

Satan's Eden No. 182
The Marriage Covenant # 10
(The Tenth Commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Covet")
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Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, for Your Word today. and we realize, Lord, we don't have much time left, and things are getting worse all the time. Russia is really getting ready to retaliate against all the aggressions against her, and she's rightfully so. She can do it, because she's defending herself. They've attacked her.

And, Lord, so we just ask You that You would watch over us and keep us, Lord. And before one bomb strikes America, we be in the arms of Christ.

In Jesus Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

All right, so we're kind of wrapping up the marriage covenant. We have one more to go, and actually, it's really dynamic. I mean, it's number two, actually. We'll go back to number two.

But next week we're going to do Questions and Answers, and it's really dynamic also. So anyway, I'm really looking forward to what's coming, and like I said, I've got sermons out to May 30 of 2025.

So we've been working on a project I'll show you next week. Basically, they've got a picture of me sitting at the pulpit here, and my voice has been cloned, so it actually sounds pretty close to what I do.

But my wife will probably be able to tell the difference.

I told Brother Sem to take my pre stroke voice instead of my post stroke voice because I don't know, what's going to happen.

So if I have them ready, then all he has to do is he's got a program or working with a company, actually, and so when you hear my voice, and it'll be from the 40 or so sermons that I already have, and so I'll send those up to a file. So then he'll be able to take it from the file for that week, and I've got the weeks written down.

Then my picture will show on the screen and my voice will speak and my lips will move with the speaking. So I don't know of anybody else in the world that is using this kind of technology, nor, in fact, I don't know anybody in the world who

preaches their sermon on Sunday, and by Wednesday it's in six languages. So we really have a fine team.

And I used to do all this stuff by myself, and I just couldn't keep up with the posting of the website and everything else, much less all this other fantastic stuff that we're discovering.

So anyway, I'm afraid that if something comes down the road where either, I pass away or I'm jailed, because of my beliefs or whatever the reason, maybe the Lord takes me off the scene, maybe takes all of us off the scene here, but we still want to continue to feed anybody who doesn't make it.

So these sermons, they're fresh, they're new, they're not re-canned. Now some of this marriage covenant series is re-canned, but I took it from 20 years ago because I wanted the people to have the information. But I've also updated each one of them.

But these 40 sermons they are not re-canned, they're all from Satan's Eden. Each takes a paragraph or two of Brother Branham's sermon and then goes into the scriptures.

Well, I just think that when we're gone, there'll still be a voice, and we're going to do this. I've already seen it with Brother Branham. We've already done Brother Branham as well. Brother Sem has done me and Nathan Shearer did brother Branham. And this might be a way to, at least you could hear his voice and you could see his face.

And if we could actually, (I told him that,) if we could take a picture of brother Branham, when he's standing at the pulpit from a distance. a photo, then it looks more real, and although it does look real, when you see the voice and you see the lips, you can't tell. It's not only my lips moving, it's even the expressions on the face are there, so I don't know how they do that. My goodness, but it's there. So we might as well take advantage of it and use it because, hey, who knows, one day maybe they'll come to arrest me and say, oh, he's been dead for six months or two months or whatever. So that would be a joke on them, I guess.

So this morning we're going to look at Satan's Eden No. 182, the Marriage Covenant No. 10, and it's from the 10th commandment.

Now I think I'm going to wait either next week or the week after. I was planning to go to visit my daughter on the first week of September, but I've canceled that trip. So I'm going to be preaching on next week on the Question and Answers and the week after that, is on Marriage Covenant No. 2, *Thou shalt not have any graven images*.

And of course, I point out that the biggest image we have to fear is the image of the beast.

And, so I say some things in there, maybe at that time, I'll show you what the Trinitarians are now looking to Brother Branham for some answers. They don't want what he preaches, they talk about the 6th and 7th vision, but yet they deny there is a Rapture and predestination and everything else. So it just goes to show that they're looking at his image and not looking at God. See, in Daniel's day, they looked at Daniel, they didn't look at the God of Daniel. Okay? And so the same thing here, and so we're going to get into that a little bit.

Now on the Marriage Covenant, No. 10. *Thou shalt not covet.*

Let us read from the Word of God. **Exodus 20:17** *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.*

Now notice, nor anything. Gucci bags. What are those fancy bags called the ones in Switzerland? Louis Vuitton bag.

Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbors.

Okay, so you women, shame on you, don't covet what somebody else has.

