!

AND WHILE THE DEAD IS GETTING READY TO COME UP OUT OF THE GRAVES TODAY! IS BECAUSE YOU ARE SPOILING PRINCIPALITIES. AMEN! YOUR GONNA GET VICTORY OVER DEATH HELL AND THE GRAVE! And the resurrection is setting in. Amen, it's sitting in! It's already moved in to your sight. We're finding out he ain't GOT NO POWER! We're finding out, that the devil now don't have any power, HE'S NOTHING BUT A BLUFF! He's spoiled! Brother, if anything spoiled, you kick it out. You throw it out, it ain't good for nothing no more. He ain't good for nothing, no more! Oh, I like that!

Endnote:

62-0121M - And Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemy

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*238 He ascended on High. What did He do? He cut a hole, a gate, that, the prayer of this Seed of Abraham. Why? Why? If we be the Body of Christ, if we are dead, we reckon ourself dead and buried in Christ, and raised with Him in resurrection. He is the Head of the Body. Where the **Head is, the Body is with It.** And then, this morning, where every one that's did that, "is seated with Him in heavenly places," with the Royal Seed. Praise God. 239 **No gates. You can't pray this far, and say, "Oh, oh, there's a word." Huh-uh. They close you off, right there. 240 But if our heart condemn us not; if we know that we're walking in the commandments of God; we***

see our lives cleaned up; we see it; every Word that God commanded, we keep It; then the gates of every enemy is possessed. "Then ask what you will, it'll be done for you." "HE SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMY." OH, BROTHER, WHAT A CHURCH THAT WOULD BE! 241 When I come back again to Phoenix, if the Lord permits me, I hope, when I walk into this tabernacle, that these pews will be lined, and every pew in the full Gospel movement in this city will be lined with saints of the living God: look like Christian; talk like Christian; act like Christians; with the Spirit of God moving among them, where, if one would sin, the Holy Spirit call it out right then. 242 It'll do it. You seen it in the prayer line, as up here on the altar. Where, say, "You go back there and make that right with your husband. Go, tell your wife that you was out, night before last, with that woman, setting on a certain-certain place." If It'll do it here, by walking in the Word, listening to that still small Voice, It'll do it in you. You're Abraham's Seed. Then, no sin. 243 Preacher, wouldn't you like to see that in your church? Walk in this church, and look down along through here, see both men and women, godly, saintly, setting there just charged with the power of God. Sin could not walk in. A man walk in and set down, the Spirit raise up and say, "John Jones, you come from so-and-so, a city, a certain-certain place. He's here to find healing for his body. See? He did a certain thing at a certain place. He did this, and he take...has, take this back, make this right, then God will heal him of that cancer. THUS SAITH THE LORD." My, my! 244 Give me a church, give me ten men, who, really jewels of God, the Royal Seed, put them men together, and watch what'll take place. Give me this little houseful of people like that, and I'll show you a Light that the world will run to it. That's right. That's what God wants us to be. "You're a city setting on a hill." YOU'RE ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM. "IT SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF ITS ENEMY." 245 Sickness, there's a cause for sickness. There's a cause for these things. And God, the Holy Spirit, is here to reveal that thing and tell you why you don't get it. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH US? We don't have to wonder, "Will It do it." It's already doing it. What do you do?

Yes sir! You know the ole apostle Paul... [In closing]. Ole Paul, was never a respecter of persons. He never sought favor of man, to gain influence. He never went around trying to gain influence. Oh, he did one time! One time, he tried to gain influence. Hailing the Christians to jail! Stoning them to death.

Galatians 1:13-Reference quote:

¹³ For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

Galatians 1:23- Reference quote:

²³ But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

1 Timothy 1:13- Reference quote:

¹³ Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

Endnote: Reference quote: (Editor's Note; 2 quotes from Brother Branham on name change.) Paul-Saul: (Paul and Saul are the same person. Persecuted the Christians)

*In Acts 13:9, **Saul** is called "**Paul**" for the first time on the island of Cyprus—much later than the time of his conversion. The author (Luke) indicates that the names were interchangeable: "**Saul**, who also is called **Paul**."*

There were two Sauls who played significant roles in the Bible. One Saul is spoken of in the Old Testament, and the other is spoken of in the New Testament. The one in the Old Testament, Saul the King, is probably most remembered as the man who sought to kill David, while Saul of Tarsus, is probably most remembered not as Saul but as Paul the apostle.

These men, besides having the same name, were similar in quite a few ways.

The name Saul means "Prayed for". The meaning of the name is significant because the children of Israel did ask God for a king and Saul was His immediate answer to them.

