

THE HIRELING SHEPHERD
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Shall we bow our heads, please, in a word of prayer?

Brother Lambert prays opening prayer;

Heavenly Father, we gather here again this Sunday, Lord, they call it today, Lord Palm Sunday I believe. Noticing on the way down in the car, Heavenly Father, the different Catholic churches, each one going in, Lord, had a piece of a branch that looked like a palm, Lord.

Lord, as I seen that, I kind of thought, Father, that, "That wouldn't suffice us, Lord, in this terrible hour that we're living in, just to bring a branch into their service, Father." But I think the greatest thing that we can do, Lord, would be to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to thee, prove our love for thee.

Oh, great Jehovah God, our precious King and Savior, forgive us of our sins this morning, Lord, we're sinners. We realize, Lord, that we're nothing, God. How much Lord, of every day and every hour as it draws closer to thy coming, we realize Lord, our insincerity Father, our lack of love and dedication and consecration to thee.

We realize the separation of the Body of Christ Lord. Oh, different understandings and everything, Father. King of Kings, Lord of Lords, come down this morning; mold our hearts together in Christian love.

And Lord, we pray that you'll vindicate your word this morning, because it has been restored to us, Lord. And we believe that we are living now at the brink of a great thing Lord, the birth of an Apostolic Church, Father.

So, we pray this morning Lord, you know what's upon my heart. You know my prayers during the week and my waiting upon You. Fulfill my desire this morning, Lord, and help me to be calm Lord, I'm a little nervous this morning, knowing that this is the great day for me, today, Lord. So, I pray that you'll help me, I love these sheep Lord, and I pray that you'll feed them this morning, Lord. I trust in thee. In Jesus' name, amen. You may be seated.

I'd like to welcome each and every one of you to The Local Christian Assembly of New York City, contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. I see some of my friends here from Connecticut. God bless each one of you. Certainly, glad to see you this morning.

Now, if there is any strangers in our midst this morning, as the preacher this morning, I'd like to welcome you. I know that you won't have come in vain. I Know that God is among us and I know you've come here not to...if you have...if you've come here to... any other reason, then worshipping the Lord and trying to receive something from the Lord, you'll get that. If you've come for anything else, then you'll get just what you came for. God promised, if you're hungry, he promised to feed you. And if you're thirsty, he promised to give you drink.

I'd like to make a little confession to God's church this morning. As I told you all, the other night, there's something happened to me and has been happening to me for the last few months. And, a great trial I've been through in the last two or three years, but God has blessed

me this week and he's just transformed my whole life. And I feel like He's helped me to grow in grace.

And, when I got this message it was such a shock to me, I...it just took my breath away. Knowing that the Lord Jesus led me up here this time, by the Holy Spirit supernaturally. Then I realized that I'd better get serious with God, so I began to wait on the Lord.

And Joe Coleman and I know things that I'm not going to say but, by and by, God will vindicate whether they was of the Lord or not. And I told Brother Joe, that there was a key somewhere to unlock the great baptism of the holy spirit upon his people that was believing that we have now received the restoration of the word, but we haven't received the power that fell on Pentecost.

Endnote:

*62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man
William Marrion Branham*

*60 Now, after we get through with the Seven Seals, then, at that time of the sounding of the Seventh Seal, or the loosening... **Course, we know what a seal is, is to loose the ministry, to loose Seven Seals.** And we'll see that right on the chart. **Is loosing a Message, something that's sealed up.** 61 Last Sunday night, I preached on, **"THE KEY." AND THE KEY IS FAITH. THE FAITH HOLDS THE KEY, AND THE KEY IS THE SCRIPTURE. AND CHRIST IS THE DOOR.** See? **So faith takes the little hinges of the Scripture and unlocks the glories and good of God, out to His people. See? So, it's, FAITH HOLDS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS CHRIST TO THE PEOPLE; UNLOCKS IT, REVEALS IT.** 62 So, today, we're going to try to **take that same key, to unlock the way to become a virtuous Christian in the stature of God, that, and be a living Tabernacle for the living God to dwell in.***

Endnote:

*53-0325 - Israel And The Church #1
William Marrion Branham*

*"How You going to do it, Lord?" "I'll show you how." 90 And He showed him on the hillside, where those pieces represented. And any Bible scholar here knows that each one of those was a clean animal that represented **the Sacrifice** of Jesus **Christ. He was the Ram.** He was the Heifer that made the waters of separation when you had the waters of separation through. **Now we have the washing by the water, by the Word of the separation from sin, through the Word, through believing.** And the Pigeon and the Turtledove, was Divine healing, that **all in Christ!** 91 And there God showed Abram what He was going to do, that through the Seed of Isaac He would bring forth His only begotten Son, **Christ, and was slain yonder between the heavens and earth, when the sun went down, the blackness over the earth, and there He tore Him apart.** God pulled His soul out of Him, **and He wrote a covenant** with the families of the earth. **When that precious unadulterated Blood of the Almighty God, dripping from Emmanuel's Veins,** He tore that soul out of Him. He said, "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" His face full of mockery spit, a crown of cruel mockery pulled down over His brow, His nails drove, was Roman*

spikes, His back riven until His ribs showed through, swinging on the cross, screaming, **dying sinner's death, the sin of the world upon Him.** And there God rivened His sides, tore His soul out of Him, when He said, "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit," and He dropped His head. And the earth shook and belched out its rocks. **THERE HE IS, THERE'S GOD'S COVENANT!** There's the fulfilling of it. Mid rendering rocks and darkening skies **My Saviour bowed His head and died, The opening veil revealed the way To Heaven's joys and endless day.** 92 O Calvary, O Calvary, Jesus bled and died for me! Then He tore the soul of His Own Son, separated a covenant, and He threw the Body into the ground. It laid there for three days and nights. It rose up! "For it was not possible that My Holy One shall see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell." And His soul was His Spirit that ascended into hell. And He rose down, God did, and picked up His Body and gave Him life. And took the Body of Jesus and set it at His right hand in Glory, **AND SENT BACK THE HOLY GHOST AS A COVENANT. 93 THERE YOU ARE. DON'T FALL SHORT OF THAT, BROTHER. WITHOUT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU'RE LOST.** That's the only... You won't have to worry about getting to Heaven. **If there's nothing in here Supernatural, the doors can't unlock, you could walk there and bump your head against it. But if the Spirit of God is in there, THE SPIRIT OF GOD INSIDE WILL UNHINGE THE DOORS. GOT TO HAVE THE THING IN HERE TO UNLOCK IT** yonder. That's right. So you're already judged just on what you think about Jesus Christ. 94 Now, here He comes, torn, riven, tore to pieces. His soul went to God. God blessed Him. And then His soul returned back in the form of the baptism of the Holy Ghost that comes into every believer, to sanctify, clean up the mind, clean up the heart, and leave a portion of the Holy Ghost in there, here and there. And when the Holy Ghost is given out, that same Holy Spirit that brought the Body of Jesus out of the grave, will Rapture. And **that covenant has to dovetail,** as He tore there and gave the Body; went back to God, and the Spirit came back to the earth. **Then your Spirit will have to be the same kind of a Spirit, or it'll miss that place going together.** Amen. Yes, sir. Not because you make yourself, but because Something, the love of God has swept into your soul and tore every earthly idol out. There it is. 95 And there's something in us, screams and calls to God, it's your soul in here calling out to the Heavenly Father. There you are. **That gives you a faith, and you become the Seed of Abraham.** You believe God's promise like Abraham did. Though it lingered, yet you believe it. Faithful! **Abraham staggered not at the promise of God, through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God.**

Stating... quoting from.... God's prophet William Branham said, that, "Could you compare the Christians today, with those that walked in the Power of the Spirit of old?" Said, "How many would like to see a Church like that arise?"

Endnote:

63-0825E - Perfect Faith

Rev. William Marrion Branham

73 Oh, could you compare a Christian today with them Christians of long ago? **How them disciples walked in the power of the Spirit, moved by the Holy Ghost, do it. Just a prisoner, as I preached on the other night, a prisoner to the Word and will of God; he couldn't even move until**

God moved him. Wouldn't you like to see a Church rise like that? It's going to; going back. It's—it's got to come. That's right. It's go-...It's on its road now, I believe.

My heart cried out when he said that. He said, "Well, there is one on the road." Now, if you were on a road toward a destination, you wouldn't have been arriving there, would you? You'd only be on the destination to that.

But I believe when Brother Branham said in Church Order "Little did the people realize that that was more tremendous than what they thought, because without Bible order and Bible government and every person in the Body of Christ finding their position...." The Bible said, "Obey those that have the rule over you." And it says, "God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints." God never did take that out of there.

Ephesians 4:11-14-Reference quote:

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Endnote:

54-0516 - Questions and Answers (Law Having a Shadow)

William Marrion Branham

9 We believe in church government. And the government is ordered of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The pastor is always the head of the church, the pastor is always. That's God's elder. In organizations, you have to come through the bishop. Now, the Bible... there's no higher order in the Bible than the elder of the church. Just tell me where it's at. There's no higher order in the Bible for the church than the elder, which is the pastor. He's the highest order of the Bible. And then, if the—the elder, if... Don't receive any accusation against your elder, unless it first be by two or three witnesses; no matter what anybody says about an elder, don't you believe it until you have two or three witnesses. And let them witnesses be tried first. And then if that elder has done something wrong and these three Holy Ghost witnesses has been tried and proved that they've really done something to the elder, then go to the elder, and that sin, openly rebuke. See, that others might see and take heed. 10 Now, in order to the church... And now, we just trust that God will keep you perfect and your hearts stayed upon Him. And remember, friend, this glorious Church that we been talking about in this last week. Why can't we have that here on Eighth and Penn Street? We've got the qualifications. We've got the people who love God. Don't you believe that? We've got... I... we got people in here... I see strangers in here that's come in, why, since Brother Neville has been pastor here, a fine people. I meet them here at the altar, people from Louisville, people from Henryville, New Albany and around. People that I don't even know. I've never seen them in my life, wonderful people. Now, wouldn't

you all like to have a real Bible church? A real Bible church where all the spiritual gifts were set in order, everything making manifest just exactly the way it should be. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Now, you're going to have to sacrifice, not money. You're going to have to sacrifice what? Some of **your own ideas**. You're going to have to sacrifice some time in prayer. You're going to have to sacrifice your... maybe a stubborn will, to break down in humility. See? You're going to have... **The whole Christian move is sacrificial. "He that will follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me daily."** Is that right? How often do you have to sacrifice? Every day. **Paul said, "He died daily; every day, he died."**

Endnote:

62-1014M - The Stature of A Perfect Man
William Marrion Branham

304 Let's turn to Ephesians 4, and find out over here what, in the Book of Ephesians, it says about this thing, too, about how we should—how we should do. Ephesian, the 4th chapter, and begin with the 12th verse. Ephesians 4, and begin with the 12th verse. All right. Let's begin up here at the 11th verse. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; ...305 Remember last night? **Don't try to take the other man's office**. See? ...and some, evangelists; and some, pastors...and some, teachers; 306 "**For the perfecting of God**"? Does it read like that? (Congregation says, "No.) The perfection of what? "Saints." Who are the saints? The sanctified ones. Amen. The ones started from down here. ...**perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry (the ministry of Jesus Christ), for the edifying of the body of Christ (for the edifying, building It up, edifying): until... Till we all come in to the unity of the faith, and...the knowledge of the Son of God, and to the perfect man, unto the assurance, (oh, my), to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:**

Some say, "Well, when that which is perfect is come that which is in part is done away with."

1 Corinthians 13:9-12-Reference quote:

9 ***For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.***

10 ***But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.***

11 ***When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.***

12 **For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.**

My Friend, apostles and prophets and evangelists, pastors and teachers aren't in part. And you think maybe you're perfect yet and you need to do away with part of the... Maybe you have a little gift. And you think, maybe you ought to go and do away with that because you are perfect, but you're not perfect yet. They may be one standing among us that is perfect, but I have not arrived to that place yet. So, I'm not going to do away with what little bit the Lord has give me. I'm going to hold on to that and believe that He's going to give me more.

And the Bible said, that prophesy was given to the Church for edification. Huh? Brother, if the Bride ever need edified, it sure does need edified, now. Whatever little ministry the Lord's

given yea, I pray that God, you will find your position in Christ. And then only will you be blessed of God.

Now, realizing that God has given this Church order, those that are spiritual enough to put that into practice, God said that, if you did this, on "Church Order" tape, then there was something greater for you. If you fail to do it, then, you would go down. So, with that thought in mind, this morning, I'd like for you to...

Oh, I would like to say this too. I'd like to quote from a recent tape... Now, mind you, I never knew nothing about this tape, although I knew there was a tape called, "Why Was It Shepherds?" (William M. Branham, December 21, 1964, Tucson, Arizona) yet I didn't know what was on it. I had heard it kinda, in a rushed thing, and all I knew was, "Why Was It Shepherds?" and why did they come to Bethlehem. That's about all I remember about it. And it never entered my mind.

So, when God spoke to me in the room waiting upon the Lord this week, he told me something. I looked at that, the tenth chapter of John and it just took my breath away; it just scared me. I... My heart just got scared and I run in the room and, oh my, I got so excited and I just laid down and cried and...

And I just want to confess to you this morning, God... I ask God to forgive me for not loving His sheep, like I ought to. God, it has revolutionized... This message that God give me, this morning, has revolutionized my whole being, my whole effort in life.

Because, after all, wasn't it said by God's servant, that, "After this life is over then all that matters is what you have done for someone else?" And, believing that God called me to minister, I've spent all my time worrying about that ministry, instead of having a burden for God's sheep and trying to feed them wherever I could find them.

So, therefore, God removed me, set me aside and kept warning me supernaturally. Things kept happening to me warning me, very terrifying. I wouldn't even tell you about some of the things that happened, but I know the Lord's servant knows all about it. And it put fear in my heart and I was afraid to go out and do anything.

So, I've been waiting upon the Lord and, you know, I am so thankful to God that He loved me enough to set me aside and give me time to wait upon the Lord. And, I don't think any minister, whoever he is, or any lay person will ever be a benefit to God until they learn to wait upon the Lord.

You can't.... You say, "Well, I know a brother that is really filled with the Holy Ghost and has got love." How about you? He may leave. How about you?

And that same prophet said, "It is an individual affair, just you and the Lord alone, in a world all to yourself." Said, "Everyone that goes in the rapture will have to have this walk," on this tape he called, "Why Was It Shepherds?"

Endnote:

62-0610M - Presuming

William Marrion Branham

*What about all these creeds and things that's made up amongst men? God never does deal with a group. **He deals with an individual.** A group has different ideas. Show me one time He ever did it. **He deals with a individual. Dealing with you, He deals with me, He deals with the next***

man. That's right. It's an individual affair.

I told Brother Joe, after he mentioned that tape to me, I said, "I want that tape because there is something on there that God wants me to hear."

Mind you, I'd already got my message for today, had already got it and I titled it, "HIRELING SHEPHERD." Little did I know what was on that tape but, when I played it, I tell you, I just had to turn it off and walk through the room. It just.... my! Just....I don't have word...God knows what effect had upon me.

He said on this tape, he said, to those that doesn't have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, he told them that they had to have that before this great press came, in other words. And he said, "Don't go to a hireling shepherd. Find a true shepherd that will lead you to Bethlehem." Now, with that I would like for you to turn your...

Endnote:

*54-1114 - Redemption By Judgment
William Marrion Branham*

*You know, a real shepherd will watch. And if there's anything gets wrong with the sheep, he's right on the guard, isn't he? A real shepherd... **But a hireling runs back and lets the thing go through and kill the sheep** and... Isn't that right? **But a real shepherd's on his guard.***

Then he went on and said this, "That God hath promised. ..." Now, I am quoting from the tape. Now, you get the tape and listen to it. I'm quoting from tape, not what I said. He said, "Find that true shepherd and get in that Bethlehem manger. Get in there." He said, "Because God has promised another Pentecost for this last hour."

Endnote

*64-1221 - Why It Had To Be Shepherd
William Marrion Branham*

*208 Now let us at this hour bow our heads and hearts towards the dust of the earth, **and hasten real quick to a manger, to see and receive the Light that this Word brings by the Shepherd: the Great Prophet-Shepherd, Jesus Christ the Son of God.***

Endnote:

*64-1221 - Why It Had To Be Shepherd
William Marrion Branham*

*186 Man and women, God promised in this last days that He'd pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. **HE PROMISED HE'D SEND THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND HE'D CALL A BRIDE WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE. HE PROMISED TO DO IT, HE'LL DO IT.** **Don't listen to these hireling shepherds, they'll lead you astray.** *The Holy Spirit is the **Shepherd to feed you sheep food from this Word.** It always comes by the Shepherd. He is our**

Shepherd. Listen to Him, you are the sheep of His fold; IF YOU ARE, YOU HEAR HIS VOICE. Not what somebody else says, you hear what He says. A strange voice, you know nothing about it.

