

Satan's Eden no 157
God is sovereign in Election pt 1.
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Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, to be here, and to have the knowledge that we do, of the end time. And, Father, we just give it all back to You, Who came down with a shout.

And we ask You, Lord, to help us to be that virgin, Lord, that made herself ready. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.
You may be seated.

Now, this morning we're going to begin a series on the Sovereignty of God. I'm going to be speaking this morning about election. And God is sovereign in election.

But I'm also going to deal with the foolish virgin versus the church. Because there's a little bit of confusion out there. And so, I'll just lay it out the way that I see it. And the way Brother Branham said it, and the way Brother Vayle said it.

Satan's Eden pp. 48 ***"Every seed will bring forth of its kind."*** ***If you are a seed of God, an attribute, a son of God, then the Word of God is sown in you.*** See? (That means into you. Okay?)

*And then when you hear the Word of God, **"My sheep hear My voice; a stranger they won't follow."**... You get it? Then **"every seed comes forth after its own kind"**.*

So you can't help being who you are.

Now, I love what he just said here, because ***"if you are a son of God, the Word is sewn in your heart and you must, you are predestinated, to bring forth after what was sewn in you which is the Word."***

So that is why ***"it is God working in you to will and to do"***. Then, "That which He began in you He will finish." Why? Because it is predestinated to do so. ***"Every seed will bring forth after its kind."***

That is why we can have Peace in Jesus Christ, because He is sovereign, and no one will tell Him His plan for your life, that it is no good. **“He will perform”** what He has planned.

49 Now, we find out that **“every seed bringing forth of its kind”**, there was no death in the new, in that Eden. There will be no death in the new Eden. See? There was nothing else but holiness, purity, and Eternal Life.

Now just think about that. Holiness, purity, and Eternal Life. We won't be seeing people with spiked hair and all kinds of nonsense going on. But we're going to see only true believers.

In paragraph **50** of Brother Branham's sermon, **Who is this Melchisedec**, Brother Branham says, **“God's sovereign in His choosing, did you know that? God's sovereign”**.

So, this morning we will look at God's Sovereignty in His Choosing as Brother Branham so stated. I would also like to acknowledge A.W. Pink who lived from 1886–1952. A year before I was born, he died. I know that seems to be a long time ago, but the truth remains the truth no matter who tells it.

I also wish to acknowledge Brother Vayle as many of these principles were learned from his ministry as well. I had to make corrections to A.W. Pink's final analysis because of things that William Branham taught but left intact the things that he had right.

Much of the teaching you will find laced with A.W. Pink's studies on sovereignty, along with the teachings of Brother Lee Vayle, and then all are filtered through the message of The End-time prophet of God, Reverend William Branham.

Now, A.W. Pink, he was a scholar and he's a man of God, but he lived in a different age and he didn't have the corrections on certain things. He leaned toward God, doing certain things and electing even the false vine. All right, he didn't quite have it right, because he takes the scripture, that says, they are ordained to condemnation.

But the way God ordained them to condemnation is that they were left out of the original plan, the original mind of God. They were an interjection. But he knew that there would be an interjection. And everybody that was of that seed, Satan's seed, is going to be burnt over. Okay, so, yes, in a way, they were ordained to condemnation. But that's because of the things that they did.

So, you will not find certain conclusions of Pink in this study, but you will find those of Lee Vayle and of course those of William Branham.

So, these studies are not exactly mine, although they are mine in that I put them together but gleaned much from Brother Vayle's and Brother Branham's ministries. So, it is a collection of thoughts on the subject of Sovereignty that I want to share with you from those whom I've been taught. I'd say Brother Branham and Brother Vayle. Actually, it should be Brother Branham, because Brother Vayle was only saying what Brother Branham taught.

Therefore, I won't footnote these 11 next sermons, but you can call it research on the subject. It will not only deal with Election, but also retribution, God's choice vs man's ability to choose, man's will vs God's will, and the bondage of the will.

As I stated earlier, I do not claim to be the author of this material. As though it is just mine alone, but it is what I have learned on the subject. And that is how my ministry works.

I take things Brother Branham taught and then go to scripture with them as Brother Vayle did. So, none of this is new, but I am just building upon what these men have already taught us.