King Saul was not born a king and neither was Saul of Tarsus born an apostle. Both men were from the tribe of Benjamin and both of them were called by God to become something special. In one's case, it was to become the first king of Israel and in the other's case, it was to become an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ's.

Endnote:

61-0211 – Abraham

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*26 And to show him what He was going to do, He changed his name in the 17th chapter. And He changed Sarah's name. That's right. Watch those names, mean something. Why did He change Jacob's name to Israel? **Why did He change Saul's name to Paul? Why did He do all those things? After He overcome and entered into glory He said that His Name was changed. In Revelation it's given a promise to those that overcome, He would make known His new Name. That's right. Every time they overcome they was given a new name.***

Endnote:

64-0403 - Jehovah-Jireh #2

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*Now you say, "There is nothing in a name." 192 Then why did He change Abraham's name from Abram to Abraham? Why did He change Jacob's name from Jacob, "supplanter," to Israel, "prince with God"? Why did He change Saul's name to Paul? Sure, his name, certainly, certainly does mean something. Certainly does. **If you're not named right, God will change it, if He has called you. Yes, sir.***

Oh, they saying Paul, Saul, Saul, Saul's on fire for Jehovah. Oh, my! But he met him!
Jehovah God on the way to Damascus.

You know, I wish some of these Trinitarian preachers free God's people.

But just look at what ole Paul met on the way to Damascus. He was on his way down there, to make more influence. And a great light shined down out of heaven and knocked him off of his horse. Huh! Knocked him down off of his horse. And a voice spoke out of heaven. It's not hard for God to speak out of heaven, is it? He spoke out of heaven said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" He said, "Lord! Who are you?" "I'm Jesus only!" He said, "Your Jesus only?" "Yes, I'm the only one, Jesus!" You know, he said the right thing!

Acts 9:4-Reference quote:

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

² And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

³ And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

That's what you need to do! See! When the light of the revelation blinds you and you find out, that them three persons are only one person and is all wound up in the Lord Jesus Christ. AND ALL THE POWER IN HEAVEN AND EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN UNTO ME. IF THERE IS ANY OTHER PERSON UP THERE HE AIN'T GOT A BIT OF POWER! HE SAID, "I'M ALPHA AND OMEGA, I'M THE BEGINNING OF THE ALPHABET AND THE END OF IT. I'M THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING AND I'M THE BRANCH! AND I'M THE VINE, I'M EVERYTHING! I'M THE ALL AND ALL! I'M THE ALMIGHTY GOD! BESIDES ME, THERE IS NO GOD!

Revelations 22:13-Reference quote:

¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelations 22:16-Reference quote:

*¹⁶ I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.***

Isaiah 4:2-Reference quote:

*² In that day shall the **BRANCH** of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.*

Zechariah 3:8-Reference quote:

*⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, **BEHOLD, I WILL BRING FORTH MY SERVANT THE BRANCH.***

Zechariah 6:12-13-Reference quote:

*¹² And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, **BEHOLD THE MAN WHOSE NAME IS THE BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:***

Isaiah 11:1-Reference quote:

*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch shall grow out of his roots:***

² *And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;*

³ *And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

⁴ *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

⁵ *And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

⁶ *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

Isaiah 11:13-Reference quote:

¹³ *Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

Endnote:

57-0125 - Hear Ye Him

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*8 The hope of all the ages rests there on the Person of the Lord Jesus returning the second time. He was a man, yes. But He was the God-man. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself: Jehovah's tabernacle. "Not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me," said the Son. "He doeth the works." **IN ANOTHER WORDS, IN THAT DAY THE FATHER WAS THE VINE. HE WAS THE BRANCH TO BEAR THE FRUIT OF GOD. NOW, HE BECOMES THE VINE, AND WE BECOME THE BRANCH. AND ALL THAT WAS IN GOD WAS POURED INTO CHRIST.** Are you ready? Here it is. It may gag you a little. But listen. All that was in Christ was poured into the Church. "The works that I do shall you also. More than this shall you do, for I go to My Father." You see it? We are living under our God given privileges that God has redeemed us to. 19 In our picture when He had taken these three witnesses to go up to testify of something... Now, perhaps maybe I'm going to take it in a little different angle. **IT REALLY REPRESENTED THE COMING OF CHRIST THE SECOND TIME ON THE APPEARING OF Moses and Elijah AND THEN CHRIST ONLY.** But it represents something more.*

Jeremiah the apostle...the prophet Jeremiah said through the spirit of prophecy said...God said, "Did I ask council, of anybody before I created all this? Did I ask anybody about it? No! He didn't ask nobody about it. BUT HE SHAPED THE WORLD OUT OF THE PALM OF HIS HAND. He spoke the word and created all things by faith. There was not anything made, that was not made by Christ the Revealed word of God.