Now, if you'll open your Bibles to the tenth chapter of John. Now, I am going to read that in another translation, you just follow along with me. And, may God add the blessing to His Word. John, the tenth chapter.

One of you Brothers get me a little bit of water? The devil has given me a sore throat and he sure wouldn't want me to preach this today.

John 10:1 thru 15-Reading-Reference quote: (Other translation)

Most assuredly, I am saying to you, he who does not go through the door into the walled enclosure for the sheep, but climbs up from some other way, that one is a thief and a robber.

But he who enters through the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

To this one the doorkeeper opens and the sheep hear his voice and he personally calls the sheep, which are his private possessions, and by name and leads them out.

Whenever he puts forth all who are his very own, before them he proceeds and the sheep follow with him because they know his voice.

But one belonging to another flock, they will not positively, positively, not follow, but will run away from him because they do not know the voice of others.

This illustration Jesus gave them: but those did not understand, what things they were which he was speaking to them.

Therefore, Jesus said again, most assuredly, I am saying to you, I alone in contradistinction to all others, am the door belonging to the sheep.

All, as many as came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not listen to them.

I alone am the door: by means of me, if anyone enters, he shall be saved, and shall go in and shall go out and shall find food.

The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy: I alone came in order that they might be possessing life and that they might be possessing it in super abundance, super abundance.)

I alone am the shepherd, the good one; the shepherd, the good one, laid down his life on behalf of, instead of the sheep.

The one who is a paid helper, and not a shepherd, whose very own the sheep are not, watches with a discerning eye the wolf as he is coming and sends away the sheep and flees because he is a paid helper and it is not a concern to him regarding the sheep, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

I alone am the shepherd, the good one, and I know by experience those that are mine and those that are mine know me by the experience, by experience, it said.

Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father...

All right. Now, we can see here that Jesus is giving the perfect example for the other shepherd pastors, ministers, to follow. And He likens any shepherd that will not follow his example, he likens them unto a thief and a robber that would try to feed his sheep. He likens

them to a thief and a robber. Jesus said here that all that ever came before him was thieves and robbers.

John 10:8-Reference quote:

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

Notice, He said He was the Good Shepherd. And that he laid down his life for the sheep. Jesus Christ learned obedience by the things, which he suffered. And he took upon himself the form of a servant and had no place to lay his head. What an example of a shepherd!

John 10:11-Reference quote:

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Luke 9:58-Reference quote:

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

And in the End, he was led as a Lamb to the slaughter because of his love for his sheep. And he said that he knew them by experience. And he experienced that, before the foundation of the world was laid, that in the mind of God, he wanted some children that knew what his love was like. Before the world was ever made, he had an experience of giving birth to some sheep. And no wonder that he loved them so.

Endnote

60-0925 - *That Day On Calvary*
William Marrion Branham

66 Abraham don't have to wander no more, across the country, seeking a city. The sinner don't have to wonder any more, whether he can be saved or not. The sick man doesn't have to wonder whether he can be healed or not. **The opening veil, on that day at Calvary, revealed the Way to the total victory. God give us the powers of His Spirit, to live triumphantly over all these things; asks us only to believe it.** That happened on that day at Calvary. There never was a day like it. There never will be one like it. It's not necessary no more. **The price is paid, and we are redeemed. Thanks be to God! We are redeemed. There's no more you have to wonder about. There's no more guessing about it. It's all took away. The veil pulled back the curtain, and we're set on a highway, not to wonder any more, but to believe and just walk right on. We walk right into God's very Presence.** 67 Abraham knew, and others knew, that while they were seeking the City, they knowed they were from Somewhere. Something had happened. They were living in a paralyzed earth. Earthquakes came. Storms come. Wars and killings! The wolf and the lamb fed on one another, or the wolfed on the lamb, and the lion eats the ox. It don't look right. There's something wrong. He knew there was something wrong. Men and brother kill brother; father kill son, son kill father. There's something wrong. He's getting old. He's dying. He's withering away. Sickness is on him. He's in bondage. The trees grow, but not immortal. They die. The mountains change. The seas dry up. The waters fail. There's something wrong. And he

sought a place, a City where that didn't happen no more. He knew, if he could ever get back into the Presence of the One that made it right, he could talk it over with Him. 68 Oh, what a privilege, sinner, it is, this morning, to know that you got the Way now. That day at Calvary opened up the way. For all those patriarchs hunted for and sought for, Calvary gave it to you, free. How would you turn it down? How would you turn it down, to join a denomination? How would you turn it down, to substitute something for it, the pleasures of the world? Why not accept it? **THE OPENING VEIL BRINGS A MAN RIGHT BACK INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD, without sin on him, of any kind. And sets a road before him, to the thing that he's seeking for: Heaven, glory, peace, Eternal Life, everything right before him.** 69 That day was the—the death blow to Satan's power. It ended everything. 70 And I can see Him there; He was Eden's lamb, from the very first shadow that come of it. 71 When Abel, by faith, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, he must have tied a—grapevine around the lamb's neck, drug him up to the rock. Took a—a rock in his hand, for a lance, and pulled his little head back, and chopped and hacked him until he died. And his wool bathed with his own blood. He wallowed in his blood. It was a shadow. 72 But on that day at Calvary, there wasn't a lamb of this earth, but it was the Lamb of God, that was dying, wallowing in His Own Blood. He was hacked, and chopped, and beat, and spit on, and slammed, and smacked, and everything, by the world, and the Blood dropping off of His locks. 73 When Abel's lamb died, it died, speaking in a language that Abel could not understand. It was bleating. 74 And when God's Lamb died that day at Calvary, He spoke in a language that no one understood Him. "My God, My God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" **It was God's Lamb, hacked t, chopped up.** 75 **HE WAS THE VERY LAMB THAT ABEL HAD IN MIND, WHEN HE SEEN THE PROMISED SEED OF THE WOMAN. HE WAS THE LAMB THAT DANIEL SAW, THAT WAS HEWED OUT OF A MOUNTAIN, WITHOUT HANDS. HE WAS THE WHEEL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WHEEL, FOR THE PROPHET. ALL THEY HAD FORESAW WAS MET ON THAT DAY, THAT DAY AT CALVARY. THAT BROUGHT THE GREAT THING IN. THAT BROKE THE BACK OF SATAN.** 76 First, we should seek what that day meant. Second, we should see what that day has done for us, now, what it did for us. Now, third, let's look at what we ought to do for that day. What ought we to do? 77 **First, we should look into it, for it's a great day, greatest of all the days. Sin price was settled. Satan's power was broken.** 78 And now we want to see what we should do in return. Now, in returns, when Jesus died at Calvary, on Calvary that day, **HE NOT ONLY PAID THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS, BUT HE ALSO PAID THE PRICE AND MADE A WAY THAT WE COULD FOLLOW HIM; FOR WE, AS THE FALLEN ADAMS THAT'S BEEN REDEEMED. AS THE SPIRIT LED ADAM (THE FIRST ADAM) BY THE SPIRIT, THAT HAD CONTROL OF ALL NATURE, THEN WE (THE SECOND ADAM), OR THE MEN OF THE EARTH HAS BEEN REDEEMED BY CHRIST,** from the day of Calvary, can follow Him. Now, when He died at Calvary, He made a way. He gave up the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that sent It back to the earth, for you and I to live by. That's what Calvary means to us, to follow Him.

And the Father God, the great Father God Spirit, gave unto Jesus gifts and those gifts were his sheep. And he said here, "My sheep know My voice and another they will not follow." They will not follow a man that does not love them. They will not follow one who is but a hireling shepherd, and is a paid man. But "My sheep know My Voice."

John 10:27-29-Reference quote:

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

And He said, "I have them in a walled enclosure." Is, that right? He said, "They're in a sheep fold, a walled enclosure." And, God is not going to let His sheep go astray. God has seen to it, and has walled his sheep in, from the hireling shepherd and from the man that doesn't love His sheep.

John 10:1-Reference quote: (Other translation)

*Most assuredly, I am saying to you, he who does not go through the door into **the walled enclosure for the sheep**, but climbs up from some other way, that one is a thief and a robber.*

Sheepfold-Reference: A "Sheepfold" is a **secure walled enclosure** in which sheep are penned when not out to pasture in care of the shepherd. The sheepfold might be a permanent barn-like enclosure for shelter, an outdoor holding pen with stone walls, or a makeshift barricade of briars and criss-crossed pointed sticks. A single narrow opening was provided for entry and exit. If there was no secure door or gate, a keeper would guard the entrance or at night sleep across it.

The purpose of the sheepfold was to keep the flock together, keep out wolves or dogs, and to make it difficult for thieves or vandals to steal or harm the sheep. A flock of sheep is a very valuable but vulnerable asset. A good shepherd knows and loves his sheep and guards them with his life against all predators. He keeps his flock together and fetches back any sheep that stray. A sheepfold was necessary for the protection of the flock.

And Jesus cried out here, and cried and said, "All that has ever come before Me was thieves and robbers; that had not the sheep's intention at their heart."

John 10:8-Reference quote:

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

No wonder, Paul, the great apostle, cried out in the last day to his servant, Timothy, which is a type of the five-fold ministry, today; cried out to Timothy and said to the church up there, said, "I have no minister who is likeminded as myself." Paul was a great shepherd. Said, "I have no man who is likeminded, that will care for you sheep and not for your wool. Not for what you have, but a shepherd like Timothy, who loves you as I love you, as Christ loved you. There is none," he said, "for all seek their own way."

Philippians 2:19-21-Reference quote:

9 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

*20 **For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.***

*21 **For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.***

No wonder the Bible said, "For all have gone astray, there's none that seeketh God. There's none that loveth God, no not one." So, we see here that Jesus likens Himself unto the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

Now, He said in Psalms 23... If you'll open to that, please, or if you want me, I'll just read it.

Psalm 23-Scripture Reading;

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

God, the faithful Shepherd said here, "I will lead My sheep into green pastures. I am the great Shepherd and I will feed them. He that hungereth and thirst after righteousness shall be filled. I am the Shepherd and I will feed my sheep. I'll lead them into green pastures and as..."

And you can't expect the shepherd... He said that he was like a shepherd, he fed his sheep like a shepherd.

So, how are we going to know how God is? This just said it was a shepherd, he takes his sheep and he leads them forth into the hills of Judaea, where there's green pastures. And then, after they have fed themselves sufficiently upon the word of God, then God said here, that he would lead them beside still waters.

Psalm 23:2-Reference quote:

*2 **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.***

You cannot just eat the Bread of God alone; you've got to drink the water of God. And it is God, the great Shepherd, that is responsible for leading his sheep to the still waters and to the green pastures. He is the Great Shepherd.

Endnote:

57-0308 - *The Good Shepherd Of The Sheep*
William Marrion Branham

Now, another thing about these sheep, if they have to have a shepherd. And a man, a owner of the sheep, when he went to get a shepherd, he had to... **He went and searched out till he got the best shepherd that could be gotten, because he loved his sheep. And this man must be special trained in knowing how to take care of the sheep. He must know the kind of food they eat.** You know, there's a lot of sheep food, and there's a lot of food you give your sheep would kill it. **And I'm so glad that God was mindful enough of His sheep to get the right kind of Shepherd, the Lord Jesus. He knows what sheep food is. And you know what sheep food is? It's the Word of God.** "Man shall not live..." May I change that just a little; "Sheep shall not live by bread alone, but **by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**" **The sheep of God are fed by the Word of God.** The Holy Spirit in you, what makes you the sheep, feeds solemnly **on the Word.** And solely He feeds on the Word. Anything you throw in the pen outside the Word, He will root it out to one side and let it lay there. That's pretty strong. I don't know whether you know what I'm talking about or not. 14 But he will just take sheep food alone. And God selected the great Shepherd of the flock, the Lord Jesus, and gave Him all the authority. Now, another thing, before he can go to leading his sheep, the sheep has to know the shepherd's voice. The shepherd... **Another shepherd could call, that sheep will never listen to him. He will never pay any attention to any shepherd but that one.** And in the natural realm, if something happens to the shepherd and he's fired or sent away, oh, what a time a sheep raiser has in those countries to find someone to take care of these sheep again. **He must be gentle. He must be loving. He must have a certain kind of voice. Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice." And is in other words, "My sheep hear My Word; anything outside of It they'll not follow."**

And there is no hireling shepherd, there is no thief, or a robber, that will lead you into the spiritual things of God and that will tell you and rebuke the spirits from you and tell you what you are and where you are going.

Because," He said the hireling shepherd is afraid that, if he tells you women to get in order and be in subjection to your husbands, that you won't like him anymore and you'll get him out of that position.

But a real true shepherd, when he sees the wolf come up, he rebukes the wolf and cuts him down off of you with the word of God. Then he is talked about, he is lied about, but, nevertheless, down in his heart, he is a true shepherd and he must stay true to that calling inside of him.

God said, "All that has ever came before Me was thieves and robbers," that would just let you do anything you want to, so that he could get your money. Said, "All that ever came before this door was thieves and robbers."

Endnote:

*60-1210 - The Philadelphian Church Age
William Marrion Branham*

*110 "Oh," I said, "Lord, make me a sheep, whatever You do!" See? For when the nighttime comes, I want to go into the sheepfold. Enter in at the Door, come by the Door. John 17:7 here, or—or He said, "I am..." 10:7, rather, **He said, "I am the Door to the sheepfold. All that ever come before Me is thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door, by Me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."***

But He said, "The keeper of the door does not open to a thief and a robber but, he only opens the door of prayer... Whatsoever you ask in My Name I will do it. Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, if you love My sheep."

Matthew 7:7-8-Reference quote:

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

John 14:13-14-Reference quote:

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Jesus said, "My Father always heareth me, because my father loveth me. I do those things which please my heavenly Father and I ask him and he doeth it." Is, that right? "My Father worketh hitherto and I work."

John 8:29-Reference quote:

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 5:17-Reference quote:

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

And that same Shepherd said to the other shepherds, "As my heavenly Father sent me, so send I you" To My sheep! Not as thieves and robbers.

John 20:19-21-Reference quote:

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Then, when you come before the door of prayer to the great Shepherd and say, "Lord God, your sheep has need of this. Lord, here is my Token, I present It to You. Lord, I ask for them. Pour out Your Spirit upon them."

Psalm 2:7-8-Reference quote:

7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Joel 2:28-29-Reference quote:

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

And, God is obligated to take care of His Word this morning. And I've prayed for you this week that God will give every one of you the Baptism of the Holy Ghost this morning. Glory to God!

But, Jesus said, "All that ever came before me was thieves and robbers, that was just willing to go on their way." "Oh, it's all right," just travel around and have a big time. Thieves and robbers, Jesus likened unto any minister, any shepherd, any evangelist that doesn't love God's sheep. That is a Hireling Shepherd and careth not for the sheep. Think of that. (*Break in tape*)

Leads them in green pastures and he's forever searching the hills trying to find food for his sheep because he is never satisfied until he sees his sheep fat.

Endnote:

63-0818 - The Uniting Time And Sign

William Marrion Branham

*We see **the Bride uniting, uniting with the Word.** Why? The Word is God. And as the Word...**As the Bridegroom (being the Word), and the Bride (being the hearer of the Word), They come together in a Union. They unite like a wedding. See, They're getting ready for a wedding, and They—They become One. The Word becomes you, you become the Word.** Jesus said, "At that day you'll know it. All the Father is, I am; and all I am, you are; and all you are, I am. In that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? At "that day." What day? This day! **We find out the great hidden mysteries of God being revealed.** Oh, how I like that!*

And, God's the great Shepherd, he's never satisfied until you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. GOD IS NEVER SATISFIED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THAT EXPERIENCE. He knows you by experience before the world. AND, GOD IS REQUIRING THAT YOU KNOW HIM BY AN EXPERIENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Endnote:

63-0122 - *Remembering The Lord*
William Marrion Branham

31 But there is a Life that comes from Above, that, a man, he lives by that Life. It's Eternal Life. How foolish! Could not we seriously consider that, friends? 132 Now, it isn't an emotion. It isn't keeping a lot of creeds. IT'S AN EXPERIENCE. IT'S A BIRTH. FIRST, YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE A DEATH BEFORE YOU CAN WITNESS A BIRTH. LIKE, LINE THAT RIGHT: EXPERIENCE DEATH, AND THEN WITNESS A BIRTH. ANY SEED HAS TO DO THE SAME THING. AND THIS SEED IS GOD. AND WHEN IT'S PLACED INTO YOUR HEART, IT BRINGS FORTH THE BIRTH OF A SON OF GOD.