So, let's get started on this journey together. Because **if there are people whom God has elected unto salvation**, then how can God state that "**every seed must bring forth after its kind or nature**", and then allow a pumpkin to produce watermelons?

How can God say every seed will bring forth of its kind and then allow species to change? You see.

Even the foolish Virgin is in the election of God as sons and daughters of God. They may not have had the Holy Ghost in this life but are given Eternal Life at the white throne judgment because **they are still virgins**. As William Branham said, there were millions of Christians over there given white robes.

I think it is important not to attribute what the church does with what the foolish virgins do. Their church loses its virginity and God judges them for whoring against His Word. But the foolish virgin will be there, and they do not lose their virginity. They will be there. They are virgins still. And although they go through the judgment they are going to be in the new Earth on the other side of the judgment.

Brother Vayle said it is the church that loses her virginity, he didn't say that of the foolish virgin does so. That's a misnomer if you think that. And that shows that you need to really shore up a little bit with what was taught by Brother Branham.

From his sermon, **Lee Vayle, Trees, Books, And Fountains #1 The Tree Of Life And The Tree Of Death P:20** he said, *"All right. It is the Truth that the Bride had, that absolutely saves her. It is the sanctifying Truth of the Word that puts her in a position of virginity because Eve lost her virginity by having another man.*

Now, the foolish virgin doesn't have another man. They are still virgins. Okay? And what makes her a virgin is she is sanctified through the truth.

The Church lost its virginity by going to a false Jesus, a false spirit, and a false word. *How deep can you get? ... In other words, the Church became completely pregnant to bring forth all kinds of bastards and illegitimate children. And we'll see that it did. Now we're talking about trees.*

Again, Brother Vayle said this of the church in his sermon.

Shalom #14 Coming To A Virgin Mind P:11 *In the beginning of the church ages, we had a church that was spoken of in 2 Corinthians 11. Paul is speaking to them; and he says: **verse 2, I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.***

*Now that's what he had been given of God to bring into existence as a foundation for all the **Seven Church Ages and the church**, which was to be built upon it. **She was to be a virgin.***

Okay, so the church also was to be a virgin, just like Israel was to be a virgin. But they went a whoring.

But notice, she loses her virginity, and what it means to lose her virginity. (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, *Now it can't go back to an act of the flesh, just like the Talmud said, and the book of Yabemoth, that the serpent and Eve cohabited and brought forth Cain.*

So, you see he is talking about the church, **not the foolish virgin**. The foolish virgin remains a virgin. That is what the Bible calls her, and that is what the prophet taught us. If you want, just read the Wuest translation. And it says, when she comes after the door has been closed, the marriage is consummated. She comes back. And it says. And the other virgins, see, it doesn't say just the others

came back. It says, the other virgins came back, so they were still virgins. Okay, and then he said, I used to know you as my wife, but I know you so, no more.

She just has to go through the judgment because he said she didn't have the Holy Ghost.

Now, do not confuse **Matthew 25** with **Matthew 7**. In Matthew 25 it speaks of the foolish Virgin who miss the marriage because they were not ready.

Matthew 25:10 *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.* (So even in the King James version, it says, the other virgins. Okay, but it's still virgins.) **12** *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.* The Greek word used for "**know**" here is "**eido**", to be aware of, etc.

Okay, now, so she lost her marriage. She didn't consummate with the baptism, of the Holy Ghost. She lost her marriage just like a concubine that the king never comes into. She's really not a wife yet, all right? She's just a concubine. She might be in the harem for a while, but then they have to go through certain purifications and things like that, and she doesn't make the cut, the final cut. All right?

Dr. Hoyer said it means "**I used to know you as my wife but know you so no more**". She never consummated her relationship with Him. She never received His Holy Spirit.

But over in **Matthew 7:22** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Now, he didn't say in **Matthew 25**, I never knew you. He just says, I don't know you anymore.

The Word for knew there, is Ginosko, and it means to have an experiential knowledge of. Just like Mary said, how can I be pregnant with a child having known, Ginosko no man? See, it's the same thing. I've never experienced a man.