Isaiah: 46:9-11-Reference quote:

⁹ Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

¹¹ Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

¹² Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

¹³ I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

John 1:3-Reference quote:

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Paul said, "Who are you?" He said, "I'm Jesus only! And that's who you've been persecuting." He said, "My Lord! What will you have me to do?" That's what we need to say! If you find out that he's the only one, just say, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" He said, "Just continue on down to that town and to the point." And He said, "When you get down there, I'll tell you what to do." Yes sir! He forgot all that he knew, he forgot all about trying to gain any influence at all. And he become a little ole humble meek servant of Christ.

Acts 9:4-9-Reference quote:

⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

⁷ And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

⁸ And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

You know he never did.... You know there's something I liked about Paul? He never took off to Jerusalem and come down there and say, "Look a here brothers, I met the pillar of fire on the way to Damascus, I heard an audible voice speak out of heaven. Now I want to tell you something here." No, Not Paul! Brother, after that experience it left him so humble and low, he went out in Arabia and rented him a little ole room over there. Got all them scrolls out. Got all them scrolls out and begin to see if he could find all this experience he had in the word of the Lord, through the prophets. And he found out what that boy told him, "I'm Jesus Only!"

Galatians 1:17-19-Reference quote:

¹⁷ Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

And the Bible said, "He preached Christ Jesus, straight way in the synagogue" Straight way but it was three years later. In other words, he didn't come preaching something that he never proved by the word of God.

Why, if any man that's ever called of God, that stands in the presence of the pillar of fire, he don't run out in the world, he goes somewhere and gets in a room and see if he can find all that in the word. Then he comes out preaching Christ.

I like ole Paul, don't you? He never went around trying to find favor with man, to gain influence with man.

Now I'm closing.

Paul said, "You can't please God and please man to." Is that what he said? You know Paul, he never had no ministerial paper.

Galatians 1:10-11-Reference quote:

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

You know...you know you children can't preach it. But you know what a big thing that is, to a preacher? You know they say, first time aw, how it felt, "Reverend." Oh, what a feeling it was, when the first person said, "Reverend, good Morning!" "How are you this morning?" Reverend! Oh, all the preachers all love that statement. The Bible said, There's only, ONE REVEREND! ONLY ONE REVEREND! THERE'S ONLY ONE THAT DESERVES ALL REVERENCE and that's our Lord Christ Jesus! When I read the paper, "Reverend so and so will be there. Reverend so and so will be there! Reverend so and so will be there! They wouldn't dare offend one of them ministers, by not calling them reverend. Course not! That's a big thing, ministerial papers, Reverend!

No, no, Paul...Oh Paul never had that! Paul never had no Ministerial papers! You know what he had for his ordination papers? He had thirty-nine stripes put upon his back save one and he had a bunch of knocks on his head where they stoned him over what he was preaching.

2 Corinthians 11:24-25-Reference quote:

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

BROTHER, YOU GIVE SOME OF THESE PREACHERS A BUNCH OF BEATINGS ON THE BACK AND SOME KNOTS ON THEIR HEADS AND THEY'LL THROW THEM PAPERS AWAY!

I can see ole Paul's ordination papers now! "Say, Paul! Where in the world did you get them big knots on your head?" "What do you think? I got stoned today!" "What did you get stoned for?" "Preaching, Jesus Only doctrine!" Huh! "Why Paul! Wow Paul! What's wrong with your back?" "Oh, that's my calling!" "Paul, what do you mean that's your calling?" "What they did right there? Jesus said, "If you're gonna reign with me, you're gonna have to suffer. And that's what he told me! He said, Paul, I'm gonna show you how much you're gonna have to suffer for me."

2 Timothy 2:12-Reference quote:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Acts 9:16-Reference quote:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

You know, we haven't had preachers going around with stripes on their back in a long time. We ain't had none walking around with knots on their head. But I tell you brother, when it comes to that time that when we have some more stripes on our back and some more knots on their head, I TELL YOU WE'LL HAVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST UPON US. Yes sir!

You know, Paul never had to much influence. He didn't have to much influence. There wasn't no ministerial committee that met him, when he come into Macedonia. And you notice, there wasn't no chamber of commerce that come out there. There wasn't no trumpets blowing. There wasn't no bands playing.

Boy, you see all these great men today, Oral Roberts and Billy Graham all come today, brother the chamber of commerce turns out. The junior Chamber, of commerce turns out. The ministerial association turns out. All the churches turn out to greet them. But you know, they ain't got God!