Endnote

63-0223 - *A Door In A Door*
William Marrion Branham

180 If you'd open that door and let the Word of God come in, to be your Lord, say, "I don't care what the creed says. If the Bible says so, You're my Lord." 181 YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN. AND WHEN YOU'RE BORN AGAIN, THEN YOU MUST BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST. No matter what creed, what is, nothing about it. 182 You say, "Well, I believe that Jesus is the Son of God." The devil believes the same thing. 183 **You've got to be born again. Everybody is afraid of that new Birth. Oh, I know you call yourself, that you've got new Birth.**

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he said he would lead them beside the still waters and their souls would not want for anything.

For He said, "I give My life for the sheep and I come to bless them in super-abundance, I come to bless them." AND GOD CAN'T BLESS YOU UNLESS YOU KNOW THAT YOU NEED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, then you will get blessed in super-abundance. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the super-abundant blessing. GOD PROMISED YOU, THIS MORNING, YOU SHEEP, THAT HE WILL LEAD YOU TO THAT WATER.

Endnote:

63-0606 - *Show Us The Father*
William Marrion Branham

179 Many times, people say Jesus was a Jew. Some of them said He's half Gentile, half Jew. He was neither one. He was God. That's Who He was. 180 Now remember, when a baby is born, any life comes from the male sex. The germ of life comes from the hemoglobin, the blood. And

the blood is...The life is in the blood. The Bible said so. Now the...like the—the—the... 181 It's springtime. And now all the birds are making nests, and they get a nest full of eggs. Now, an old mother bird can go out here and make her nest so pretty, and decorate it all up with all kinds of feathers. And she can lay a nest full of eggs, and set on them eggs so loyal. Until, she—she could turn them, every day, exactly right. And she can hover over them, and—and keep them warm, until such a way she won't...She'll starve herself to death. She'll get so poor she can't get off the nest, to go get her something to eat. She can be so loyal to them eggs, to her babies that's coming on! But if that female bird hasn't been in contact with the male bird, they'll never hatch. ***She's got to be in the male.*** 182 It reminds me of churches today. Sometimes we can build the most prettiest church, we got so, and have the best lot of deacons and everything else like that; and a big congregation, the mayor of the city, and everybody coming to it, and bragging about it. ***BUT IF THEY HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NEW BIRTH, WITH THE MALE, CHRIST, you've got a nest full of rotten eggs. They'll lay there and rot, every one of them.*** 183 What we need today is a good old-fashion nest cleaning, all the way from Presbyterians, Baptists, all the way down, Pentecost and all. ***You've got to come in contact with Jesus Christ, Life. He is the One. The hen can lay an egg, but it will not hatch unless she's been with the male bird.*** 184 And God Almighty, God the Father, overshadowed the virgin Mary, and created in her womb a Blood cell which brought forth the Son of God without a sexual desire. And that Blood was shed at Calvary. Hallelujah! That is the Blood that I trust in, tonight, when there's nothing. "No other fount I know, nothing but the Blood of Jesus." Therefore, the Blood of God saves us. ***THE BLOOD OF GOD BRINGS JESUS CHRIST IN OUR MIDST. THE BLOOD OF GOD BRINGS THE HOLY GHOST.*** Not the blood of a Jew or a Gentile; but God's Own creative Blood. Jesus, the Man, was His Son that He created Himself, and God tabernacled in that tabernacle. And God... 185 Law without penalty is not law. If you say it's against the law to run a red light, and no penalty to it, then it isn't law. 186 And God's law has penalty. "In the day you eat thereof, that day you die." And when man eat thereof, there's not... 187 God could not send another person to take the place. It would be unjust again. For me to make this brother die for what this brother done, would be wrong. ***God had to come, Himself. And the only way He could do it, would be come in His Own flesh, which was His Own creative body that He made, Himself, that He could suffer death.*** Amen. 188 There is the Gospel in the power. ***That's God manifested in the flesh, Emmanuel, to take away the sins of the world. And in that Blood we trust; not in the Jew or Gentile; but in the Blood of God, which was Jesus Christ. That's the reason He said, "I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me." It was the Father in Him.***

Endnote:

51-0727 - The Church Of The Living God
William Marrion Branham

18 Could you imagine people freezing to death, and I would paint them a picture of a fire. I'd say, "Look at the fire burning. Isn't it warm? Look at the people standing around, warming." But that's only a picture of something that has been. You'd freeze just the same, looking at the picture. What it takes is that fire to be reproduced again for your warmth. ***AND THE GOSPEL THAT WAS IN THAT DAY, IT'S WRITTEN IN THE WORD AS A HISTORY, A PAINTED FIRE OF WHAT WAS. ACCEPT THE SAME SEED THAT THEY ACCEPT, AND IT'LL BE A LIVING REALITY IN YOU, THAT'LL BRING YOU INTO THE SAME***

EXPERIENCE THAT THEY HAD. Say, “Rev. Branham, is that the truth?” **ACCORDING TO THE WRITINGS OF THE SCRIPTURE, THE GREAT SAINT PAUL SAID, “THE GOSPEL COME TO US NOT BY WORD ONLY, BUT THROUGH POWER AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE HOLY GHOST.” AND WHEN JESUS COMMISSIONED THE CHURCH TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL: MARK 16, “GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED, AND HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT... AND THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE...”**
19 Now, there’s many has a profession that they believe, and today in my church, as in most all of our churches, we class a believer as one who is loyal to the church, and comes to church regular, and takes a—a place, a position in the church, and helps the church in its financial needs. But that’s very contrary to what Jesus said. Jesus didn’t say, “These signs will follow them: they’ll take their place in church, and they’ll be loyal members,” and so forth. He never said that. **BUT HERE’S HIS LAST STATEMENT TO THE CHURCH. LISTEN. “THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE: IN MY NAME THEY SHALL CAST OUT DEVILS, SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES, OR TAKE UP SERPENTS, DRINK DEADLY THINGS IT’LL NOT HARM THEM. IF THEY LAY THEIR HANDS ON THE SICK, THEY SHALL RECOVER.”**

Ezekiel 34:1-5-Scripture Reading;

1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

4 The diseased (doesn’t contend for divine healing) have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd”

And I’d like to say here, that the great shepherd, William Branham, said that he had thousands of groups around the world but no shepherds to send them.

Endnote:

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of Worship

William Marrion Branham

*71 My friends, I don’t want to hurt feelings, but I am responsible for a Message, and, that Message is, “Come out of this mess!” **And if I ask you to come out, where am I going to take you to? Would I take you to the Branham Tabernacle? It’s as much fault as any of the rest of them.** But there’s one place I can take you to, where you’re safe and protected from death, that’s in Jesus Christ, God’s place of worship. That’s the place I’m introducing to you,*

tonight, where God put His Name. Where He promised He would meet every person that come in there, He would worship with him and feast with him, THAT'S IN CHRIST; not in no church, no tabernacle. But, in Christ, He is God's Tabernacle. He is the place that God came into, Himself, and dwelt in Him. "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am pleased to dwell in." There is where God tabernacled, brought His Name and placed It upon, Jesus Christ. Therefore, His Name was put in a Man, His Son, Jesus Christ, in which He tabernacled Himself, and in that Tabernacle.

Endnote:

62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus
William Marrion Branham

When I was over there, two nights, and maybe a hundred thousand converted to Christ; nowhere to go. The next day, take a plane and start back to Rome, then to the United States. Leave them just like sheep put out among wolves. What if I had a group of men, young men trained in the Message, see, to say, "Now, wait a minute. Before I leave here, we're going to set in order these churches. I'll have a man. I've already telegraphed them. They got the money. They're on their road here, right now, to take over this; a good man. There is two or three young men with him, who will be his helpers and assistants"? 86 And A CHURCH OF THIS FAITH can be set there, which will be an outpost in India, outpost in Germany, outpost in Switzerland. Why, right now, we should have had them all around the nations where I been. And the Message then, from there, comes another, from another comes another. See what I mean? [The brethren say, "Amen."—Ed.] 87 Now, tomorrow night, or day after tomorrow night, you'll see Mattsson-Boze come down here, which is my friend. You'll see just what one little, crippled-up Swede did over there in Tanganyika. He went in there. And, now, Mattsson-Boze is a good man, but he don't believe the Faith that we believe. 88 I've took him right out, and took him and just tied him to such a place in the Scripture. I say, "Mattsson, you're my friend. Now you're not going to jump or run. We're just going to stand here, hold one another's hands, as Christian brothers, and talk." See? 89 And lay the Message right to him, and he'd just stand there. He say, "Bro'er Branham, you—you sure are right." 90 I say, "Now, Mattsson, you don't believe that, or you'd accept It." 91 "Well, Bro'er Branham, I—I believe what you say is the Truth." 92 "Then why don't you accept It?" See? Just burn It right down to him. And he—he, then, as soon as he gets away, he's gone. See? 93 But just watch what that man did in his missions over there, just one man. Cause, he could send right back to Chicago and pick up Burton and all the rest of them, send them over in there like that, and start the work doings. Till, now they're getting up in the tens of thousands, of one little revival. Not a man with gifts, just a man who had enough courage to go there and start. What could been done under This? Could been ranking in the millions. Sure. We've lost that time. That's what my suggestion would be. 94 Now remember, in doing this, you'll find out, there may be times that you'll disagree with Brother So-and-so. You'll disagree over here. And remember, as long as you get to the spot, you say, "Well, because he don't believe It just like me, I ain't going to..." then there is something wrong with you. Is not wrong with the other fellow. It's something wrong with you. When, brethren who are trying to hold together! 95 There's one thing, we Branham's, there's nine of us, and we'd fight like pet dogs. But, after all, when we got through fighting, we were still Branham's. One knowed the other was a Branham. I knowed he was a Branham. He knowed I was a Branham. See? But we'd fight. You do that in your family, but they're still your brothers. That's the way it is. We might

different, that's all right, but we're still one. We're one in Christ. We believe this Message, and let's stay with It. 96 And I think that that's the thing to do, to keep on carrying on, until Jesus comes. And that's what I wanted to say in that manner. And I believe if you'd have like... 97 See, you've got to be enthused with It. If you're not enthused, then there is something wrong. There is something wrong. You got, just not say, "Well, last month I was pretty well enthused, but I don't know." See, then there is something wrong somewhere. You've got to be enthused, all the time, see, and just keep punching. It's the devil, trying to get you.

Endnote

*62-0121M - And Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemy
William Marrion Branham*

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? 246 Watch that prophet. He listened not to the rushing wind, "Glory to God! Hallelujah!" 247 That's good. Now, remember, I'm not condemning that. I hope everybody understands that. Somebody said, "Brother Branham don't believe in saying, 'Glory to God! Hallelujah!'" Well, look at me up here now. I believe in shouting, speaking with tongues, dancing in the Spirit. 248 But, brother, when you fail to hear that still small Voice of the Word, that's the thing that gets you. That's the thing. 249 Elijah knowed all this revival was going on outside. But he was...It never attracted him outside to it. But when he heard that still small Voice of God, then he was attracted. And he veiled his face, come out. Why? Elijah was the Seed of Abraham, following the Word. 250 "If ye abide in Me and My Words in you, then ask what you will, it'll be done for you."

Ezekiel 34:6-10-Scripture Reading;

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

8 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field,

(All these denominational churches and independent churches. Beast of the field.)

because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;

10 Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

The Bible said, there was a day at evening time, it was not light or day, but was a cloudy day. "BUT IN THE EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT."

Zechariah 14:6-7-Reference quote:

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

*7 **But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.***

And God would come down on the earth with the great Pillar of Fire and seek out and search out His sheep.

Now over in the 26th verse.

Ezekiel 34:26,27-Scripture Reading

26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

My, what a passage of Scripture! God, in the evening time by the light of the Word of God, has restored the apostolic Word of God, has restored unto us what was taken away from us, that which the palmerworm hath eaten and all the others, that same worm we know that was ecclesiasticism.

Endnote:

*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 10 - A Resume Of The Ages
William Marrion Branham*

This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power. The believers sensed this in their spirits and began crying to God for a new outpouring such as was in the first century. What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited RESTORATION. It was not, for the latter rain can come only after the former rain which is the spring or TEACHING rain. The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain. How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come? THE PROPHET-MESSENGER WHO WAS TO BE SENT TO TEACH THE PEOPLE AND TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN BACK TO THE PENTECOSTAL FATHERS HAD NOT YET COME. THUS WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE THE RESTORATION AND THE FINAL QUICKENING UNTO THE RAPTURE HAD NOT

COME. *In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it. Then, to prove that it was not the REAL, these people (even before a second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did. Remember, while Jesus was upon earth so was Judas. Each came from a different spirit, and upon death each went to his own place. The Spirit of Christ later came back upon the true church, and the spirit of Judas came back upon the false church. It is right there in Revelation 6:2-8, “And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see that thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given him over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.” See how that Judas spirit came back as a rider on a white horse. It was white. So close to the real, just as Judas was so close to Jesus. A crown was given to him (white horse rider). How? That spirit was now in the leader of the Nicolaitane system and he was a triple crowned pope who sat as God in his temple, calling himself the vicar of Christ. If vicar of Christ means “instead of Christ” or “in place of” or “on behalf of God” then the pope was calling himself the Holy Ghost, or deposing the Holy Ghost, acting for Him. That was the Judas spirit in him doing that. See how he conquered — going forth conquering and to conquer. Christ did not do that. The only ones that came to Him were already predestinated by the Father. And so on and on went that spirit and one day it will become truly incarnate in a man who will head up the World Council of Churches, just as we have been saying. And by his gold (remember Judas held the bag) he will control the whole world, and that antichrist system will own everything and try to control everybody. **But Jesus will come back and destroy them all with the brightness of His coming. And their end will be the lake of fire. But what about the true seed? It will happen just as we have said. The people of God are being made ready by the Word of Truth from the messenger to this age. In her will be the fulness of Pentecost for the Spirit will bring the people right back to where they were at the beginning. That is “Thus saith the Lord.” It is “Thus saith the Lord” for that is what Joel 2:23-26 says, “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. AND I WILL RESTORE TO YOU THE YEARS THAT THE LOCUST HATH EATEN, THE CANKERWORM, AND THE CATERPILLAR, AND THE PALMERWORM, MY GREAT ARMY WHICH I SENT AMONG YOU. AND YE SHALL EAT IN PLENTY, AND BE SATISFIED, AND PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, THAT HATH DEALT WONDROUSLY WITH YOU: AND MY PEOPLE SHALL NEVER BE ASHAMED.”** Now it says God is going to “restore.” The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a*

reformation. The Wesleyan Age did not restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. **But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word.** This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the **"Restoration."** **God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning.** Now notice in verse 25 it tells why we need restoration. **The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a small bit of the stem. Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages.** That is right. They are the antichrist spirit manifested in organization, denomination and false doctrine through the ages. **AND THAT POOR LITTLE ROOT AND STALK IS GOING TO BE RESTORED. GOD ISN'T GOING TO PLANT A NEW CHURCH, BUT IS GOING TO BRING HIS ORIGINAL PLANTING BACK TO ORIGINAL SEED.** He is doing it as stated in verse 23, by the teaching, or "former" rain. Next will come the harvest rain **OR RAPTURING FAITH.**

God promised that in the evening time He would seek out His sheep, find them and gather them together and send shepherds to them, then. Is, that right?

Now, Zechariah 10:1-5-Scripture Reading;

10 Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

² For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

³ Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

⁴ Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

⁵ And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

Think of that! A perfect type of the 2nd chapter of Joel. After the restoration of the word came, the Bride of Jesus Christ rose up like a mighty army. Is, that right? After the restoration!

Now, Jeremiah 23, I Got a lot of Scripture for you this morning. Jeremiah 23:1-3

Jeremiah 23:1-3-Scripture Reading;

23 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord.

² Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.

³ And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; (I want to emphasize that there, (Bring them again to their folds, F-O-L-D-S) and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Jesus Christ said, over here in the 10th chapter of John, that I... "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door to the sheepfold..."

John 10:1-5-Scripture Reading;

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

And that, in the Greek, is a walled enclosure. And there is only one door into that sheepfold and that's Jesus. Is, that right? Only one door to that sheepfold, which is a walled enclosure.

And it said here, in the last days because of the denominational pastors and preachers that was trying to feed God's flock. He said, in the end time that he would bring his sheep into their folds and they would be fruitful and increase. Is, that right? Then, he said when he got them into his fold, he would feed them and water them. Is, that right?

So, we find out then that this fold here...I looked that up in the Hebrew word, and found a striking thing, that this fold represents different assemblies. It means five things: a hedge or a wall...

Now, notice Jesus just said, in the 10th chapter of John, about the hireling shepherds that he had his sheep in a walled enclosure. Is, that right? Hooks up then, don't it?