Now notice here that He says, "**I never knew you**" so they were not in His thoughts before the world was framed. But in **Matthew 25** He just says, "**I used**

to know you as my wife but Know you so no more. So, they were in His thoughts to be there but just didn't make it as His Wife.

With the church, he never knew them, but with the Foolish virgin they were sanctified enough to be in His great number of women He would marry but they had to get that last qualification and they came up short. And the last qualification is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Because if you have the baptism, then you would have known who was standing at the door. It's the Word.

It's like the great Kings of old who had hundreds of virgins in their Herem but only consummated with a few because they did not finish the qualifications. So, they missed the actual marriage, because they were late, and were rejected as being His Wife. She didn't get to the marriage on time. So, those that were there, he married. Those that didn't make it. He said, though, it's too late. I'm married.

And God's vindicated prophet William Branham said the same from his sermon **Handwriting On the Wall 58-0618 P:3** ***"You know there were virgins that went out to meet Him. And five were still virgins,*** (now he doesn't say this as though the foolish were no longer virgins, he says) ***but were foolish virgins that didn't keep oil in their lamps.***

Because he then says, ***"And though they were virgins, just the same as the others, they were not permitted to the wedding supper.*** (And the reason is they did not have the Holy Ghost).

So far be it, from any people here tonight, to be included, so they'd be excluded,

God didn't start working on you just to cast you away, is what he's saying. In other words, if God is working in you, if God began the work in you, He will finish it. He doesn't lose any, the Bible says, no man shall pluck them out of My hand.

So Brother Branham says, ***so far be it, from any people here tonight, to be included, so they'd be excluded,***

from the presence of the Lord, included in that group of the virgins with no oil in their lamps.

In other words, though they do not make it to the wedding and the wedding supper, but they will still be there as part of the great group that God had in His thinking before the world was framed.

Again, from his sermon on **QA on Genesis COD 53-0729 P:98** *There's your five wise virgins who had Oil in their lamps, rapturing faith, believing all the signs, wonders, prophecies, and everything. And these five cut out of the remnant was taken away.*

Now, see, the great divorcement is when God raptures us out here. So until then, it doesn't take place, all right? In other words, we are all still one group. But when He takes us out of here, then there's a separation between the bride and the foolish virgin, all right? That's when the separation takes place.

Then he says, ***“And the rest of them were still virgins and will not be lost but will go through the tribulation period. Jesus said, “There'll be...” And they said, “Give us some of your Oil; we want the Holy Ghost now.”***

So these people had a desire for the Holy Ghost. They had the same sanctification, the same justification that you all have. They just come up short without it. All right?

*Now, anyone knows that the Holy Ghost, **Zechariah 4**, and, oh, **James 5:14**, all knows that it represents the Holy Ghost. Now, they said... That's the reason we anoint with oil, represent the Holy Ghost now, **“The Oil of the Spirit...”** the Bible said.*

Now Brother Vayle said from his sermon, **Spoken Word: #17a ‘God’s Word Made Manifest; No Thoughts But God’s’ P:16** ***“You got to receive what the prophet said.*** Now let me tell you something here, this woman was a foolish virgin.

Now, see, you can read. Now, Brother Branham said, we say things in such a way as it caused them to ponder, some to go out, this and that.

Well, Brother Vayle did, too. And he used language that totally looks like he's pointing in one direction and he's saying, something completely different. Like after he reads Matthew 25, he says, I used to know you as my wife. I don't know you anymore.

And then one says, and the church lost their virginity. Well, see, the church does lose her virginity, but the bride doesn't. And like Brother Branham said, the bride does not go through the tribulation, but the church does. In other places, Brother Branham says the church is raptured. And then he corrects himself and says, I mean, the bride, the bride out of the church. Okay? So you have to be careful that

you don't just lump the foolish virgin with the church. All right?

*And the foolish virgin having the Word goes about doing what she wants in her own way concerning It, and **she ends up judged, but she's allowed to bring her glory in** because that's the Omega of the Scripture.*

Even the foolish virgin is over here, where it says, "He that is unjust, be unjust still, he that is filthy, is filthy still."