You know, can't you see, Apostle Paul up beside some of the ministers today? Do you think the chamber of commerce would come out to greet Paul? Do you think the Chicago ministerial group, or Harford ministerial group would come out to meet ole Paul, if he was here? The apostle Paul would get off the plane here in Harford, if there was a crowd, he'd just walk the other way, because he knew it wasn't for him. Huh! He'd go over there and there'd be 5 or 6 or ten brethren. "Hello Paul" "Hello brother!" Aw, but we got to have a great big group! We gotta have a great big crowd or God ain't moving! "Strait and narrow is the way that leadeth to life and few there be that find it." "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am."

Matthew 7:14-Reference quote:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 18:20-Reference quote:

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

No, apostle Paul never catered to crowds. He has 12 in his church up to Ephesus. Yes sir! But he was a man that was called of God. He didn't have much influence to the world though.

You know, I think any man of God that had any revelation at all, had more sense then be ordained and get them ole ministerial papers. If you read the Bible at all, you ought to know more about God than that. If they read the Bible.

Oh, I say, ole Paul, I can see him now, really ordained of God.

There was another little fella one time called of God, named Silas. You know they went off on a missionary journey, oh Paul and Silas. Oh boy, I'd like to have been with ole Paul! I tell you, if you went with ole Paul somebody would say, "Boy, I'd like to carry your books." You better watch out what you're talking about! You know, you carry a man of Gods books, you may get some stones on your head. You may get some licks on your head. Huh? You know

Paul...Paul and Silas as they went into this town on a missionary journey. Paul and Silas went there and you know what, they got in trouble. Oh, Paul got in trouble and ole Silas got in trouble. Why? Because they cast a spirit of divination out of a Jeanne Dixon.

Acts 16:16-18-Reference quote:

¹⁶ And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

¹⁷ The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

*¹⁸ And this did she many days. **But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.***

You know I bet.... Oh, there I go to betting again. You know my brother Don and I we're raised up and down Kentucky and West Virginia, we bet a lot down there you know. I bet you this and I bet you that. So, it slips out ever now and then, you know and I start bettin`. When I see somethings right, I want to bet on it. (*Brother Lambert laughs*)

And I just bet`cha, that if some man of God ever passed by Jeanne Dixon office there, where all the presidents and all the governors, all high uppity-ups comes to hear about the word of the Lord. If a man of God ever walked past Jeanne Dixon's office and cast that devil out of her, the president Nixon would throw them in prison and they'd never would get out! You know I'm telling the truth. Sure! Brother Paul cast that spirit out of that ole girl and it stirred up the whole city. And that wasn't no little city there, it was a big one. They stirred up the whole city when Paul cast that devil out of her. Because she had made her masters much gain by her divination. Huh? So, they come down and laid ahold of ole Paul and Silas and thrashed them good. Boy, they beat ole Paul and Silas good and throwed them into Jail. Throwed them right into prison, put locks on their hands and feet, put them fast and shut them up in prison. There they was, with not enough influence to even get out of Jail. Nobody could be called, nobody did they know that had any influence could get them out of Jail. They never had enough influence to even get out of Jail. But they had enough power of God, **TO BRING AN EARTHQUAKE BY SINGING PRAISES TO HEAVEN!**

Acts 16:25-Reference quote:

*²⁵ **And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.***

*²⁶ **And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.***

*²⁷ **And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.***

*²⁸ **But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.***

*²⁹ **Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,***

*³⁰ **And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?***

*³¹ **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***

Oh, children of God! We don't care about INFLUENCE! WE WANT THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST. Not enough influence to get out of Jail, but they had enough power with God to sing down an earthquake. And the earthquake loosed all the stocks and the leggings upon the prisoners. And the ole prisoners fell in there brother, he sure Paul... sure made some influence on them. The keeper was ready to kill his self and Paul said, "Stay your hand, brother." He said, "Oh what can I do to be saved? Any man that's got enough power of God, to sing down an earthquake, he must know the way of salvation."

Let's bow our heads and pray. While our sisters come to the organ and piano.

Oh children, do you want the power of God or influence? How many want the power of God, not influence but power? Think about it. Enough power of God to sing down an earthquake. Let us pray, while our sisters play softly. Oh God!