Number two, it means a home of God. Think of that, boy! Bring them to their folds; it means a home of God, a hedge or a wall, a temple of men, a habitation of God, a pleasant place.

Think of it! THAT GOD, AFTER YOU HAVE SEARCHED OUT IN THE LAND, IN AND OUT OF EVERY KIND OF CHURCH, AND FINALLY IN THE END TIME, HE WOULD ESTABLISH DIFFERENT ASSEMBLIES AND THERE WOULD BE A PLEASANT PLACE; THERE WOULD BE A HABITATION OF GOD; THERE WOULD BE A TEMPLE OF GOD; THERE WOULD BE A HOME OF GOD.

And in there, where the true shepherds would feed you the word of God, you would grow fat, in and out of green pastures. You would come in and out, into higher heights, into deeper depths, into more revelation. Because that true shepherd that was over you, your true pastor, prayed and went up into the spiritual realm and found green pastures for you. And then he fed you the word of God and you grew fat and you began to be fruitful.

In that day, when God will bring His sheep into these assemblies and establish pastors over them, then you'll have a home of God, then you'll be a temple of God. Is, that right? Then you'll be a... The Bible said, you were a spiritual temple, you were a spiritual house. Is, that right? You were a holy habitation. How pleasant it is for the sheep to dwell in a place like that. How pleasant it is!

1 Peter 2:4-8-Reference quote:

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

*5 Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.***

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Notice, Christ was born in Bethlehem, which means, "The house of God's bread." And it said here, that this sheepfold was a house of God's bread. Is, that right? And only God-ordained shepherds was able to enter into that door to that sheepfold. Is, that right?

Oh, there have been a lot of thieves and robbers came up and tried to start different works, tried to start different assemblies. But, they only did it because they wanted to be a pastor and have a good job and have an income coming in. So, therefore, they didn't feed the sheep because, they loved the money.

Endnote:

*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age
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*All over the world in both Pentecostal and fundamental groups they are organizing the businessmen. **They have invaded the pulpit without a call from God.** They have styled themselves the fishers of men and the founders of a move of God, and they say the gifted ministry of Ephesians 4:10-13 that God gave the church has failed, so they are taking over. Here we are right in the midst of the fulfillment of prophecy, **called the gainsayings of Korah, and they don't even know that they have fulfilled it. They are blindly going on preaching experience for truth. May God have pity on them. May their eyes be opened before it is too late. Oh, listen to me. When did the prestige of money, social leadership, business ability, or sheer mental prowess ever qualify a man for spiritual leadership, or give any weight to the Word of God? And when in any way materiality or human values begin to show as the media by which God works instead of the Holy Spirit ALONE, then we are **fighting against God, not for Him.*****

Endnote:

*47-1123 - The Children Of Israel
William Marrion Branham*

*45 Notice. Then when he said that, said he could only speak what God put in his mouth. And God told him to send them back. And he... Notice. **Then Balaam, like a lot of hireling prophets now, for usury, for money,** he come back again and asked him the second time. And he went to God again. Now look. There is a perfect will of God, and there's a permissive will of God. And God permitted His prophet to go on, yet he... It wasn't His perfect will. It was His permissive will. And I feel this afternoon is the same thing on these—working these—this—for this miracle line. It*

is God's, maybe, permissive will, but it's not His perfect will. You are supposed to take my word, and if—if...

Jesus said, all that ever came before me was shepherds like that that just cared about the tithes and offerings, let the women do anything they want to. They wouldn't preach subjection to the women. They wouldn't preach, "Everybody get in Bible order." They wouldn't preach Church Order. They just want to be a hireling shepherd and let the wolf spirits come in and settle upon the people. The demons come in and get upon the people. And then the hireling shepherds don't have enough faith of God to stand out on the Word of God and rebuke them off of you....

But not a real true shepherd... will tell you what is what. He'll preach the Word of God, he don't care what happens to you. He don't care if there is only one shepherd standing on it, he'll be the one that'll stand on it.

But a hireling shepherd, well, when something comes up and he feels like running to Arizona, or running here, running there, he'll just run off and leave his sheep. The only thing he cared about you anyways, is because of your tithes and offerings.

NOT A REAL TRUE SHEPHERD. HE'LL STAY THERE AND CONTEND FOR THE WORD OF GOD. HE'LL SAY, "GOD, YOU PROMISED THIS RESTORATION OF THE WORD. GOD, YOU PROMISED AN APOSTOLIC CHURCH. GOD, YOU SAID YOU WOULD SEND IT. GOD, YOU SAID YOU WOULD GIVE US A PENTECOST. AND HE PREACHES THAT FAITH TO THE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAITH RISES AND IT RISES UNTIL THEY GET THE SAME THING THAT FELL ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

Not a hireling shepherd, though. Every time them spirits come in on the people he'll run from them, then. When it gets too hot for him, he'll just leave them, find another flock.

God said, shepherds that had come up another way than the door.... And the door is Jesus. And Jesus was a Shepherd of faith. He said, "It is written." "It is written." "It is written." "It is written." Not a hireling shepherd.

God said they're like a thief that'll climb over that wall, try to get down in there to His sheep. GOD IS NOT GONNA LET IT BE THAT WAY, IN THIS DAY! He's not gonna let any of them hireling shepherds climb over that wall. Because you're a thief and you are a robber, shepherd, this morning, if you don't stand for the Word of God. Glory to God!

Endnote:

*63-0119 - The Way Of A True Prophet
William Marrion Branham*

209 How you going to build your church upon the Rock? How will the preacher ever stand in the pulpit and preach the Rock, and build it upon the fundamentals of the full Gospel, when his audience, some of his people out there, would put him out? Now, I blame the preacher for not having the audacity, and the Spirit of God, for just shutting the door, say, "Get somebody else will stand for that stuff and not me." I—I admire a preacher that would do that. 210 But woe unto that congregation when an anointed man of God tries to bring them the Word, and then they won't line up with It. That's right. How is he going to have a church that all the nine gifts operating in it, and so forth, and then, they and that, and the church won't even—even live decently and morally, won't learn their ABC's of the Gospel? Then say, "If I had a better

preacher!" Why, it's your fault. That's right.

Endnote:

56-1209A - God Making His Promise
William Marrion Branham

55 God giving me my right mind and let me stand and preach that Gospel and believe that Gospel in the power of the resurrection of Christ. I'll either stand for right or forfeit my way and go back. Yes, sir. Got to preach the Gospel, stand for what's right. What we need today is some more of those old fashion, stirring preachers that used to travel the land with a little suitcase in their hand, preach the Gospel. **GOT TOO MUCH LITTLE SISSIES TODAY TRYING TO DO IT. WHAT WE NEED IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST BACK AGAIN.** 56 "What taken place, Brother Branham?" **The Holy Ghost took It's flight** when you started. First thing you know, you say, "Now, if Suzy, you know that... Well, I'll never go back no more." Away goes the Holy Ghost, took Its flight. It ain't going to stand on you snorting and carrying on like that. You know that. It's a Lover and It's meek. And if you want to get the Holy Spirit to stay on you... "Brother Branham, what's the formula? **How do we get back?" Nothing at all, but just become a lamb, get that old, worldly thing away from you. Get the old, goaty spirit off of you. Get the Lamb back to you, and the Holy Spirit will come right back to the Lamb. 'Cause the dove and the lamb is the only two can live together, because their spirits is alike.** 57 God hates sin. And how is God, the Holy Spirit, going to live in a person that's always committing sins, going out deliberately, doing this and that, running to these kind of places. **That's what's the matter with the church. YOU SAY, "WELL, BROTHER BRANHAM, I SPOKE IN TONGUES." I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DONE. IF YOUR LIFE DON'T TYPE UP WITH GOD'S BIBLE... I'VE SEEN WITCHES AND WIZARDS SPEAK IN TONGUES. I'VE SEEN THEM DANCE IN THE SPIRIT AND EVERYTHING ELSE. AMERICA'S ROTTEN WITH THAT TOMMYROT.** I believe in speaking in tongues. I believe in every gift the Bible said in here. I believe it. **But it's got to be put in its right place and carried on at the right way, at the right time. And God will vindicate every bit of it to be the truth. Right.** 58 And now, I don't mean to be rude. I don't mean that. I just don't mean for to hurt you, my friends. But I mean to be honest with you. Yes, sir. 59 Someone, years ago when I first started preaching, they said, **"BILLY, YOU PREACH THAT AND YOUR CHURCH WILL BE TORE UP." I SAID, "ANY CHURCH THAT'S TORE UP BY OLD FASHIONED GOSPEL PREACHING OUGHT TO BE TORE UP." THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. I SAID, "I'D PREACH IT IF I HAVE TO LAY ON MY STOMACH AND DRINK BRANCH WATER AND EAT SODA CRACKERS EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE AND PREACH TO A FOUR PILLAR POST IN THE CHURCH." I'D RATHER DO IT AND TELL THE TRUTH AND HAVE FAVOR WITH GOD THAN PREACH TO TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE AND EAT FRIED CHICKEN THREE TIMES A DAY. YES, SIR. TO BE HONEST WITH GOD...**

He knows His sheep. That true shepherd, He said, "I am the porter to the door." The porter openeth the door for the true shepherd, then he'll lead his sheep out with that true shepherd.

John 10:2-5-Reference quote:

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Then he'll take that shepherd to listen to the message of the hour, then that shepherd will begin to preach the word of God. He'll begin to lay that thing down there to them sheep. They'll... Oh! They will be rocked to and fro but, finally, the word of God keeps coming forth, boy, they get settled down. Oh! They're gettin like standing on the rock. Is, that right?

The Bible said, "Don't be tossed to and fro by every wind that comes off from the tape. Don't be tossed to and fro by every interpretation that comes from the tapes.

Ephesians 4:13-15-Reference quote

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Listen to your shepherd that God put over you! He'll lead you and guide you into all the green pastures and lead you beside the still waters." Because the great Shepherd, Jesus, gives him a revelation of what's on the tapes and what's in the word of God.

I say to you this morning, there is no person that is in the laity, is not able to interpret God's inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the word of God, it has to come to shepherds. God brought the revelation by angels to shepherds and they went to Bethlehem. Shepherds! He didn't find the laity and send them. He sent shepherds to Bethlehem. And the shepherds found Jesus in the house of God's bread. Oh, boy! Glory!

A home of God, temple of men. It's assembly, now. Come on! A pleasant place. How pleasant it is to dwell with brethren and sisters of like precious faith and kindred mind, that's contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints of God.

Well, "Bethlehem" means "the house of God's bread." And the Divine angels, ministering spirits, He said, "I will make my ministers, ministering spirits and flames of fire." Why, if they get a revelation, brethren, they don't care if there ain't nobody stands on it, they'll stand on it, they got to do it. They got to do it!

Hebrews 1:7-Reference quote:

7 And of the angels he saith, *Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

God loves His sheep and God predestinated them shepherds. And God loves you and he'll finally lead you to them, someday. The hour is at hand, Church order has been set in position. Bible government is in order, now. You may not find it very many places. Maybe only one or two places, but shall the unbelief of others make void the faith of God of Abraham? No! God will only establish it.

Romans 4:13-16-Reference quote:

*13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, **but through the righteousness of faith.***

*14 **For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:***

*15 **Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.***

*16 **Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,***

It was always a little group that God used to contend for Pentecost. We found it only fell on an hundred and twenty. We find that every time revival started, he only took one man, only took one little group.

Endnote:

64-0112 - Shalom

William Marrion Branham

*195 **John and Jesus couldn't be the same time. Jesus...When John looked up, he said, "Now I must decrease, He must increase. He's the vindicated Light." So will this Light move on until he would find the full vindication comes. That's right. That's right.***

Endnote:

61-0428 - Getting In The Spirit

William Marrion Branham

*12 However, God always makes a—a way for His Church. **When He's finished with one man, He has another one waiting. And God takes His man, but never His Spirit. He always got somebody else He can put His Spirit on. And it's strange, but through the Bible, He never had two prophets, major prophets in operation at the same time. He always had one prophet. Then when He got through with that one, He—taken him away and put another one in his place. 13 That's what He had did. He'd just change messengers, but the same Spirit: Elijah and Elisha.***

Endnote:

62-0603 - The End-Time Evangelism

William Marrion Branham

*54 You can't go under a group of men. I—I defy anytime that—that ever, when God ever did use a group of men. **He uses one man. Exactly. One man at a time, 'cause two men's got two***

opinions. One man! Exactly right. Notice now, every dispensation it's been that way, all the way down through, it's been that way every time.

Endnote:

64-0401 - *The Identified Christ Of All Ages*
William Marrion Branham

49 Each time He appeared on the earth, at the end of an age, He always sent a man and anointed him with the Holy Ghost, Christ. The Holy Ghost is Christ, "the anointed," the Logos, and It went out, and It comes to identify the—the Words of that age. "The Word of the Lord comes to the prophets," the Bible said so, and identifies that age. See, He does nothing outside of man. Now He can't do it in a group. You can't do it. It just never has been done. He never did use a group; never did. He uses one single person. You're not... 50 Israel was saved as a nation, but you're going to be saved as an individual. 51 And one person He deals with. He had a...He didn't even have a—a—a Moses and Elijah, the same time. He couldn't have Elijah and Elias, the same time. He couldn't have John and Jesus, the same time. He has always got one, because He gets that one person into His Divine will.

When the Holy Spirit fell, out in California, it fell in the most obscure place, fell right down in the middle of the city. Fell right down in a little old teeny building; floors caved in and everything. Is, that right? BUT THEY BELIEVED THAT GOD HAD GIVEN THEM THE SECRET OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.

And they said, "Why there ain't been an Outpouring in years and years. Oh! God don't really mean that. God don't really mean that. He means for you to do this and that." No, God said, that they went in the Upper Room and received the Holy Ghost. And we ain't got what they had.

Acts 2:1-6-Reference quote:

- 1 ***And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.***
- 2 ***And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.***
- 3 ***And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.***
- 4 ***And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***
- 5 ***And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.***
- 6 ***Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.***

I don't care how obscure this building looks, this morning, over top of the Burger Inn. I don't care if it is in New York City and down here in the middle of town, God is going to take something foolish like this and give them another Pentecost, he promised he's going to do it.

Now, if I be a true servant of Christ and if that don't come to pass you come and tell me about it. But when it comes to pass, won't be no use for me to say, "Didn't I tell you so?" Because it shall most surely come to pass. There shall be an apostolic Church in New York

City. There shall be! There shall be! God promised it. He just has to find two or three that'll believe it. I believe you'll believe it. God always used a place like that.

When the prophet of God, the restoration Message, has gave out the word of God and restored... Let me just read that to you. Everybody reads about Elijah but they don't read the rest of it. Let me read you the rest of it, to you.

Well, says here that... Said that, "There'll be a prophet rise with healing in his wings." Is, that right? Restoration prophet. And he said, "Ye sheep shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall," sheep of the stall.

Why? When you come in to... Sheep, when they came into the walled enclosure, the manger, the habitation of God, a pleasant place for them, they're not fearing any longer; they know they're in the will of God and the Spirit is a blessing, so they're in pleasant places. They're sitting in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, fellowshiping among the saints of God. Is, that right?

Knowing that Jesus, the word of God, is on the earth now and, God... It is just a matter of our faith rising up and God is going to pour out the Holy Ghost. Is, that right? And he said when God would bring these calves into these stalls...

Malachi 4:2-Reference quote:

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Well, you can't expect a true shepherd to bring his sheep into the stall for the night and not have provender in the manger, can you? And God, if he's provided the corn, he'll also provide the water to water you down with the Holy Ghost, too. For, it's God that supplieth all things.

No wonder, Paul said about the Hebrews, he said, how about... "Moses was faithful in all his house." And he said, "The one that builds the house, is greater than the house." And if God is building you up a house, don't you know that he is wanting to put the roof on the house now? He's waiting to cap it with the Headstone. It's him that does it. You just got to believe that you're part of that house and just wait for the lid to come down.