This morning, we have taken our text from **Exodus 20:17** *Thou Shalt not Covet....* This is number 10 in our Marriage Covenant series, and we shall deal with the Tenth Commandment, *Thou Shalt Not Covet.*

To begin our study of this tenth commandment, I would like to ask the question, "What does the word Covet mean? When we are told "*thou shalt not Covet,*" what does it mean "*to covet?*"

The word used here is the Hebrew Word **chamad** (khaw-mad) and it simply means to desire, to covet, or to take pleasure in. So don't take pleasure in your neighbor's Louis Vuitton. Don't take pleasure in their Gucci bag.

The Hebrew word is not so explicit, but the Greek Word is very explicit.

Romans 7:7 *What shall we say then? [Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

8 *But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin [was] dead.*

Now, this word Paul used is a Greek word *epi thu-meo* and is made up of two words, *epi* meaning in front of and *thumos* meaning passion.

And it also means anger forthwith boiling up and soon subsiding again. In other words, how people explode, they get angry, they explode.

Together the word *epi thomeo* means --to desire -- to covet -- to lust for -- lust after -- to fain or to turn upon a thing, to have a desire for, long for, to desire; to lust after, covet, of those who seek things forbidden. In other words, an inordinate affection for something that does not belong to you.

Do you hear that, children? An inordinate affection for something that doesn't belong to you. They got a game. Hands off. That's their game. Save your money up and buy your own game, okay? Don't be taking theirs. Don't be taking their toys. Don't do this and that.

Paul warns us that this inordinate affection has the power to take you over even against your better judgment. In other words, you end up hitting your brother because you're playing with his toy and he comes and takes his toy and you hit your brother because, see, that's what it says.

Paul warns us that this inordinate affection has the power to take you over even against your better judgment. You know, not to hit your brother, but you do it anyway. There he commands us to cast it aside. And I'm using these kid examples, but you understand it applies to adults as well.

Colossians 3:4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

5 *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

6 *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*

So basically that's their thing. That's what they're supposed to be reflecting, but

you as a child of God are to be reflecting God Life.

Webster tells us that the word Covet means to want ardently, something that someone else has, too long for with envy. And the word is a synonym for greed.

A person who covets is a greedy person.

In **Colossians 3:1** Paul tells us how to avoid idolatry and covetousness. He says, *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Now, it kind of reminds me of when Brother Vayle sat with Brother Branham in the hotel room, and they turned on the TV, and they were watching Oral Roberts, and they were displaying his great university and all the things that he had, and Brother Branham turned to Brother Lee, and he said, I could have had those things, but I turned them down.

In other words, he could have had an empire like most of these ministers have, but it's not about an empire. It's about *"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you."*

So being filled with the Doxa of God is our ticket to being free from covetousness and therefore idolatry.

Gideon was the conqueror of the enemies of his country and had been made Judge of Israel. The blessing of God was upon him, and he possessed the favor, confidence, and love of the people.

And yet, in the face of all this honor and glory, we see the man going down under the double snare of gold and false worship.

It is apparent that in this age of Laodicea, the world is caught up into this covetousness and thus they have become an idolatrous people.

In other words, in an age when we have the truth as never before seen, we also have ministers who are very covetous, and they tried to build themselves a kingdom. All right?

You see the falling of Gideon. He was a great man of God, but he got so around

all the wealth, and all the people and stuff, and so he began to let things slide a little bit.

In Gideon's day when he died, the people went back into a whoring after other Gods. Evil and degenerate men corrupted the nation and brought woe to the people.

In the very flush of his victory Gideon got his eyes fixed on certain golden ornaments worn by the Ishmaelite, which represented a vast fortune, 1000's of talents of gold came from their earrings.

A talent is 100 lbs., so that would make it 100,000 lbs. of gold earrings. And so, he secured them. That is a lot of earrings.

With the entrance of covetousness came idolatry, for the Bible declares that "**Covetousness is idolatry.**"

Now, it's interesting that we're covering this once before we go back to No.2, because we're going to get into that a little bit more.

An image of worship was made out of a part of the gold and afterwards erected or set up in Ophrah, and the Bible says that "**and Israel went thither a whoring after it.**"

Notice how it started from the little tinsel of the earring, which is meant to attract the person to the face, you got one on each side.