Dear heavenly father, we thank you God for your word. Lord, we thank you God that you came lowly and humble and despised and rejected of man. A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief Lord. We're so thankful God, that you never came to the uppity-ups Lord. But you come to those sinners Lord, sick...sickness Lord. Those that we're sick with sin, publicans and sinners, harlots, whoremongers. Oh, God! Oh, Lord! I'm so thankful that you're that kind of a God. Lord, help us to realize how great you are. You're so great, yet you made yourself so small a little worm. That's not much Lord. The God of heaven, oh when I look out and see your universe Lord. The moon and stars and the planets and the solar system and the mountains and the streams and the oceans and the rivers. Oh God, how great thou art! And oh Lord, God forbid that I could ever think that I was anything Lord. God forbid Lord, that we could ever try to influence anybody Lord, to gain power and recognition and notoriety among the people Lord. Lord we want to be little, we want to be small. Oh God, don't let there be any great ones among us Lord. Let us all see Jesus only. Let us be little Lord, small. And oh God, when I think where I come from Lord. Oh, Lord to think, that you could call me. And to think God, you could give me a people that I could preach to. Father I think you for that Lord. Lord, I desire with all of my heart to be little and small all the days of my life Lord. God, that you could bless us Lord. Not with Great influence among the uppity-ups father But, if you could bless us with your power. Oh God, when I read about them apostles Lord and that early church Lord, it wrings our heart. Oh father, it's the desire of my heart to see those days come again. Please help us here in this little assembly, Lord. To condescend to men of low estate Lord. Not to ever try to show partiality or be a respecter of person's father. Won't you help us Lord. God, we love your word, we love your promise. Lord above all things, we want to see apostolic days among us again. God, if we'll just take these little things to heart, such as being humbly and sincere and lowly and meek father. Lord, fill me with compassion and love. Oh God, bellows of mercy, tenderness and kindness God. Lord, I'm so short! God sometimes I feel like an ole hypocrite, when I look and read about the great apostle Paul, Peter and John. Oh Lord, thou knowest thy servant. God I've never had wanted to be popular, be somebody. But oh Lord, how we desire to be a faithful servant. God, to be a blessing to your people. We're so needy Lord! Now Lord, through our weakness may you make us strong. And may we get down as low and small as we can get. And in thy providence God, if you could raise us up to be a blessing Lord, may thy will be done. Lord, won't you please bless my congregation, I love them Lord. Bless everyone that's in a trial, that's sore afflicted by any disease or sickness. God bless them and heal them Lord. Bless the teenagers Lord, keep them from the world father. Lord, there's not many days left. Just help us to live tomorrow, just tomorrow. Lord, we don't want to miss this great event! Oh, God it's so wonderful, what you've promised. Help us to be ready Lord. Don't let us get discouraged. Help us to be patient and

faithful, with what little time we have left. Now Lord we thank you, to be able to be here tonight. God bless this little cut up sermon Lord, I ain't no preacher. But God I pray, that what come from my heart I said sincere, I pray, that you'll bless it. That the hearts of your children here, may they always remember, that what man think's is big, God don't think it's big at all. And you help us to understand these things Lord, that the way up is the way down and the way down is the way up. Grant, it father in Jesus name. God, bless you.

What page is that sister? Oh father! Let's sing number 227, "Under The Blood." Let's stand to your feet, now please. Oh, praise his name.

Congregation sings: "Under The Blood"

Children think of it, we're under the wrath of God without the blood. Just think about that! Jesus don't never see me! God, don't never see me! He don't see me. He just looks down, if I make a mistake and do something wrong, he looks down there and all he sees is his blood. Satan says, "Look what he said, look what he done? Look at this?" God said, "That's right, but look here. Same story he's under the blood." Saint's He's precious!

Oh, how I remember when I was 28 years old and thought I was dying. I thought there was no hope for me, such a sinner. And there I met the precious Lord Jesus and come under his blood. And Oh my, I was carried away. Oh, I screamed and I cried and I went from door to door, door to door screaming, "I saved! I'm saved! I'm saved!" I went out in the streets, I went into the stores and into the business places screaming about the salvation of the Lord and the blood of the Lamb.

Just think, if you're under the blood? Think about it! You're not saved by the blood but keep saved by the blood every day by the blood. You may make mistakes tomorrow, make a mistake the next day, but you're under the blood. Don't have a thing to do with your salvation. God don't save you today and lose you tomorrow, save you the next day and lose you tomorrow. No! Under the Blood.

Let's sing it now.

Congregation sings: "Under The Blood" "We'll Walk In The Light"

Amen, let's bow our heads. How many glad you was in service tonight, let's see your hands? Oh, how we love him with all of our hearts children. Jesus, the light of the world. Oh, glory to God! Brother Klammer dad, brother dismiss the congregation in a word of prayer. May God's blessing go with you, be with you tomorrow lead you and guide you out of all temptation. And deliver you from all evil, is my prayer.

The End



The Kings Sword

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