So the bride makes it. The foolish virgin comes up a little bit late for the rapture, but she makes it although she gives her blood. And Brother Branham said that's because she didn't count the blood of the covenant strong enough for her. I'll just tell you this, the bleach blood does away with all of it.

I had a little spot on the carpet the other day of blood because my big toenail was bleeding and I didn't realize it. And so anyway, I went and squirted some bleach on it and within seconds it was all gone. I mopped it up real quick so I didn't leave a white spot there. But you see it just totally eradicated it. It was invisible. I mean, it's really good stuff. So anyway, that's what the bleach blood does, it makes your sins invisible. You did them, but God just doesn't give you credit for them.

So, if God said, "**every seed**", then how can God allow a pea plant to produce green beans? You can't do it, but Every Seed will be there if it was in him before the foundations of the world.

But to make one thing out of another would break scripture. That would nullify everything he said about the law of nature and the law of life. "**Every seed must bring forth after its kind**, because God predestinates all seed life.

I want you people to have rest because Brother Branham said when he knocked seven times. He said, there's relaxation under the 7th Seal. You're going to be there because your heart is already there. You see?

Now, I know when Brother Branham was among other churches than his own, he would use the term, "**God can predestinate you because he knows your end from your beginning**".

But we then make the mistake and conclude that God looks at your end, and then before you even start, He determines what your end is. Thus, He will predestinate your ending well. And it's all based on what then? Come on, what is it all based on? Is it based on your choice? Why does He say, you didn't choose Me? I chose

you. Your choice has nothing to do with it. It's what God did. Period. And your choice is only just your admiration for what God has done.

But to a fully mature elect son or daughter of God, we know from reading our Bible that we were in God before we even got a start. That is what foreknowledge is all about.

So, we think God is going to see your end even before you begin? And so, knowing the choices you have made, He then can predestinate your end? That's not what the Bible teaches. That would really be a haphazard way of predestination.

And yet Brother Branham said things close to that when he was out amongst the denomination because that's the way they believe. But he did say that you were in God and that's the forordination. Because then it would be all about your choice. You can't get out of a Baptist church, a Pentecostal church, or an Evangelical church of any sort without believing in **John 3:16** is your choice. Well, what about **John 3:18-20** it says, but those that are not of the truth won't come to the light because their deeds are evil. But he that's had his deeds wrought in Christ, they come to the light.

Because, then it would all be about your choice, and not His choice. You then have power over God, because He predestinates you based on your choice. So really all God is doing is seeing that you make it at the end ok, and then say, ok, based on your own choices you made in your life even before you made them, that He predestines you because He knows that you will make them. That it would be a haphazard God to depend on your choice. God, made the choice. He told Israel, I didn't choose you because you're a great person or a great nation. He said, "I chose you because I love you."

But the Bible teaches that you will make it to the end because you are predestinated to make it to the end. You were predestinated to make it to the end.

God makes sure you do make it, or He would not ordain you to finish as you will. I mean if "**God is working in you to will and to do**", then He is making sure you get whatever it takes to be there. That ought to make you feel secure. That sure makes me feel secure. I love what He says there.

That is why the Scripture tells us, "**He which began the good work in you will perform it.**" So, then who is performing it? You or God? Your choice, or His

choice? I've made some pretty bad choices in life, but I'm so thankful that God made the right choices for me.

Then quit your worry about not making it to the finish line. You will be there because God who has called you will make sure you do make it.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.*

Falling away from what? This Truth. So, this tells us there must be others who are not elected unto salvation. Now, let's go back and read it again.

It says, *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;* so they fall away from the truth.

If there are some that the Father gave to Christ, there must be others that were not given to Christ.

You can't understand God's election without also understanding the parallelism of scripture. The Bible called it the law of **“Blessing and Cursing”**. Brother Branham called it *“the law of life vs the law of death”*.

In fact, in **Jude 1:4** we read, *“For there are certain who men crept in unawares,* (So they crept in to where? And they crept to where? And from where? See, they crept in among you, from outside.

And the answer is into this Message from outside this Message.) *“Who were before of old **ordained to this condemnation**, (Therefore they are) **ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.***

So, these men crept into the Truth without having the truth themselves. They were elected but unto condemnation, so these were not elected to understand the truth. Yet they are ordained to come in and pervert the truth. Now, those who are ordained to the truth, God comes into you to make sure you understand His will and to perform His will, okay? That's what the Bible teaches. And that is why I warn you day and night like the Apostle Paul did.