Hebrews 3:3-6-Reference quote:

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;

6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Endnote:

*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 5 - The Pergamean Church Age
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Whatever seed started the church will come forth and be like the original seed because it is the same seed. IN THESE LAST DAYS THE TRUE BRIDE CHURCH (CHRIST'S SEED) WILL COME TO THE HEADSTONE, AND SHE WILL BE THE SUPER CHURCH, A SUPER RACE, AS SHE NEARS HIM. THEY IN THE BRIDE WILL BE SO MUCH LIKE HIM THAT THEY WILL EVEN BE IN HIS VERY IMAGE. THIS IS IN ORDER TO BE UNITED WITH HIM. THEY WILL BE ONE. THEY WILL BE THE VERY MANIFESTATION OF THE WORD OF THE LIVING GOD. Denominations cannot produce this (wrong seed). They will produce their creeds and their dogmas, mixed with the Word. This mongrelizing brings forth a hybrid product. The first son (Adam) was the spoken seed-Word of God. He was given a bride to reproduce himself. That is why the bride was given to him, to reproduce himself; to produce another son of God. But she fell. She fell by hybridization. She caused him to die. The second Son (Jesus), also a spoken Seed-Word of God was given a bride like as was Adam. But before He could marry her, she also had fallen. She, like Adam's wife, was put to the test whether she would believe the Word of God and live, or doubt the Word and die. She doubted. She left the Word. She died. From a little group of the true seed of the Word, God will present Christ with a beloved bride. She is a virgin of His Word. She is a virgin because she knows no man-made creeds or dogmas. By and through the members of the bride will be fulfilled all that was promised of God to be made manifest in the virgin. The word of promise came to the virgin Mary. But that Word of promise was He, Himself, to be made manifest. God was made manifest. He, Himself, acted at that time and fulfilled His own Word of promise in the virgin. It was an angel that had brought her the message. But the angel's message was the Word of God. Isaiah 9:6. He fulfilled at that time all that was written of Him because she accepted His Word to her. The members of the virgin bride will love Him, and they will have His potentials, for He is their head, and all power belongs to Him. They are subject to Him as the members of our bodies are subject to our heads. Notice the harmony of the Father and the Son. Jesus never did anything until it was first showed Him by the Father. John 5:19. This harmony is now to exist between the Groom and His bride. He shows her His Word of life. She receives it. She never doubts it. Therefore, nothing can harm her, not even death. For if the seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Here is the secret of this. The Word is in the bride (as it was in Mary). The bride has the mind of Christ for she knows what He wants done with the Word. She performs the command of the Word in His name for she has "thus saith the Lord." Then the Word is quickened by the Spirit and it comes to pass. Like a seed that is planted and watered, it comes to full harvest, serving its purpose. Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. They have "thus saith the Lord" or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the bride. She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.

Because, while Peter yet spake these words the roof come down. While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell. Yes, it did.

Acts 10:44-Reference quote:

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

All right now, we find that only God-ordained shepherds was led to that shepherd manger in Bethlehem. And each one of them shepherds had got a divine revelation and angel spirits had come and sung out the message to them and they alone had the true interpretation to it. Is, that right? All right.

They, by faith, set in Church order... Did they do it by faith? All right, I'll tell you what God said he would do after you put in Church order, just reading on about the Elijah restored, now in Malachi. Restoration prophet. Said... Jesus said, "Return unto me, return unto me, the word, and I will return unto you." God promised, if you'd return to this word that the restoration prophet brought, he would return again into your midst. Because, the word is spirit and Jesus Christ, God Almighty, is that spirit and the word is Jesus Christ.

Malachi 3:7-Reference quote:

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

When you preach the Word of God by faith to the sheep, there Jesus dwells in their midst, to draw them unto Him. And he said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all my sheep unto me." All a man is required to do is to preach the same word that was restored to you and God is obligated to vindicate that. Is, that right?

We notice, that, in John 12:6, there is a story you don't have to turn to it. of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Martha and Mary made a supper for Jesus, the word of God. And it came during the course of the supper the Mary Magdalene, that loved Jesus so much because she had so much forgiven her, she loved much, and she did a good thing. She run and took the expensive ointment and fell down at Jesus' feet and began to wash his feet with that ointment.

Then, there was one shepherd in there, a minister, stood up and looked in indignation. Peter and all of them was looking at him so strange, but he was one of the shepherds, too. And he said, "Why wasn't this expensive ointment taken and sold, and the money given to the poor?"

And my! How the other shepherds must have felt bad to think that he'd say a thing like that. That he would come out and challenge the Great Shepherd on letting this woman do that. He thought he had the leading of the Spirit probably. Said, "Well..."

The Bible said that Judas didn't say this because he loved the poor but, because he was a thief and loved the money bag that he was carrying.

So, it is today, my friend, because of the hireling shepherds and the hireling ministers that has failed to preach the word of God to bring a Pentecost. They love the money bag more than they love to see the sheep of God get into Church order and receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. **THEY LOVE THE MONEY-BAG.**

Judas showed himself that he was a money lover. Before Pentecost came, he showed his colors. Did he not? All right.

No wonder Jesus said all kinds of shepherds, that's ever been coming before me in this day, is like thieves and the robbers. They start a little work, some of them make their self-shepherds. They start a little work and then as they go they say "Oh, I got it made, now. Got the tithes and offerings coming in," forget all about the love that they ought to have for God's sheep. Because God loves His sheep. Is, that right?

So, God has been waiting till the restoration of the Bride tree came, until he restored a ministry that would be filled with the Holy Ghost, that would feed his sheep. That's why you haven't seen the great Outpouring of the Pentecost like they had in Acts 2. That is the reason, because God doesn't feed sheep...

Now, just think, this thing does happen. There is individuals that receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost at home, other places but, that is very coincidental. But the five-fold ministry that God has predestinated has already seen a Burning Bush experience.

God said, that before any man could minister to God's sheep, he had to have a burning bush experience. Because that burning bush experience would be the only thing that would hold him true to the true interpretation of God's word. Because it must, it must come by divine revelation to the shepherd. And then, when it comes, it is just in accord with what the messenger is bringing, because it comes from the same light. Is, that right?

Endnote:

*56-0527 - At Kadesh-Barnea
William Marrion Branham*

72 And what we need today, in our seminaries, it's not so much theology to be taught, but a burning bush experience, where men get down before God and meet Him face to face. We need a challenger today like we had in that day. What we need is man and women who has met God, and know what they're talking about. Not somebody trying to teach from some church book, or some open theology. What we need today, is a man that's been in the presence of a burning bush, has been born again, and changed and made a new creature. That's the type of person we need today. That's the kind of person that will stay on the firing line, regardless of what comes or goes.

Because of this, there has not been able, for the Great Shepherd to gather his sheep together into different folds to feed them. First, he feeds them. The Shepherd, the first thing He does is feed His sheep. Then He leads the whole flock down to the creek to water them. After they get their bellies full... And before you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, God pregnates you with the word of God. Then the seed begins to grow. You get in that divine call of God, where they're purposed for.

Then, while the Word seed is in there, it just keeps a coming, keeps a coming, keeps a coming, He keeps pouring that green grass to you. You get fatter and fatter and fatter and fatter and fatter and you just get fatter, fatter. And then, after the Shepherd sees your faith arising because of the fullness of your tummy, Is, that right? Then, all at once there comes a sound from heaven, like a rushing mighty wind and it causes a river to come right down in your assembly and water every one of you. Then, while the preacher yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost watered every one of the sheep, sealed them every one into the kingdom of God. Yes, He did!

Now, we find here that, gathered around this supper, was twelve shepherds and one Great Shepherd. Is, that right? But, in the midst of there was a shepherd, just loved himself, loved the money bag. Jesus had to expose that man that didn't love God's sheep before Pentecost because, after the word had been fed to the sheep for three- and one-half years... How long have you been feeding this assembly, brother Coleman? (Brother Coleman says, "Three years.") Amen?

He had to prove to those shepherds that they couldn't love a money bag, they had to love God's sheep. Because then and then alone will the sheep have confidence in the ministers. When they see that the shepherds just doesn't want to gather them into a fold to take shears and shear the wool off and sell it and buy themselves a new car, build themselves a great building.

Thief and a robber! God's not going to give you his sheep. But he said of that faithful shepherd, "He that is a faithful shepherd, like me, that laid down his life for the sheep, I will open the door and let the sheep out. I'll lead them out and bring them to that assembly that they may be full."

Oh, how you ought to praise God, this morning. You know what I'm talking about. You know what I'm talking about, in this Local Christian Assembly. Fear not, shall the unbelief of the others make void your faith? None of you'll never do it. God predestinated powerful apostolic assemblies around the world. That and that alone will fully vindicate Malachi 4.

Because he said, that he come to restore a faith in the people that would make each one contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. They had faith when Paul said, "Submit yourself to church order. Submit yourself to those that have the rule over you." And said, "Return unto me and I will return unto you," saith the Lord.

When the Word of God is preached and obeyed by the sheep, "There," Jesus said, "I am in your midst. Fear not little flock it's your Father's good pleasure to give unto you everything that he owns, for by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you're made heirs with Jesus Christ."

Then you can say that you believe the message, all that you want to. I don't care what man preaches that, I'm not preaching "man," I'm preaching the Holy Ghost by inspiration, my own revelation, my own inspiration, by faith.

You can believe all you want to. Judas believed all he could that he was one of the shepherds. Down in him he loved the money bag. I tell you; God's true shepherds got a bag all right, it is hanging on their side and it's got five stones in it.

When the other brothers, when the big Goliath rose up, the World Council of Churches, started coming on God's first flock, he went up there to see his brothers. He couldn't fellowship with them because he had a revelation from God that God called him to tend the sheep.

It already proved; God proved Himself to him that he was a True Shepherd. Because, when the spirit come in and got on his sheep, he remembered what Paul said, said, "Timothy, "let no man despise your youth." You may be a young minister," said, "rebuke them spirits off them sheep. Reprove them, exhort them, be long suffering."

1 Timothy 4:10-16-Reference quote

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

David walked up there with a bag on his side, might have looked like Judas's bag but, there is a lot of difference in it. Judas had money in his and he had stones in his, five of them, f-a-i-t-h, f-a-i-t-h of the word of God. Said, "What is the matter, Brethren? Looks like you're bogged down here on this hill this morning?" Said, "What is the matter with the other ministers?"

"Oh, Brother, why man, we ain't qualified like that man. Why, man, our ministers just follow the message around. That's all it is, just follow the message around." He said, "You mean to tell me you're gonna let that great big demon over there make fun of you?" Why, something stirred up in him, he said, "Why, I know God called me. Bless God, I know that God will give that devil into my hand." He began to contend for that faith.

And they said, "Oh, why don't you go on back there to that little assembly you got, and mind your own business? We got the revelation here, Brother. We heard the tapes; we got the revelation. We know there ain't gonna be no apostolic church."

How many have I heard tell me that? I say, "Well, Brother, it's hard for me to believe that, you see, cause I've been studying the word and I can't find that in there. Now, if you can show me that in the word..." And when I begin to quote the word to them, well then by and by, it's not in the Bible?

But we find that he went and took the stones and took the sling shot and put faith in it and killed that devil. Is, that right?

Well, God manifested who was his shepherds. He manifested who was a preacher and who wasn't. You'll see the fruit of their preaching. You'll see that the sheep began to have faith in God. They began to step out on the promises of God. They believe, they'll begin to believe that every promise in the book is theirs. Cause after all, if God has us hedged in, who can be against us? Is, that right? And if God is greater than the house then he's able to put the roof on it.

God exposed old Judas, that money bag lover, before Pentecost. Why? I ask you? Why? There was the sheep, they was pregnated with the word message, they was sanctified by the word that was being preached but they hadn't had an experience with the one that had an experience with them, yet. They were just believing unto that experience. Is, that right? But then God had to make sure that before the Holy Ghost fell...

Are you getting the picture? He had to have true shepherds to keep them lined up for that Promise. Keep them charged up, contending that God loved them and it was God's business to baptize them. All they had to do was to sit still and wait on the wind to come.

Boy, I feel it in here now. I believe she's going to come, Friend. All it takes is your faith to believe what I'm preaching this morning and you'll get it.

Now, God exposes the untrue shepherds. Why? Because new lambs, "new lambs," I said, was going to be born on the Day of Pentecost. God was going to give birth to three thousand pregnated lambs. Is, that right? Three thousand of them, so... Imagine, three thousand! He had to have shepherds somewhere. Is, that right? He's bound to have shepherds if he's got lambs.

Whoever heard of just having a multitude of sheep and no shepherds? Why, the sheep will just wander here in ditches and you can see how they're wandering. They wander in this ditch and get their leg broke; they wander down that ditch and get their leg broke. They wander over here and get caught in a bush and begin to, "Maa, maa," and then God has to send them somewhere. Is, that right? All right.

Now, we find that three thousand lambs was going to be born on the Day of Pentecost, so He had to expose before Pentecost. Is, that right? That sheep don't follow a money bag lover, they only follow a man that's preaching the word of God to them and contending for the same thing. Is, that right?

Now, we find that Peter knew something about this money bag that Judas had. He was there, he ought to know. No wonder he said over in his epistle, said to the ministers, "Feed the flock of God, which is among you. Taking the oversight... Don't let them be trying to see and figure it out but you take the oversight over them. Cause I have given you the eyes to see spiritually and haven't them." Is, that right?

1 Peter 5:2-5-Reference quote:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Can you imagine, sheep now, telling the shepherd, like they're doing today tell a God-predestinated shepherd, now, that has got a gift of preaching inside of him, trying to tell him the interpretation of the tapes? Say, "Why, we're supposed to go up here and feed on this pasture. Oh, I... No, shepherd, I think it would be better if we would go down here and get water first."

Endnote

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

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304 By lack of this revelation is why we have so many different divisions among us, and so much mockery. So much division among us, is because the people lack that revelation. See, they lack that revelation, the teachers.

No, you get fed first and then you go to water. Even the law of nature will tell you, don't drink your water until after you eat your food. Archie tried to tell me this, this week. Is, that right? And they begin to try... They don't want any divine order, because you know what? They're gonna have to die out to themselves. So, they don't want that.

Endnote:

62-1123 - The Way Back

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It takes death to produce life. You've got to die to your own thinking. You've got to die to your own theology. You've got to die to your own self, to your own human ways. *You've got to be regenerated, a new creature, a new creation. Before you can be that... You can't be two at the same time; you got to die to one in order to be born in the other. It brings a mess, and it causes a mess too. But you're—you got new life. What difference does it make? **You got to do it.***

So, the sheep, they just wander and broken legs, stumble in this ditch... But if they'd only prayed, "God, lead me to a shepherd. Lead me to an assembly, Lord. God give us a shepherd." Then, if you are a true sheep, God is obligated to give you a true shepherd. That's just plain as can be. That's just plain as can be.

Imagine the sheep, now, when they get up that morning to go eat, the manna came down from heaven early in the morning. Is, that right? But as soon as they'd rise up in the morning, the old devil jumps on them and they say, "I think we ought go over here and eat today. I think we ought to go over here and eat today." Is, that right? But God predestinated, divinely called shepherds to lead his sheep into those spiritual pastures.

Now, He didn't call a hireling shepherd, a thief and a robber, that wouldn't come by the door. Now, notice that Jesus said He was the door. And, it said, "No man, no shepherd can enter in and get those sheep unless they come by the door."

Friend, if you got... Minister friend, if you ever hear this tape, if you got any other purpose in your mind than loving God's sheep, than being in God's will, you're fooling yourself. God ain't gonna lead you to his sheep. You've got to love his sheep.

Peter said, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly out of love, not for filthy lucre," he said, a thief and a robber, "not for filthy lucre, like Judas," he was saying. "But of a ready mind." Ready to avenge everything that comes upon God's sheep. "Rebuke, exhort, chastise with the word of God, Timothy." Is, that right? "That you might present that sheep blameless in the day in the coming of the Lord." That's it. Do you get the picture of a true shepherd?

Ephesians 5:26-27-Reference quote:

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Peter said, "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." Being examples to the flock. "And when the true Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," reserved in the heavens for you, Shepherd. My, what an encouragement to a man to stand upon the word of God today.

1 Peter 5:4-Reference quote:

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Peter ought to know, he was there when Judas got upset about the expensive ointment that came down on Jesus' feet. No wonder Peter was able to say this, here in Peter [II Peter 5:2-3], "Feed my flock, take the oversight not by constraint, not for filthy lucre's sake, but out of love."

1 Peter 5:2-Reference quote:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Because we find that after this supper, that I'm speaking of here where Judas exposed himself, Peter told the other apostles, they didn't believe that Jesus...They was downhearted. And they didn't really believe that they could do the things that Christ told them that they could do.

Peter really didn't believe that He said, "Whatsoever ye ask in my Name, I will do it," and, "If you speak unto this mountain be thou removed and cast into the sea and not doubt in your heart what you said will come to pass." Peter didn't really believe those things. He didn't really believe that he could say unto this fig tree, curse that fig tree and make it die. He just knew that he didn't have it in him and he seen that Jesus was dead now, and so what is the use.

Though he was disgusted and the ole devil was beating ole Peter down and he told the other apostles, said, "Brethren, I go a fishing." What Peter really said was, said, "Brethren, I tell you what I'm going to do, you'll can sit around and moan, cry if you want to, but I'm goin back to my fishing business. I'm going back to my fishing business. It's too confusing to me. I don't understand all this. I thought Jesus was supposed to come and set up the great millennium and be King over the whole world again and kill all these Romans." Said, "Oh, I don't understand it. So, I'm just going back to my fishing business."