You don't just wear, if you wore one earring years ago, you were a faggot, man. If you wore one, then when they started wearing two, they become transvestite. But the girls always wore two, and that was to center your face between the two, and what it does is it's for attraction. Well, when you are attracted to that image. What are you doing? He said, **thou shalt not have any graven images.**

Now, I'm going to show you something coming up here that's going to shock you, going to make you really think about not only are they attracted to America, (which is the image to the beast.) Notice Rome is full of glitter, full of pomp, full of ceremony, and so is its image America. And so the world wants to come here to America to worship the image.

Well, then you're going to find out, even in this message, people are attracted to an image of a prophet, instead of to the voice of the prophet.

I'm going to save that for two weeks from now. You're going to hear Brother Branham himself say, its coming.

In the same way, the whole world goes a whoring after the lure of the image of the beast, which is America. Just look at every nation. None are innocent anymore.

Brother Branham said we export our filth (our image) from Hollywood throughout the entire world. That's why, he was so big against I love Lucy. And I couldn't believe it when I heard people in this message say. Oh, they loved to watch I love Lucy, and I thought, why don't you stay away from those things? She was nothing but a two timing woman. Of course her husband Desi also two timed her. She was a comedian, and she was also a whore, because you don't get into Hollywood without being one. You have what's called a casting couch interview. You ever hear of that? You don't get past that.

Brother Branham said we export our filth from Hollywood throughout the entire world. I tell you what, you're going to be so shocked at the White Throne, when you see all, everything is going to be played back and you're going to see how these people made what they were and how fragile they were, because one minute they say something, that the powers that be, don't like, all of a sudden they're just turned to dust.

No matter what the race is, whether it is white, black, yellow, or red.

The world has gone mad after rap music and lyrics which are nothing short of worshipping money and power, and women, and anything that Hollywood produces, and it is all Satanic.

And God condemns it and as Paul said, *Mortify*, (that means kill off) *therefore your members which are upon the earth*; and then he names several of which, inordinate affection, (is one of them).

And **covetousness, which is idolatry**: *6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience*: Notice then, **it is considered idolatry which is the same as adultery**.

And notice how Paul uses idolatry and adultery or fornication in the same example of those things which we need to mortify in our flesh.

Again, he said, *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication first, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry*:

6 *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*

Again we hear him say this in **Galatians 5:19**, Paul says, *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,...*

Notice how he ties again **fornication and lasciviousness or covetousness together**? Why, because the same lustful spirit is in control of both of these emotions. These are sins where the emotions control the action. And then in verse **21** after naming these manifestations of sin in the flesh,

Paul says, *of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.* (So he mentions adultery and fornication and lasciviousness, and he says, they won't be in the kingdom of heaven.)

Paul says, *of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Therefore, we see that not only will those who covet not inherit the kingdom of God,*

But as Paul also pointed out in **Colossians 3: 6** he said, *6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:* So, they're getting a tribulation period.

Therefore, there are two major reasons why we should never covet, and they are: **Number 1**, it is cause for rejection. **Number 2**, it is cause for wrath.

Exodus 20:17 *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Not their house, not their spouse, not their help whether male or female, not their ox which is their means of livelihood, nor their ass which is their means of transportation.*

If this were written today, it would be cars and bikes and whatever.

In fact, God finishes by saying, *Thou shalt not covet anything belonging to thy neighbor*, period. Now, remember this, and it doesn't mean, if you like it, go buy your own. But if you go buy your own, you may get rid of that lust, and then once you own it, you will find out you really didn't want it as much as you thought you wanted.

Now, remember, during this entire study of the Ten Commandments, we have found that these ten laws or rules were not meant to be a set of does and don'ts as if we could become righteous through doing them.

But we have found these Ten Commandments are a set of ten rules to govern our relationship with God and man. And since they are rules for relationship, we have taken this time in this study to show how they apply to the relationship of a man and a woman joined together in Holy Matrimony.

Now, remember, these rules are for the establishing and maintaining of a relationship between two people, joined together, united together to share a life and home together.

And yet we find this tenth and last warning going forth that says, be very careful not to begin lusting after what other people have.

The first Commandment of God began to warn us that we should have no other, and now the Omega rule points back to the Alpha rule but says it in different words, but it's the same message as was in the first.

In other words, as we saw in the first and second Commandments, we see it in the last, "Get your eyes off everything that does not pertain to you and your spouse."

Covetousness, and greed, these are things which can destroy a marriage as fast as adultery and deceit. Keeping up with the Joneses can destroy any marriage.