I don't get up here and just warn you because I'm a madman and because I had a stroke. So I'm always angry. Give me a break. You just don't understand if you think that. Okay, I'm teaching the truth.

Acts 20:28 *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

29 *For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30* *Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*

So if you don't believe that's happening, you are lost. Right in this message it is happening. And if you don't believe that, then you haven't even come to first grade yet. You're still back in the 1950s and 60s. God sent a prophet, bless God. We'll all just be nice. Well, the foolish virgins were nice, too, and they didn't get the Holy Ghost. You understand?

31 *Therefore watch,* He says, watch. Be looking for these things, okay? *and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

Apostle Paul did that. And when I or Brother Vayle do that, you all say, oh, you're just grumpy old men. Well, praise God for grumpy old men. He made us this way,

And Brother Branham did the same or he would not have taught us on twins, nor the anointed ones at the end time. And if they did not then “**Alpha and Omega**” are not the same, nor is “**Jesus Christ the same yesterday today, and forever.**”

So, get over it, if you can't take that kind of preaching, then you can't take this message either, nor can you take Apostle Paul's warnings either.

You see, I have met a lot of people who sat under the wrong ministry, and got billed for thousands of dollars, lost their homes, and everything else. And I speak out against that kind of thing. But those people went through it. Why? Because they didn't know. They thought everybody's, oh, we're in the message. We're all believers. No, they are not. It says, “They will come in amongst you and teach what is error.”

Now Jesus taught in **John 6:37** *All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

So, if there are those who are ordained to come to Christ, then this also tells us there are others who will not come unto Christ. That is the parallelism of Scripture. You got to get over that thinking, that everybody's the same. We are not all the same.

If there are some whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life which we see in **Revelation 21:27** *And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.***

If that is so, that some are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Then there must be others whose names were not written in the Lambs Book of Life. Get over it.

Isaiah 65:9 *And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and **mine elect** (Not everybody): and **mine elect** shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.*

So, if God elects some to inherit His holy mountain, then there are others who will not inherit it. You can't have it both ways. I am not giving my inheritance to a bunch of unbelievers. They go to my children. You can't have it both ways. God does not give out smiley faces and stars to everyone, neither do I, but those He chooses, **He** chooses. The rest are left out. Period. That's tough preaching, but that's the truth.

So much for this generation's mindset which is inclusion-ism. And I'm warning you not to be that way. They call it Equity. This generation of children is being taught Satan's math. Everyone has equal opportunity. It does not exist in reality. I am sorry if this pops your bubble, but if you think that, your mind is in opposition to that of God. And the liberal mind is totally contrary to God's way of thinking.

Isaiah 65:22 *They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are, the days of my people, and **mine elect** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

In other words, God doesn't say, you build, and I'm going to take from you and give it to others. Like the liberal mind says. The liberal mind says, you can make wealth, but you're going to share it. God says, no, you're not. You're going to have

it to yourself. I like that.

So, there are certain promises in this Bible that are just not for everyone. Why should a man sit around and do nothing and then expect to gain off of your taxes or your blood and sweat and tears, what you have put up for your children?

So, there are certain promises in this Bible that are just not for everyone. If that is being partial, then so be it. It is not you who chooses anyway; It's like the man comes and says, oh, I'm offended that you misgendered me. And the guy says, well, I'm sorry, but you misgender your own self. That should be your reaction. I didn't misgender you. You misgendered yourself. Right.

It is not you who chooses anyway your choice will always end in death. God does the electing, and He makes the choice.

Proverbs 16:25 *There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

And also **Proverbs 14:12** tells us the same thing, and I don't think that is a mistake or an overwrite, I think it is placed there for emphasis. "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*"

Jesus tells us we don't even have a choice in God's election, and it is not our choice anyway. So get it out of your mind that you somehow change God's mind about you. Forget it. You're not going to do it. And it is not our choice anyway. He is the one who chooses who is His and who is not His.