Oh, I tell you it sure is like me. Peter went back to his fishing business and the others said, "Peter we're goin back in business with yea, cause they was in business with him before—James and John. So, Peter went down and the other apostles and went back into the fishing business and fished all night and netted all night and didn't catch a thing.

That's just like God. His predestinated purpose will find its way. All things work together for good to them that are predestinated according to God's purpose. Is, that right? Oh, you maybe come through all kinds of trials and say, "God, it is so confusing to me, this message. I'm just gonna give up." You can't give up, because where else would you go? You got to come on because God predestinated you.

One of us know better than the other. I've broke both legs, I have crushed my arms, my head's been caved in, my heart has been bleeding, but I'm predestinated. I started back in my fishing business several times, say, "God take the calling away from me, it's too... I don't understand this thing. Lord, it is too hard, God." Then after I do that, I'd say, "O God, I am sorry I said that, Lord, forgive me," begin to repent. Ain't you done it?

Oh, we have had broken legs and broken arms and we have been bruised and beaten but, we still love one another. We're still pressing on. Little bit differences from us but God's going

to heal that sore. And I tell you what it would take, it would take a real good Baptism of the Holy Ghost to heal it. God is going to give it, he promised it and it's gonna come... GOD'S GONNA SUPPLY IT! GOD'S GOING TO GIVE us what our hearts desire is. Is, that right?

So, he said... Standing on the bank there and the apostles was out there in the fishing business again. Notice, Jesus wasn't worried. The whole foundation of the Church rested upon those twelve men out in that boat. The whole foundation of the Church rested upon twelve men. And the Apostolic Assembly is resting upon you and I today, our shoulders.

The Bible said, "Take one word away or add one word to it," if you say there is not a five-fold ministry then you're wrong, then you took your word out of the Book. Is, that right? If you would add one word to it, that wouldn't be right, you put yourself under judgment. Is, that right? But, God is not worried about that. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, God knoweth His sheep. Is, that right? Here is the seal of God sure.

Revelation 22:19-Reference quote:

9 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

So, what we find? The whole church of Pentecost, that's going to be born at Pentecost... Now, they've been pregnated by the word but no Baptism, yet. Is, that right? Don't you believe nobody when they tell you that, "Believe the Message and you have got the Holy Ghost."

Endnote:

*52-0713A - Early Spiritual Experiences
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Apollos; he said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Not when ye believe, but "since you have believed." You believe first and the Holy Ghost is the gift of God (See?), comes to you. It's a different... Here... Altogether different from being saved, being called out in God.

Endnote:

*59-1217 - What Was The Holy Ghost Given For?
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*And when Paul came up and heard him preach, knowed he was a great man, he said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you have believed?" They said, "We know not there...whether there be any Holy Ghost." He said, "Then to what," or the real Greek word there is, "to how was you baptized?" They said, "We have been baptized already by John the Baptist." 62 Now watch what Paul said. Paul said, that, "John verily baptized unto repentance; not for remission of sins, but unto repentance, saying, that's what you believed." **WHEN YOU ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOUR, YOU ARE BELIEVING UNTO THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST. THAT IS NOT THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST, MY DEAR BAPTIST BRETHERN. IT IS WRONG.** A brother said to me the other day, said, "Brother Branham," or some time ago, months ago, he said, "Brother Branham, Abraham believed God,*

and it was imputed unto him for righteousness.” I said, “Truly.” Said, “What more can a man do than believe?” 63 I said, “That’s all a man can do. That’s all he can do today, is believe God. But God gave him a seal of circumcision,” that we went through last night, “as a sign that **He had accepted his faith in Him.**” **AND, TODAY, UNTIL GOD... YOU BELIEVE UNTO HIM WHEN YOU ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOUR. BUT WHEN GOD GIVES YOU THE SEAL OF THE HOLY GHOST, HE SEALED YOU TO YOUR ETERNAL DESTINATION.** Now you Baptists take that, and I’ll go with you on Eternal security. Yes, sir. Because, “Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption.” You are not sealed by believing unto, but sealed by the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30, “Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption.” **That seals you, when you’ve found favor with God, and He sealed you by the Holy Spirit.** That’s so, for the Bible said, “No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost.” 64 You say, “I believe it because the pastor said so.” He’s right, but that doesn’t count for you. “I believe it because the Word says so.” That’s right, but that isn’t for you, that doesn’t count you. **The only way that you can say that Jesus is the Christ, is when the Holy Ghost comes into you and bears record, and witness Itself out, “He is the Son of God.” That’s the only way you know the resurrection, is when the Holy Ghost bears record. “When He the Holy Ghost is come, He will testify of Me, show you things to come; bring these things, that I said, to your memories.” You’ll never find it in the school. See? He will bring these things to your memories.** 65 Now we want to read just a little further in this Scripture now, Saint **John 14:12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater... Which, the right translation there is “more,” if you want to look it up. ...greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.** 66 If He went to the Father, the Holy Spirit would come. Is that right? Another Scripture said, “If I go not away, the Comforter will not come. But if I go away, I’ll come again and be with you, even in you.” See, it’s God with you. Over you, first; with you, in Christ; in you, in **the Holy Ghost. It’s God in you.** 67 Now, **“The works that I do shall you do also,” not another work. But God wants to bring the Holy Ghost, in you, to continue the same work that He was doing in Christ.**

Could you tell a Sister here in this assembly, that is pregnant and ready to have a baby, and go over to the hospital and see that baby born and tell her she didn't have the experience of having a baby?

Why, you say... I say, "When did you receive the Holy Ghost?" "Well, I don't know, I just believe the message and got it." Huh, Friend, the devil has deceived you. If you don't know when you got a new birth, you ain't had one yet. You haven't had one yet! You're just believing unto that new birth.

Endnote:

63-0901M - Token

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230 Don't just come this far, say, “I believe the Message.” You obey the messenger. Come into Christ! You say, “Well, I believe every Word said, Brother Branham.” That’s good, but that’s just—that’s just being able to read. 231 Take the Message, take It into your heart, that you must have the Token, the very Life that was in Christ be in you. “When I see That, I will pass

over you.”

Endnote:

63-0728 - *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed*
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232 Now watch. “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona,” says, which means, “son of Jona.” See? “Blessed art thou, for flesh and blood never revealed This to you. You never learned It from some school. But My Father which is in Heaven has revealed It to you.” Notice what He said to him, “Upon this rock...” That’s Peter, the predestinated Seed of God that had received this Light, and given the keys to the Kingdom. **“Upon this rock of revelation of Who Jesus Christ is,” He is the full, manifested God.** “Upon this rock...” Not a Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and Him being the second Person. **“Upon this rock I’ll build My Church, and the gates of hell will never shake It down, never prevail against It.” See? “I’ll build My Church upon this rock,” a revelation of Jesus Christ.** 233 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ’s Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do. 234 **WHAT IS THE NEW BIRTH THEN? YOU’D SAY, “WELL, BROTHER BRANHAM, WHAT IS THE NEW BIRTH?” IT IS THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST PERSONALLY TO YOU. AMEN!** See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a—a code of rules. **But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it’s Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It’s Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.**

Endnote:

62-0909M - *Countdown*
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36 There’s so many things that we could speak of here. I got a list wrote down that take me two hours to get through it, nearly, and Scriptures to back this up, like if you want some of them here to back it up. Like First John 5:7, shows the natural and the spiritual birth, and so forth, “water, Blood, and Spirit.” And three in Heaven, “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,” these three are one. There are three that agree in earth, they’re not one, but they agree in one, in the earth, that’s “water, Blood, and Spirit.” See, “water, Blood, and Spirit,” like the natural birth type it. 37 So if a man sets on the thought of “just justification is all you have to have,” he’s wrong, wrong. He’s got to be **wrong**. And then if the church who believes like the many of the Pentecostals, that the Holy Ghost is it, “that’s all, just repent and get the Holy Ghost,” that’s still wrong, because you’ve got to get sanctification in there to cleanse it before the Holy Ghost comes in. If you don’t, you leave out the Blood. See? And the new Birth, as people talks that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the new Birth. **Now, that’s wrong. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST IS DIFFERENT FROM THE NEW BIRTH. THE NEW BIRTH IS WHEN YOU’RE BORN AGAIN. BUT THE HOLY GHOST IS WHEN POWER COMES INTO THAT BIRTH FOR SERVICE.** That’s exact. See? The Holy Ghost is...baptized into the Holy Ghost. 38 The new Birth, you have **THE NEW BIRTH** by being believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. See? **BY HAVING FAITH** and accepting Him as your Saviour, **that’s Birth, see, because you’ve passed**

*from death unto Life. Now, if you want to back that up, take Saint **John 5:24**, “**He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life.**” See, he’s got Life because **he believes**. And that same group had to go to Pentecost to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Exact. **39 HOLY GHOST IS POWER FOR SERVICE**. So when talk about you got to be born again, and applying that to the Holy Ghost, many of the Methodists and so forth are wrong there. **It cannot**. It just won’t cope through the Scripture here. You get the thing sideways. It’s got to take it the way the Scripture’s got it placed out here. See? And the Holy Spirit is a... “You shall receive the new Birth after this”? What? No. **“YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER,” ACTS 1:8, “AFTER THIS THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU.” SEE? AND THEY HAD ALREADY BELIEVED TO ETERNAL LIFE, AND SO FORTH, BUT THEY HAD TO HAVE THE HOLY GHOST FOR POWER. “YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME AFTER THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU,” BECAUSE THE HOLY GHOST IS A WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION, SHOWING THAT YOU HAVE BECOME AN ADULT IN CHRIST.** 40 Now, the natural. All things spiritual, all happenings and so forth tap, or type the supernatural, or the—the natural is a type of the supernatural.*

FIRST THERE CAME WATER, THE WORD; THEN, THERE CAME BLOOD, SANCTIFICATION; BUT WHEN HE SAID, "IT IS FINISHED," THAT GAVE YOU POWER FOR SERVICE. YOU BELIEVE THE WORD WILL JUSTIFY YOU, YOU KEEP ON BELIEVING, AND IT’LL SANCTIFY YEA, YOU KEEP ON BELIEVING UNTO ACTS 2:38 AND THEN GOD WILL BAPTIZE YOU INTO THE BODY BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THE MESSAGE. AND THEN HE’LL GIVE YOU POWER AND SET YOU INTO SERVICE.

Endnote:

55-0221 - Christ

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*Then, through that they’re washed by the waters of the Word. Hearing the Word they receive intellectual faith: intellectual faith. Now, that’s just about as far as half the church gets, or more, intellectual faith. Say, “Oh, yeah, I believe that.” But wait. There’s more to it yet before redemption is completed. **Have to go through something else.** 40 Remember, you’re in the courts now. But the next thing is to enter into the fellowship with the believers on the common ground of fellowship. And before they could enter through after the waters of separation had separated them from their sin, then they had to go through the public testimony of seven stripes of blood, showing that death went before them to pay the way. And, **every believer, after hearing the Word, has to come to the recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ, death going before them to bring them into the fellowship.** Then inside, **coming through the sprinkled blood at the door.** Remember, it was seven stripes. The seven stripes spoke of the seven ages, seven church ages, that also... Seven is God’s perfect number. **NO OTHER WAY OF REDEMPTION ONLY THROUGH THE BLOOD** through the seven years, six thousand years even to the Millennium. **NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD WILL BE RECOGNIZED ANY TIME. A PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO THE BLOOD COMES LIFE. AND THEY HAD TO ENTER THROUGH EVERY AGE THROUGH THE BLOOD. AND AFTER ENTERING THE BLOOD, THEY COME INTO FELLOWSHIP.** What a beautiful thing here. 41 The only ground... Here it is, get it. Oh, I—I feel religious; I really do. Look, **the only grounds that any believer can meet God***

on, is in the Blood: *only ground, no other ground, only... In the Old Testament there was not another place anywhere that God would receive... They had to come to the tabernacle, and **THE TABERNACLE REPRESENTED CHRIST. FOR IN THE TEMPLE THE LAMB WAS SLAYED, AND THE BLOOD WAS SHED.** Only on the basis of shed Blood will God meet the believer. Amen. All your dry, cut theology will never please God **till you come into the Blood of Jesus Christ.** Amen. Pretty strong, but it'll do you good. **ONLY IN THE BLOOD IS THE FELLOWSHIP.** 42 Now, in the Blood of the Lord Jesus... God came down out of glory, brought Himself into the womb of a woman. And there, **God, the Creator,** wrapped around Himself and **created a Blood cell, the virgin** not knowing any man. If you don't believe that, you're still in sin. She had nothing to do with a man. **God, Himself... Christ** was not a Jew. **His Blood** wasn't a Jew, neither was it a Gentile. **It was God's Blood. The Blood cell come from the Male, and the Male was God. The Bible said we're saved through the Blood of God, no sex into it at all. There it is.***

Now, I ask you a question, how could he set you in the service when you're not in Bible order? Come on now, let's get with it this morning. How could you be baptized with the Holy Ghost and you're not in service, you're not even an assembly, so you couldn't be in service, if you're not a minister. Now, that is true.

First, pregated, justified; then go on believing that you're pregated with the word, then you get sanctified. Because, Timothy will rebuke you, he'll exhort you until you clean your life up and believe God. Is, that right? Say, "Amen!" Then you're believing unto the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It's the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, an experience... God said, I know my sheep by experience and they know me by experience. And then by that experience they follow me. Is that right? They that are born of the Spirit of God are led by the Spirit of God to that assembly. Is that right?

Now, going up to Pentecost, they had the word in them, they were sanctified. Is, that right? But then, all at once, their faith let down, they went fishing. They went fishing! And Jesus appeared to them, as I said, the whole Church was resting upon that. And He called out to the boat, said, "Children, have you caught any meat?"

Well, they didn't get upset because in those days there was a man that stood upon the bank, a high bank, and looked down on the water and he guided them toward the school of fish. Well, they thought that he saw a school of fish See? So they didn't get upset. They said, "No, sir!" Said, "We went back into fishing business just last night. We fished all night. I can't understand it, we ain't even caught a one."

Oh, He said, "Cast your net on this side." Now Peter said, "What's with that guy up there? Man, we fished this spot all night. I don't see no school of fish down there."

God knows where the fish are at. If you're led by the Spirit, he'll let you go and cast the net right where they're at. I've experienced that. Why, all at once, I'd be fishing only wouldn't catch anything and I would hit a spot and, brother, there would be all kinds of them right there. Boy, I just fish and fish and fish. Oh, that's a wonderful thing if you love fishing.

And Peter said, "W-W-What, what, what? I don't see no school of fish. What's the matter with that man? He must be looking at that water so long, the sun came out, he's got blind or something." And he said, "Go ahead, cast your net on the other side." So, all right boys, go ahead

and let her down one more..." You don't know how much work it is to let those nets out and bring them in. That's a lot of work, Boy.

So, they let it down and, Brother, when they started to pull that in, the fish began to jump and jump out of the net and they... The net began to break and... Oh, boy, then they knew something, something has happened. It was probably some kind of a feeling come down over them, you know, like you feel. And they said, "Oh, wait a minute, boys, there is something wrong here."

Peter, boy, he begin to look at Him, boy, and all at once he jumped into that water, put his raincoat on and jumped in the water and took off. And they said, "Boys, look at Peter. Oh, it is... Oh... That's the Lord, that's who it is!" Boy, and they all took up for shore as hard as they could go, lickity-split.

And ole Peter, boy, I can see him a swimming, now. Boy, he swum up there and come out and Jesus stood there and calmly said, "Come and dine, come and dine." Said, "I know where the fish is at, don't get discouraged. I know where the fish is at and I got the bread to feed them with. I've got it all."

God's got justification for you; God's got sanctification for you and GOD'S GOT THE HOLY GHOST FOR YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU. It's God that worketh his will according to His purpose. WHY WORRY ABOUT IT, YOU'LL GET IT. HE HAS PROMISED IT. Said, "Come and dine. I've got the bread and I've got the fish upon the fire."

Ephesians 1:11-Reference quote:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Boy, and they was hungry. And as they began to eat that, how good that fish must have tasted, that Jesus fed them. It was cooked by the Fire of the Holy Ghost. It had to have been good, Friend. Boy, how would you like to eat some fish, this morning, fed to you by the Fire of the Holy Ghost?

And then He said to Peter, while Peter was just getting through eating and wiping his mouth, feeling guilty because he went back in his fishing business. And He said, "Peter, lovest thou Me?"

Boy, and he got...?... "Lord, you know I love You!" Then He said, "Peter, lovest thou Me?" Says, "Lord, what you asking that for, I am hurting anyway?" "Lovest thou Me Peter?" "Lord, you know I love You!" Then He asked him the third time. Every time that Jesus spoke, He said, "Lovest thou Me?"

John 21:12-17-Reference quote:

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

That word "love," in the Greek, is an Agapao, God's love. And Peter answered, "Truly." He said, "Truly, Lord, I love You." But Peter did love Him. But he could only love Him with as much love that he had. And that was only justification, enough love to believe His Word. He only loved Him through sanctification, enough to sanctify him.

BUT, WHEN GOD SAID, "DO YOU LOVE ME?" He'll require a great Agapao Love that only God can give you by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. And if every time that God spoke, he used that Agapao love and every time that Peter spoke, he used only a phileo love.

YOU CAN'T LOVE GOD; YOU CAN'T CALL HIM YOUR LORD AND MASTER WITHOUT GOD'S LOVE IN YOU TO BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST. IT'S GOD'S LOVE. And He asked him the third time, said, "Peter, lovest thou Me?" And the Bible said that Peter got hurt and confused and he said, "Lord! You know I love You." But it still, all of his desperation he could only muster that justification, sanctification love.

AND "EXCEPT A MAN TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW AFTER THE GREAT SHEPHERD HE'S NOT WORTHY OF ME." Your righteousness of justification, your righteousness of sanctification IS NOT ENOUGH. GOD REQUIRES A BAPTISM OF LOVE. Then and then alone, can you say that he is your Lord. "NO MAN CAN CALL JESUS HIS LORD EXCEPT BY THE HOLY GHOST," GOD'S LOVE!

1 Corinthians 12:3-Reference quote:

*3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that **no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.***

Jesus said unto Peter the third time, "Lovest thou Me?" to Peter. Out of desperation and hurt, tears running down his beard, "Lord, I know I went back into the fishing business. Lord, I know I lack faith, God. I lack faith in doing these things." He said, "Peter, feed My sheep. Don't be a thief and a robber. Peter, lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep, Peter."

John 21:17-Reference quote:

*17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.***

Peter didn't understand it. Peter and them faithfully went on down to the Upper Room.

Acts 1:4-5-Reference quote:

4 *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them **that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.***

5 *For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.***

Peter still hurt by that experience but he forgot that God had given him the keys to the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 16:15-19-Reference quote:

5 *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?*

16 *And Simon **Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.***

17 *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.***

18 *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***

19 *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

And when the great Holy Ghost came, it said there was a sound... Have you heard a sound? It said there was Fire. Have you had the Fire? He said, "And it filled them with the Holy Ghost and they begin to speak with other languages."

Acts 2:1-8-Reference quote:

1 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2 ***And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.***

3 ***And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.***

4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

5 *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

6 *Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because **that every man heard them speak in his own language.***

7 *And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans?*

8 *And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

You can't receive a supernatural God that created the world by His Word. You can't receive a God like that unless something supernatural happens. And that supernatural God that comes in you, baptizes you down into His Body. Then and only then do you have God's love. Then, only then are you set into service.

Here Peter was only set aside for service but it wasn't enough. He believed the word, the message, but it wasn't enough. The only way this message can come alive in this last day and prove that a prophet of God has brought the restoration of the Bride tree, is to see that tree bring forth fruit. **AND IT'LL NEVER BRING FORTH FRUIT UNLESS YOU RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE OF BAPTISM OF POWER.**

They were filled with the Holy Ghost, began to speak with other languages as the supernatural Spirit in them gave them utterance. That made them a tabernacle of God. That made them a house of God. Is, that right? That set them in the temple of Solomon. Said, "Solomon's temple would come together. The ankle bone to the knee bone." Is, that right? The stones came together without a sound of a hammer.

1 Kings 6:7-Reference quote:

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

Endnote:

*51-0413 - The Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me
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*Look. When Solomon built the temple, they was cut out from all over the world. **But when they come together, there wasn't a buzz of a saw nor the sound of a hammer. Every block, no matter, if this one might've been cut like Oneness, and this one Twoness, and this one Threeness, and this one Fiveness, or whatever it was. But when they come together, they went dovetail one with the other. That's right. And there wasn't any arguing; there wasn't any buzzing; there wasn't any fussing; they just went together and made the temple of God.** That's right. And I believe that **God is cutting out everywhere borned again children of God, and going to bring them together.** I may not live to see it, but I hope I do. 26 But someday, you're going to have to... You remember, there's young people setting here. Someday those denominational barriers, and ideas that fanatics has got out there, and scooped around, and separated the people, will be taken away; and **God will bring His Church together and take It home.** Just as certain as anything in the world. That's... They're going to come; that's prophecy. Remember that. I spoke that in the Name of the Lord. Now, you can put that down upon the book. Now, that was true. I didn't know I was saying, going to say that. Now, that's right. That's how God will bring His Church together. You can depend on that. And as long as you argue and fuss with one another, you're in the kindergarten. God will just keep you there, till you learn enough to get out of it. That's all. Amen. Well, praise the Lord. All right. That's right. Get out. **Have faith. Step out on the Word of God.** Jesus said, "They..."*

Endnote:

*54-1219E - Acts Of The Holy Spirit
William Marrion Branham*

76 Oh, the rejecting of the Stone! "The Stone was rejected." Why? When they built the Solomon's temple... 77 I want you to notice a very beautiful picture here. When they went to building Solomon's temple, the stones was cut out, from one place, and another place, and

another place. Some of them was cut this a way, and some that way. But the Bible said, that, when they come together...It taken forty years, I believe, to erect the temple. And there wasn't a buzz of a saw, nor the sound of a hammer, in forty years. The stones going together, stone on stone; only thing they had to do is smear a little mortar across it and set it down there. And it stuck, stone by stone, stone by stone. Think of that. 78 Now here is my idea of it, brethren. When the...That temple there represented the Temple, spiritual, the Temple that we are now in. They come into the temple for their blessing. **We are baptized into the Temple of God, into the Body of God, into the Body of Jesus Christ. And we're in Christ, by Holy Spirit baptism; First Corinthians 12. "And there is therefore now no condemnation to them that's in Christ Jesus," Romans 8:1, "that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."** They desire spiritual things.

Endnote:

64-0705 - The Masterpiece
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35 Now, a genuine sculptor is inspired, like a genuine poet, or any genuine singer, musician, whatever it might be. All real has to come by inspiration. Michelangelo must have had the inspiration of what Moses really looked like. And he caught it in his mind, what Moses must have been. **So he set forth on this great piece of marble, the cutting to the pattern, and bringing down, and honing down, until he got to the real picture of what it must have been in his mind.** 36 And then when he got it all so perfect, every corner off, and every place rubbed, and the eyes just right, every hair, and beard, all just the way it was, he stood off and looked at it. I—I think of—of many, many hard years of labor, and how he had to hold that same vision all the time, in his mind, of what he was going to do. And just think, that vision on his mind for so many years, to make it look just exactly to what it was! He caught the vision first, and how he had to work to that vision, cutting off and making down! And when he got it to where he perfected it, till it really got perfect; he stood and looked at it when he finished up that morning, with a hammer in his hand. **AND HE WAS SO INSPIRED WHEN HE LOOKED AT IT, BECAUSE THE VISION OF HIS MIND WAS STANDING BEFORE HIM, IN REALITY.** What he had seen, and the...his conception of what Moses was, **there it was figured before him, what he had had in his heart all these years. And toils, and hours of sorrow and distress, and critics, and everything else, but yet he stayed right with the vision until it was completed.** 37 And then when it was completed, he stood back with the hammer, or sculptor's hammer, in his hand, and he looked at that monument. **AND THE INSPIRATION OF THE VISION THAT HE HAD SEEN, OF HOW TO DO IT, INSPIRED HIM SO MUCH TILL HE...THE INSPIRATION STRUCK HIM TILL HE GOT BESIDE HISSELF, AND STRUCK IT ACROSS THE KNEE, AND SAID, "SPEAK!"** 38 Now **THERE'S A FLAW ON THAT GREAT IMAGE,** on the knee, on the right knee. Just above the knee, about six inches, is a place (I've put my hand on it) about that deep. 39 After he had spent all that time, for years and years, to make this; then under the—the influence of seeing fulfilled what he had seen in his heart and in his vision, and desired to see, it was completed. And when it was completed, **he was so inspired by it till he thought his own masterpiece should speak back to him. AND HE STRUCK IT ACROSS THE LEG, AND HOLLER, "SPEAK!" AND IT MADE A FLAW ON IT. IT PUT A FLAW ON THE IMAGE. 40 TO ME, THE FLAW WAS WHAT MADE IT THE MASTERPIECE.** Now, maybe to the—the mind that might think different, **YOU THINK THAT SPOILED IT. NO, TO ME, IT—IT MADE IT WHAT IT WAS. IT—IT...BECAUSE OF AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF**

CAREFUL WORK AND TOILS, AND INSPIRATION, AND SO FORTH, OF MAKING IT, HIS TOIL HAD PROVED NOT IN VAIN. IT WAS PERFECT, AND THAT'S WHY HE CRIED OUT, "SPEAK!" Because, he had seen before him that he (was) had been able to achieve, to bring to pass the vision that was in his mind. And therefore, under inspiration, he done something out of the reason, out of the ordinary. He struck it, and hollered, "Speak!" See, he wouldn't have done that if he had thought. But he didn't think. It was inspiration of seeing what he had in his mind setting there perfectly before him. 41 His toils, and wearies, and long nights, and housed away from the world for days, and maybe eat a sandwich. And—and rub on it, and get back, and, "No, that's just not the way it was. Now it's got to come down to this," and rubbing it. Then when he saw it, just perfect, then he saw in reality. THE NEGATIVE OF THE WHAT WAS IN HIS MIND HAD BECOME REAL, IT BECAME POSITIVE, THEREFORE IT SPRUNG INTO HIM. AND IT WAS SO REAL THAT HE MUST CRY OUT, "SPEAK!" 42 TO ME, IT WAS A REFLECTION. IT WAS—IT WAS A COMPLIMENT TO HIS WORK, THAT HIS OWN WORK SO INSPIRED HIM, THAT HE WOULD BECOME BESIDE HIMSELF TO SMITE IT AND TO SAY, "SPEAK!" 43 I stood there and looked at the monument. I thought of the hours that the man must have put, in making that. They said how many years it was. But it—it was a reflection to him, because it was a contribution to his—to his great art, his great work of what he was doing. And when he finally was able to achieve it, it was so great. 44 Now let us turn the page, of Michelangelo, and close the book. And let's open another Book and read of the great Sculptor, the Almighty. Who, before there was a world, and before the foundations was laid, He had in His mind what He wanted, AND HE WANTED TO MAKE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. He wanted to make something in—in reality of what was a vision to Him, what was in His thinking. 45 Now, to Michelangelo, that was AN ATTRIBUTE OF HIS THOUGHT. AND GOD WANTED TO MAKE A MAN AFTER HIS IMAGE, THE GREAT SCULPTOR, AND HE WENT TO WORK ON HIM. AND WE NOTICE AS HE BROUGHT UP FROM THE MATERIALS. The first perhaps was fishes, and then the birds, and—and then the creeping things upon the earth, and—and many things that He brought. But, finally, as He brood, of being Creator, He had...**HE WASN'T LIKE A MAN, NOW, A SCULPTOR THAT HAS TO TAKE SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN CREATED, TO HEW AN IMAGE. HE WAS THE SCULPTOR OF ETERNAL THINGS. HE WAS THE SCULPTOR THAT COULD CREATE AND BRING INTO EXISTENCE THAT WHICH HE HAS IN HIS MIND TO DO.** Or, otherwise, He can make material what His attributes desired.

It come like a wind, like Nicodemus heard it, was supposed to hear it. "The wind bloweth where it listeth but thou hearest the sound thereof but canst not tell whence the Holy Ghost come and where it went." So is everyone that is born of the Spirit of God. You can't even see the Kingdom of God unless you have had that experience. Is, that right?

John 3:5-8-Reference quote:

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.**

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit

God is putting His Bride together, now. He has got Church order established. He's got faithful pastors here in this assembly to feed you. They've proven themselves. And I might say this, forgive me Brethren, not a penny did they take from you. Not a penny did they take. They rebuked the spirits from you. But you came back because God led you here. They proved themselves to you, that they wasn't after the money. Remember my message now, back there. They have proved it.

Before Pentecost fell... They proved this before the Baptism of the Holy Ghost came. Now, when God is getting ready to give birth, supernatural Baptism of the Holy Ghost, which puts you into service, he had to have an assembly, set in Church order, Bible order, shepherds to take care of them. Because, now, they are in service. You can't be in the service... The Baptism of the Holy Ghost gives you Power to put you into service. You can't be in service unless you are in Bible order. Can you say, "Amen?"

God has proven his men to you. Hasn't He? You've got confidence in them. And they have been approved of God and now, all is needed is to hear the sound of a rushing mighty Wind. And He'll put every one of you that is sanctified and justified into service. God promised it.

He said, "If you will draw nigh unto Me, I will draw nigh unto you." But He said, "You've robbed me." You say, "God, wherein did we rob You?" "Tithes and offerings. Tithes and offerings."

James 4:8-Reference quote:

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Malachi 3:7-10-Reference quote:

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Endnote:

*61-0723E - God Being Misunderstood
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146. Brother Branham, don't you feel that everyone who claims to be a Christian should pay tithes, pay their tithes into the storehouse of the Lord? Please give Scripture to this question.

111 All right, if you will... That is right, that the Bible said in Malachi, the 4th chapter, "Will a man rob God? And you say, 'Where have' you 'robbed Thee?' In tithe and offerings. Bring all of your tithe and offerings into My storehouse, and prove Me," saith the Lord, "if I will not open up the windows of Heaven, and pour out a blessing that there'll not be room enough to receive." 112 That's a challenge to any individual! And if I only had the time, and would not get to this little Scripture that I wish to get to in about the next ten minutes, I would like to give you a personal testimony of how that I was even hungry, and my mother and them hungry, and my daddy sick, but I took my tithes out first and give it to God, and you ought to see what happened. I have never seen in my life, that any man or a woman, that if you only make one dollar a week, will bring the ten cents of that money and put it into your storehouse, or a church where you come, if God don't bless that call me a hypocrite. Yes, sir. That's a challenge to anybody. And every Christian... That goes to this other question. Every Christian should pay tithes! That's right. It should be done.

SO, DRAW NIGH UNTO GOD. And the way that this Scripture is read here, then, the only way that you could draw nigh unto God then would be in Bible order and pay your tithes and your offerings into that assembly. Come on now! He said, "Wherein have you robbed Me, in tithes and offerings?" You said, "Lord, draw nigh unto me." And He said, "Draw nigh unto Me." Where to get in Bible order. Did He not?

Put your tithes and your offerings in that storehouse. AND HE SAID, "AND SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE LORD GOD WILL POUR A BLESSING DOWN UPON THAT ASSEMBLY THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTAIN IT." Did He not say it?

What else, we find that Peter had the keys to the Kingdom. He received his great Baptism of Power. Then, immediately that whole Church went into action. They went into work for the Lord, when all the three thousand lambs cried out, "Men and brethren, how are we gonna get that which you got?"

Acts 2:37-47-Reference quote:

*37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?***

*38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.***

*39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.***

*40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves from this untoward generation.***

*41 **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.***

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

He said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ and ye shall receive the blessings. For it is unto you and to your children and as many as the Lord our God shall call." Is, that right?

Three thousand lambs born in that day because they believed the word, they were sanctified. Remember, He said, "Lovest thou Me, Peter? Feed My sheep. Feed My sheep."

All right. Peter got that love that Christ required to feed His sheep. Is, that right? He fed them there on the Day of Pentecost. Did they eat it? Did they eat it? Did God give them water? Yes, He did.

While Peter went upon the house top, one day, Church had been moving on then, had an apostolic Church. Upon the house top one day, to pray, and he got hungry. He fell into a trance, saw a sheet come down from heaven, had all kinds of unclean animals in it, that the Jews wasn't supposed to eat. Voice came and said, "Peter, rise and eat." Said, "Lord, thou knowest that I have never ate anything unclean." Voice came out and says, "Peter, what God has cleansed, no matter how humble it may be, callest thou not unclean." Peter repented.

Acts 10:9-15-Reference quote:

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

The same time he was repenting there to God, the Spirit said, "Peter, three men seek thee." Said, "Ask nothing but go with them." He come down and housed the men and they went up to a man that was suffering in his heart because of prejudice. Because there was a segregation problem.

Acts 10:19-23-Reference quote:

- 19 *While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.*
20 *Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.*
21 *Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?*
22 *And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.*
23 *Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.*

When Peter come in and seen that they were Gentiles, he must have known what was in the heart of God. This humble minister-to-be probably, maybe he was called to be a minister, I don't know, fell down at the apostle's feet. This humble man said, "Rise up," said, "I am just a man, like you."