John 15:16 *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:*

(So much for thinking that God chooses you based on your own ability to choose.) *that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.* How are you going to argue with Jesus? Because He said it.

I kind of like this because I see a lot of smiles on faces, and even though I sound angry, I'm not. But you know what? I'm hitting home and you're just saying, Amen. That sounds good to me.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** (From the beginning, when we were in His mind.) *through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

That's **Ephesians 1:3-5**. God chose you in Christ before the foundations of the world.

Notice He did this before you ever came into being. He foreknew you, chose you, which is an election, then He justifies you, predestinate you to “*your being conformed to the image of his eldest son*”, and then “*glorifies you*”, which means He fills you with His Doxa, which is His opinions, His values, His judgment.

Romans 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.* (Okay, that's us,)

30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

So how does He do that? How does God finish what He began? Why does “**God work in you to will and to do His perfect will**”? By Seed, that is how. God does not wait until you mature as a Son of God and then predestinate you to be a Son of God.

He doesn't wait for your ending and says, “Well, I guess he made the right choices in life.” So you know what? Even though some of them were kind of complicated, he made the right choice. He doesn't do that. He says, “I made the right choice because I chose you.” All right?

He chose you while you were yet in His mind to be a seed, carrying all that you ever will have need of to be a Son of God.

And that is His choice as to how it is to be done. He didn't make you a tare and then because you make the right choices in life, change your end to be a wheat. You always were a son. Brother Steve, you always were a son.

31 *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?* Can't even be against yourself.

John 15:19 *If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*

So, the world hates you for what you are, and their hatred for you begins when you enter this world. Let's face it, either He has chosen you or He hasn't chosen you. You would not even be here, hearing this truth, if He didn't choose you to hear this truth.

Jesus said in **Matthew 20:16** *So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few are chosen.* So just be thankful you are one of the few who have been chosen.

Again, Jesus said in **Matthew 22:14** *For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Matthew 24:22 *“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”*

So you see, God's got everything under control. Throw politics out of it. You don't care because it doesn't matter who gets in there. The whole world is of the devil anyway. So God has even shortened the day. But see, what they do is they say, well, I'm a conservative and I'm christian and I'm this and I'm that. And they believe in a trinity. They believe in piercing. They have tattoos all over. I'm a Christian. No, you're not. You look like a serpent. You smell like a serpent. So I think you are a serpent.

So, God has even shortened the days so that we can make it unto the end because he knew how bad it would be. That is like shortening a race so you can make it to the end. You hear what I said? God took your mile-long race, or He took your three-kilometer race, and He said, you know what, boy? He's out of shape, but I'm going to help him because I'm going to make it a 100-meter race. And that's what God does, okay? He shortens the day so that you are saved.

Matthew 24:24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, (which it is not possible) they shall deceive the very elect.*

So, the marvelous thing is that you can't be deceived. He made you that way. Oh, you are going to make mistakes, but he doesn't even give you credit for making them. He justifies you as though you haven't made them.

Talk about a merciful God. That's why we should be merciful to others. So, if your end is not because you made the right choices, but He made the right choices for you, then let go and just let God have His perfect way in your life and just love

Him.

Matthew 24:31 *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.* So, you see, God has everything under control.

Mark 13:22 Again we are told this same thing will happen to make sure you catch it. *“For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.”*

But you know what? Martin sat there and saw Satan with a crown on his head and said, you know there is something strange about that? The Bible says, “The saints shall judge the earth.” He said, “Satan, depart from me, for the saints shall crown Him.” All right, so you see, He places something into you. What's that? His Word. And so because of the Word, you're not deceived, okay?

Mark 13:27 *And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together **his elect** from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*

So, you have nothing to do with this, He says he will send His Angels to do this gathering. And He will only gather His elect. And if you are not His Elect you will be out of the gathering to His Word.

Oh, the guy without the wedding garment got in for a while, he heard the midnight cry, right? They were all together, but he was soon weeded out as having come in another way, but not through the door which is the Word. He didn't have on the wedding garment.

Luke 18:7 *And shall not God **avenge his own elect**, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith (Which is revelation) *on the earth?**

So, who will avenge the elect? God will do it, we don't have to worry, God said He will do it. You don't entertain thoughts of, oh, I just like to get rid of that one. Because if I get rid of that one, maybe things will change. No, they're not going to change. Satan would just put another minion in there. God's going to do it. And who can lay any charges against the elect of God? No one.

Romans 8:33 *Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

And that means even though you might have committed the act, no one has the authority to condemn you. Even though you might have done the act, God just doesn't give you credit for doing it.

Colossians 3:12 ¶ *Put on therefore, **as the elect of God**, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*

13 *Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another,* (Listen, there might be somebody that's sitting right next to you, and maybe you just don't like the way that they act. Well, you know what? That's their problem. That's not yours. So just let go and let God. Okay?) *and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*

If God gives you mercy and Kindness to choose you, then shouldn't you have the same mind towards His other children that He had, for you?

14 *And above all these things put on charity,* (That's love) *which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and **be ye thankful.***

There are too many people grouching about. I got this ache or I got that ache or I got this pain. I got that pain. I can't see. I can't hear. I can't do this. I can't do that. Forget it. You don't see me grouching up here about having had a stroke. I go to the mall just like anybody else does. I walk here, I'm preaching. I preached 80 some sermons since my stroke, and I'm still going to do it right to the end. I just look and say, well, Jacob limped, okay, because he wrestled with God, Job had a stroke and David had a stroke. It doesn't say how. They were impaired by it. So that just leaves it up to your own imagination. But you don't think about those things. You think about the word, the word, the word, the word. You think about His promises of getting out of here. That's what I think about.

16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and **admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.***

17 *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,*** (Can you grouch in the Name of the Lord Jesus? Can you complain in the Name of the Lord Jesus? I don't think you can. All right.) *giving thanks to God and the*

Father by him.

Now, do you think you could do this without being the elect of God? I don't think you can. I don't think so. You must have the mind of Christ to act this way.

I Timothy 5:21 *I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.*

Well, I like this brother over this brother. I like this sister over this sister. Forget it. Just forget it. Forget that kind of action.

Even the Messengers of God and true five-fold pastors are chosen by God.

Hebrews Chapter 3 57-0901M P:13 *Who was Paul? He was a staunch Hebrew, a scholar, and a great teacher of the Old Testament. And he'd been taught by one of the best men of his day.*

Somebody tell me what his name was. Gamaliel, one of the greatest teachers of his day. And Paul had set at the feet of Gamaliel.

There's something about where you go, what church you go to, and what teacher teaches you. Do you know that? It's got something to it.

Therefore, we ought to seek out the very best that we can find, so we're getting the best; not because it's sociable and so forth, but the real Bible teaching.

Now we're going to be closing here in a moment.

Titus 1:1 ¶ *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness.*

2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

3 ¶ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from among the dead,*

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you 5 And you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready that is to be revealed in the last time.

Now listen. Brother Branham said Job's children, although they partied, and they didn't seem to have the same mind that their father did, he applied the Token. And because he applied the Token, Brother Branham said, God reserved them in heaven for him, because the Bible says that all of their sons and their offspring with them.

6 ¶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, (your revelation) being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory (His doxa, His opinions, values, and judgment.) at the appearing (which is now) of Jesus Christ:

And never forget Brother Branham taught us that ***“There is an appearing and a coming”***, and he said, ***“The appearing is now, He’s appearing in His church”***.

There it is right there, by the foreknowledge of God you are elect, you are chosen. And He has chosen you to receive His appearing and bring you into His great Doxa so as He thinks you also will think the same thoughts making you one with Him as never before.

You were in Him before the foundations of the earth, you were always in Him, in His mind because He can’t change one thought. Now, if you were in His mind, then you were in His thinking, as one of His thoughts.

II Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

So, Apostle Paul tells us it’s all about what God wants to do for you. Paul, He endured for our sake to bring us to salvation through the Word. He was only a steward to bring. It’s all in God’s plan as to what he ordained for us to be, as we see in,

I Peter 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

I Peter 2:6 *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. (ashamed.)*

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, (Like Brother Branham said. We say it in such a way it'll stumble some. It'll cause some to go out,) and a rock of offence, **even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.** (To stumble at the word.)*

9 *But **ye are a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

So, it is very apparent that God chooses one group to become Kings and Priests, a royal priesthood, but the others are left to their own thinking and stumble and perish.