Acts 10:24-27-Reference quote:

- 24 *And the morrow after they entered into Cæsarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.*
25 *And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.*
26 *But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.*
27 *And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.*

Said, "For what intent did you send for me? For I have seen a vision. And a voice spoke out and said, 'God has no segregation. God is not prejudiced. What God is going to cleanse by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and tabernacle Himself down inside these people, callest thou not unclean.'"

Acts 10:28-36-Reference quote:

- 28 *And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.*
29 *Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?*
30 *And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,*
31 *And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.*
32 *Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.*
33 *Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.*

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

SO, GOD, BY HIS INFINITE MERCY, BY HIS LOVE, TO A HEART THAT WAS CRYING OUT TO HIM... Angel said unto Cornelius when he was praying, though he was suffering because the Jews said that they couldn't receive life from God, cause God only dealt with the Jews.

My Brother, when you think that you are so uppity and mighty that God is going to use you and nobody else, God will take the foolish things, the things that are naught, to bring fellowship with Him. MANY FEEL LIKE, MAYBE FEEL LIKE THEY WASN'T CALLED OF GOD, BUT GOD SENT AN ANGEL AND SAID, "YOUR ALMS AND YOUR PRAYERS HAVE COME UP BEFORE GOD AS A MEMORIAL."

Oh, if you only knew what this assembly was a doing, reaching out by the grace of God, you would faint this morning, some of you. God said, "GO AND SEND FOR ONE WHO IS ABLE TO UNLOCK THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO YOU, he has the keys and he has that love."

And it said that, "While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell upon them all and they received the Holy Ghost, like they did in the beginning." Is, that right? Think of it, Friend. We're going to have another Pentecost, right here. You believe it and see if God don't do it. Only believe it!

The only... You say, "Brother Lambert, I want to be a lamb. I want that New-Birth, Brother Lambert. I want to be truly born of the Spirit of God, baptized into service. What am I going to do, Brother Lambert, it is so confusing?" I'll tell you what God tells you to do. The only place to find Christ, in that kind of experience... Let me say the best place to find it...

There was one said of a great man of God, he said, "I want to move with God, what can I do?" He said, "Find out where God is moving and get in there and move with Him." You want a cool drink? Get down where the creeks are flowing. If you want to get dry, just get off somewhere where it's dry. If you want to get wet, get where it's raining.

The only place to find Christ...and I will tell ya, the best place, the perfect will place, to find Christ in that kind of baptismal experience, is to get in God's Bethlehem, God's manger, God's sheepcote.

Remember, what I said them five things that we learned now. God's sheepcote; a local assembly that has Church order, that's contending for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints, that is believing unto the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. You stay in there.

Then God said, "I the great Shepherd, will feed you. I will lead you to the waters where you can drink." Is, that right? Come to that assembly who has a divine God-called shepherd, that is spiritual enough to watch out for the devil where he is trapping you and rebuke these things out of the midst. Church order, paying your tithes and your offerings. Is, that right? Reaching out and helping the poor in other places of the world.

Did not God say in that day, "Blessed are you, you clothed me, you fed me, you gave Me drink." Come on, he said it. And he said, "You have robbed God in not bringing your tithes and

your offerings into your assembly. Return to that apostolic order, return to that apostolic way and I'll pour you out a blessing of the Holy Ghost you'll not be able to contain it."

Brother said this morning, Brother Hunt on the way, said, "Brother Bob, if the people only knew how God was getting ready to bless them..." Oh, and the Holy Spirit just come down on me Oh boy, it is wonderful. I just stayed real still and just felt him moving, I said, "Thank You, Jesus."

God said that he'd do it! God said he would give you the Holy Ghost. God's Word, Pillar of Fire, is on the earth. His power, his word is power unto salvation to everyone that can believe it.

It is the power of God, no matter who preaches it. I don't care if he has got a head as a bushel of basket and one eye in the middle. If he'll preach God's Word, God will be there in that Word. God's Spirit is in the Word and God'll baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Remember the question, "Brother Lambert, I want to be a lamb." Find God's Bethlehem assembly that is made out of nothing but bread. All they got in there is just word bread, that's all. No carnal fellowship at all, just God's word bread.

Now, remember, first to be born as a lamb, first there has to be sheep. There has to be some sheep that are already sheep before that they can give birth to a lamb. Is that not right? First, there has to be a ram, then there has to be at least one sheep before another one could be born.

Endnote:

62-0705 - *Jehovah-Jireh #1*
William Marrion Branham

*31 And that's about the way our churches has got, just took in a bunch under cold formal profession, some mystic dance or some sensation. And what do they do? **Disbelieve the Word, till we got just a nest full of rotten eggs. It's time to clean the nest and start over again. Until they come in contact with the Male, Christ Jesus, and get borned again of the Word. Then they got to hatch, because it's Life.***

Endnote:

63-0606 - *Show Us The Father*
William Marrion Branham

*But if that female bird hasn't been in contact with the male bird, they'll never hatch. **She's got to be in the male.** 182 It reminds me of churches today. Sometimes we can build the most prettiest church, we got so, and have the best lot of deacons and everything else like that; and a big congregation, the mayor of the city, and everybody coming to it, and bragging about it. **But if THEY HAVEN'T BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE NEW BIRTH, WITH THE MALE, CHRIST, YOU'VE GOT A NEST FULL OF ROTTEN EGGS. THEY'LL LAY THERE AND ROT, EVERY ONE OF THEM.** 183 What we need today is a good old-fashion nest cleaning, all the way from Presbyterians, Baptists, all the way down, Pentecost and all. **You've got to come in contact with Jesus Christ, Life. He is the One. The hen can lay an egg, but it will not hatch unless she's been with the male bird.** 184 And God Almighty, God the Father, overshadowed the virgin Mary, and created in her womb a Blood cell which brought forth the*

Son of God without a sexual desire. And that Blood was shed at Calvary. Hallelujah! That is the Blood that I trust in, tonight, when there's nothing. "No other fount I know, nothing but the Blood of Jesus." Therefore, the Blood of God saves us. The Blood of God brings Jesus Christ in our midst. The Blood of God brings the Holy Ghost. Not the blood of a Jew or a Gentile; but God's Own creative Blood. Jesus, the Man, was His Son that He created Himself, and God tabernacled in that tabernacle.

So, God has given a few of us the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, so that we could get with the ram, the Word of God, Jesus Christ in Bible order. And then the Bible said, "When Zion travaileth she brought forth lambs." Ben, you believe that, don't you?

Isaiah 66:8-Reference quote:

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

All right, he said get with the ram, you are preganated by the word. Is, that right? All your wool is sanctified and clean by the Blood of Jesus Christ, by the preaching of the word. Now, some sheep is getting ready to give birth to some lambs. You've got the 'House of God's Bread' the manger, where they can be born.

You say, "Oh, Brother Lambert, but I want to born out in the snow in the cold." Well, if you want to be born out in the snow and in the cold, that's up to you. But if I were you, I would come in where it is nice and pleasant, in God's house where the bread is being fed, where there is a provender and plenty of straw, wheat to eat upon. Is, that right? You want to be born out in the wilderness? That's a foolish thing to say. Come into that hedge or a wall. Come into that home of God, that temple of men...

Oh, my, I just thought of something. The Bible said, "You come into a habitation, a temple of God, where the spirits of just men... (Brother Lambert knocks on the pulpit four time) "WHERE THE SPIRITS OF JUST MEN ARE MADE PERFECT BY THE PREACHING OF THE WORD."

Hebrews 12:22-25-Reference quote:

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Contending for the faith, you come into that place, Sister, my dear, to be filled with the Holy Ghost, a house of God, a habitation of God where He dwells because God is where his word is preached. God is where His Word is preached! This is the little Bethlehem, manger.

Jude 1:3-Reference quote:

*3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that **ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.***

Ephesians 2:20-22-Reference quote:

*20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;***

*21 **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:***

*22 **In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.***

Now, I ask you, when are sheep born? What time of year are they born? In the winter? In the wilderness when you are wandering around, to and fro by every wind of doctrine? Come now. When are they born? In the winter? When you're rocking to and fro and not grounded in the apostolic order, Church order? Running here and running there? Is a lamb born in flight? No! Neither is it born in winter. It is born in the spring. This is spring time now. Lambs are born in April, this is April. They've been up all winter long.

The Bible said that the shepherds tended their sheep, in the hills of Judaea, in the spring. Is, that right? The lambs were not born out in the hills in the winter time. But the true shepherd brought them into a hedge or a wall, the winter, trials and tribulations and fed yea, **WHERE THE TRUE BREAD IS COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.**

In this hedge or a wall, with a true shepherd, a temple of men, a house of God, a pleasant place because He loves you. Before the world, He loved you and He wants to bring you to Himself. A peculiar people. That word peculiar means, God's own private possession. You're his, he died for you, he sent you shepherds here in this assembly, he has fed you through the winter with the word of God.

Now, its spring. This is Palm Sunday, when Jesus, the King Shepherd, the Lamb of God, came riding in. Oh, hallelujah! Glory to God! May He come riding in this morning, on the wings of the Holy Ghost and seal every one of these lambs here this morning.

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:

63-0317E - *The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals*
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*This is Seven Seals on the Book. **And the Book will not, the Seals will not be released until the Message of the seventh angel.** See? So we—we are presuming; but the genuine revelation of God will be made perfect in that sounding, vindicated Truth. Now, that's exactly what the Word says, "The mystery should be finished at that time." 50 And this Seven-Seal Book, remember, It was closed here, in Revelation the 5th chapter, and in Revelation the 10th chapter It is opened. 51 And now we're going to see what the Book says about how It become open. **And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book, and breaks the Seals, and opens the Book. See? The Lamb has got to take the Book.** 52 It's hid. Now remember, "No man in Heaven, no man in earth," pope, bishop, cardinal, state presbyter, or whoever he is, "**can break them Seals, or reveal the Book, but the Lamb.**" And we have probed, and presumed, and stumbled, and wondered, and—and that's the reason we're all in such a confusion. 53 **BUT WITH THE DIVINE PROMISE THAT THIS BOOK OF REDEMPTION WILL BE PERFECTLY OPENED BY THE LAMB, AND THE SEALS THEREOF WILL BE LOOSED BY THE LAMB, IN THE LAST DAYS IN WHICH WE'RE LIVING NOW. AND IS NOT MADE KNOWN UNTIL THE LAMB TAKES THE BOOK AND BREAKS THE SEALS.** Because, remember, the Book was being holded in the hands of Him that sat upon the Throne. "And the Lamb comes to Him that sits upon the Throne, and takes the Book out of His right hand." Takes the Book! Oh, that's deep. We'll try to solve it out if we can, by the help of the Holy Spirit. Now we're depending on Him. And we will see, later, it is at the end time, "When time has run out." 54 No denominations has a right for interpretation of the Book. No man has a right to interpret It. **IT IS THE LAMB WHO INTERPRETS IT. AND THE LAMB IS THE ONE WHO SPEAKS IT, AND THE LAMB MAKES THE WORD TO BE KNOWN, BY VINDICATING AND BRINGING THE WORD TO LIFE.** See? Exactly! Notice. And is not revealed until... 55 This Book is not revealed until the church ages and denominational ages has run out, "and there is time no more." See it? It's only revealed after church ages and denominational ages has run out. 56 That's the reason the thing is in such a scruple tonight. See, they pick up a little doctrine, and they run off here to one side, say, "This is It!" Another one picks up another doctrine, runs off this side, said, "This is It!" And each one builds a denomination under it, until we got hundreds of denominations. **But still, in all of it, to see the confusion, the people are wondering, "What is Truth?" If that isn't just the condition today!** 57 But then He promises, that, "When that time has finished out, there will be the **sounding of the seventh angel's voice, and then the Book will be revealed, see, at that time.**"*

It's April. You are pregnated. You're travailing, you want to give birth to a lamb, don't you? Glory to God! Here and here alone is God's provided way. And if a man or a woman would try to come up any other way than subjection to Divine Church order, he is like a thief and a robber. "How comest thou in hither, Friend, having not the wedding garment on?"

Matthew 22:11-13-Reference quote:

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

*12 And he saith unto him, Friend, **how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?** And he was speechless.*

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Endnote:

55-0123A - The Approach To God

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*62 Look, before they could see miracles, they had to come the provided approach. Before they could see the Red Sea open, they had to be a partaker of the glory... Notice. Before they could become a partaker of the glory, they had to come the provided approach to God to be a—a partaker of the vine—Divine approach, or the Divine articles. And before you can ever become a partaker of this blessed heavenly calling, you have to come through the provided approach, not self-sustaining, not intellectually, **but death to yourself, and a reborn again in Christ Jesus through the offering of the Blood.** Then... 63 You say, “My, why didn’t I know these things a long time ago?” You were trying to come through your church. You was trying to come through your organization. You was trying to come through the auxiliary, or something another. **You was trying to come through your own good works, through your merits. You’ll never see it. And you can’t approach it until you die out to those things, and come God’s provided way of approach, which is Jesus Christ, being filled with the Holy Spirit, God’s provided way for sinners to come.** You’ll never be able to nurse from the Old Testament goodness and the New Testaments goodness. You will never be able to nurse joy, and peace, and satisfaction, and healing from your body. You’ll stand off and criticize, say, “Oh, it might been a long time ago, but I believe the approach is all dried up now.” Listen, if Christ is the approach to God, then God is El Shaddai. Amen. **So come the provided way. Don’t try to bypass; come the provided way.** 64 Beautiful parable, if we had time to go into it, of the wedding supper. **How that the bridegroom give out the robes, and invited everybody. And robes made everybody look the same.** They stood at a door. And as they come by giving their passes in the Orient and India, and so forth, very beautifully still carried on. They give out the robes. **And everybody was invited, received a robe. I like that.** So then... 65 **When they come to the door, there was a man at the gate that took their invitation. They had on a robe when they come in. Come in another one, and another one come in. And then when they got in there, and the dinner was set, he found one that was there but didn’t have on the garment. What happened? It showed he come in a window, bypassed the door and come in another way. He didn’t come the provided approach, because the gate man would have turned him back. The robe makes them all look alike. Whether you are rich or poor, bond or free, when the robe goes on you, you look like the others. You can’t show off fancy clothes and everything when you got the robe on.** 66 **So then, it showed that he come in by a window, or come the back door, or bypassed the door. Jesus said, “Friend, what are you doing here?” And he was speechless. See, God’s got an approach, and we must come that approach. AND EVERY MAN THAT COMES THAT APPROACH, DIES TO SELF, COMES TO CHRIST, REGENERATED, BORN AGAIN, FILLED WITH***

THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE ROBE OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVEN UPON YOU, AND YOU LIVE FOR CHRIST FROM THEN ON. YOU'RE COMING GOD'S PROVIDED APPROACH.

Jesus, Baptism of the Fire, the Holy Ghost is that wedding garment. He, Jesus, is standing in the river like John, the river of God's love and power. He's waiting for you to come, this morning, and be Baptized down into that river, with His mighty love. Will you stand to your feet?

Do you love Him? Hasn't He done all things well? Hasn't He provided everything for you? Why fear then? God is going to give you the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Just be faithful. Come to God's house of bread, Bethlehem, where you will find it pleasant, when the times of the refreshing shall come from the Presence of the Lord.

Sister dear, would you... could you play for us? We will sing, "Only Believe," because faith is the only way to receive that Lamb Birth, this morning. It's by faith. By faith He'll give it to you. God's here! GOD PROMISED IT! "AND IN THE LAST DAYS I'LL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH." Did He promise it?

Let us sing this out in faith. Let the great Holy Ghost fall on you, this morning. I'll pray for you this week. I've cried out to God for you. I know that you've yearned for it. Now, it's off my... I have preached it the best that I know how to preach it to you, that...

God give me this message for you. God give it to me for you, now, believe it and see what happens. Let your faith rise as we sing this and let God seal you. Don't work up nothing false, just stay calm. Don't scream out, just make love to Him that He's your Shepherd and see what will happen.

"Only..." Your eyes closed, worshipping Him, the great Shepherd.

Congregation continues song: "Only Believe"

"Jesus's here..." He's here because He promised it. He's here because His Word is preached here. This is God's manger, only sheep are here.

Chorus: Jesus is Here; Lord, I believe-

Pastor speaks briefly. Assembly crying and praying. Leads song: Oh, The Blood of Jesus and speaks again.

(Brother Bob speaks to pastor)

Let us just...Real quietly, now. God is dealing with so many here, just now. We're going to sing this one song, with love in our heart to our great Shepherd, now. God wants to bless you. We're just going to sing this one song, "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

It is no secret what God can do,

What He's done for others (At Pentecost, now.)

He'll do for you.

With arm's wide (He loves you; He wants to do...)

He'll welcome you. (It is no secret.)

It is no secret what God can do.

The End



The Kings Sword

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