That is why Brother Branham said, "**We must preach the word so that some may believe while others will stumble, disbelieve and go out from among us manifesting that they were not of us.**"

Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:13 *And each time, if you who take the tapes and listen, and I hope and trust **that you have had a spiritual understanding of what that God has been in trying to get over to the church without saying it right out.** See? It's a thing sometime ...*

***We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely.** It must be done that way.*

You see, if you are a chosen messenger or even a chosen pastor by God, you will preach it just as God dictates you to preach it, because the elect will catch what you say, but it will cause others to go out.

So even what you preach is ordained by God to be preached because it is to bring on a result. Some are sanctified by the truth, while others will not catch it, and ponder over it, and go out from among us because they were not ordained to be of us.

II John 1:1 ¶ *The elder* (and why is he called an elder? Because he is an elder brother in a vast family of brothers. Not the oldest brother, that is Jesus. But he is an elder brother.)

*“unto **the elect lady** and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;”*

***2** “For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever. **3** Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.”*

Revelation 17:14 ¶ *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

Now, most Bible readers will acknowledge that from the foundation of the world, God certainly foreknew and foresaw who would and who would not receive Christ as their Savior.

Therefore, in giving being and birth to those he knew would reject Christ, for He necessarily created them unto damnation?

The answer is a resounding No! While God did foreknow that these ones would reject Christ, yet he did not decree that they should. So, he gave them free will, and *“there is a way that seemeth right, but the end is the way of death.”*

But this is a begging the real question we have here. God had a definite reason why he created men. God has a specific purpose why He created this individual and why He created that individual.

It is clear that God designed and ordained some people to receive eternal life while He also ordained others to be lost.

So, if “**faith, or revelation, is God's gift**”, and God purposes to give it only to some people, then that necessitates that God also purposes not to give it to some others.

Without faith there is no salvation, “**he that believeth not shall be damned**”. You see, the rain falls on the just and the unjust, but it causes the just to become justified. It causes them to live their life, whereas the tares become more of what they are, tares. You see the same rain.

Without faith there is no salvation, “**he that believeth not shall be damned**”.

Hence if there were some to whom he purposed not to give faith, it must be, because he ordained that they should be damned.

Thank God then that you have faith, or revelation to believe, for that is the evidence of your election. Not only is there no escape from these conclusions, but history actually confirms them to be so.

Before God Incarnated His son, for almost two thousand years, the vast majority of mankind was unaware of the external means of grace, being graced with no preaching of God's Word and no written revelation of His will.

For many long centuries, Israel was the only nation to whom God vouchsafed the special discovery of Himself. Allowed them to know, He said in **Acts 14:16** “**Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways**”

And He also said in **Amos 3:2** “**You only (Israel) have I known of all the families of the earth.**”

Consequently, as all other nations were deprived of the preaching of God's Word, they were strangers to the faith for “**faith cometh by hearing and hearing the Word of God**”.

Now, notice that God speaks of nations who could not hear. These nations were not only ignorant of God, but also of the way to please Him, of the true manner of

acceptance with Him, and the means of arriving at the everlasting enjoyment of Himself.

If God wills your salvation, it makes sense that He sends you the means toward that salvation. And He gives you all that He requires toward that salvation.

But it is also an undeniable matter of fact that He did not give this means to everyone. And this would suggest that He never intended to save everyone. There is your parallelism of Scripture.

If, God works in some to will and to do, yet others He does not, then God will save whom He wills, and allow to perish whom He wills.

Why should it be deemed incompatible with His perfection, to exclude some persons, many, from grace itself, and from the eternal life that is connected with it? Seeing that he is Lord and sovereign disposer both of the end and the means which lead to that end? So you see, God is in full control.

Let go and just let God, and you'll love Him more than you have ever loved before.

Let's pray.

Dear gracious Father, we are so thankful, Lord, for Your election and for Your Sovereignty in it, and knowing that You have full control over our lives, Father, we just yield them to thee, that we would be the right kind of children. In Jesus Christ's Name we pray. Amen.