Faith is our Victory 58-1004 E-8 *Now, there is so many people that doesn't seem to have any kind of a purpose in life, especially in this day that we now live.* I mean, you look at the children, they don't even know if they're male or female.

People just seem to think that all they have to do is to keep up with somebody else, with the fashions of the world, and with the enticements that the world has given to them.

And I just like to say this, just kind of on the side. I don't know any of those people that think that they're a male and they think they're a female. I don't know them personally. They don't live in my atmosphere. They don't live in my realm. But I do know it happens because I can read in the newspaper, okay?

Just like this, if you go to school and some of the little girls wear a certain little frock, or dress, or whatever you would call it, all the ambition the rest of the school has is to pattern after that girl. Some of the women see on the television some certain lady come out and dressed in a certain fashion, well, that's their ambition is to dress and to act like that.

You just look at the Kardashians or Kardorkians or whatever, the people that have whatever, and I don't know, this world's not my home, okay?

And that seems to be just about the limit of the American ambition is to get a new job, or to get a raise in your salary, and to get a television, or a new car.

9 *Let me say this, those things may be all right, but there's higher ambitions in the human life than those things. And Christians should set their affection on higher ambitions. I think it would pay us all to set down and wonder why we are here in the first place. And ever Who was kind enough to bring us here, we ought to consider it and ask Him what He would have us to do, the purpose of us coming to fulfill, what He has purposed for us. But we seem to be just wanting to keep up with the world.*

Now, this is Brother Branham still talking, okay?

Now, the Bible said, that we could overcome the world. And how do we do it? Not by keeping up with the fashions of the world, but the Bible said that faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

10 *It reminds me of one time that... I don't like to say this word, but he was just a bum that came to the door. And he said, "Could you give me a--a sandwich?" I said, "Certainly, would you step in." And instead of making him a sandwich, I thought I'd fix him something to eat. And fixed him up just about what I could around the place and set him down to eat.*

You know, my wife used to do that all the time. We get bums. Remember that? We only lived less than a mile from downtown Minneapolis. And we get drunks, we get bums and everything else. My wife always fixed them a plate, a meal to eat, and everything else. But she knew well enough not to let them in the house. And, this is back even years before that Brother Branham saying, "*I bring him in the house*". Well, I wouldn't do that in this day. But it just reminded me that what my wife used to do.

And while he was eating, I thought I would speak to him, seeing that he was -a traveler, and I said, "Where did you come from?" He just shrugged his shoulders a little and said, "Nowhere." I said, "Then where are you going?" And he stopped eating and looked up at me, and said, "Nowhere." He looked around and swallowed a big bite, and he said, "Sir, just where my hat's resting, there's where I rest." I said, "I see." I said, "How long have you been doing this?" He said, "Oh, some twenty years or more." With no ambitions to--to better himself...

11 *Now, that's just about the attitude of the people. Just what I call, "drifters, floaters." And the people who join the church is just about the same. I've often thought of floating, driftwood. A driftwood, it just hangs up in any kind of trash. That's just about the way that floaters does in the church or anywhere.*

Now, you take on a stream, like the stream of life, and plenty of driftwood hanging up in every trash pile, and yet, the boat comes along made out of wood too. But if you notice the wood is made and shaped out by a master, who has built the boat. Not only is it shaped out, but it is guided by a master, and it is pushed by a power. And we're all made out of the same stuff. It just depends on how your ambitions run.

Isn't that beautiful? I mean, just to look at a scenario of a river, all this driftwood just drifting along, but a boat chugging. He's got a purpose, he's got a destination. He's going from point A to point B.

The driftwood doesn't care where it hangs up. It doesn't care where it lodges into whatever. It is just driftwood, and that's the way people are, they just are church attendees.

They come when they feel like, oh, it feels good to go to church today. So I'll go to church today. There's no purpose, there's nothing that says, hey, I'm going to get something from God that's going to see me through the weekend and help me to go over another hurdle. Okay? No, they're not interested in that. They're interested in just, putting in their time.

12 *Are you willing to let the master craftsman make out of you, that which He could use, and that which He could control, and that which He could power. If this certain little craft, that's been made different and been craft out by the Master's hand, should ever stick into some weeds along in shallow waters, there is a power behind it, a little boat that the Master can turn on and push it out into the deep waters again.*

God wants to mold and make us what He wants us to be. But how can we do that, or how can God do that, when we won't even stand still for Him to do it. We want to be our own master. We want to think our own way of thinking. And many people come into the church, and join the church, and put their name on the book, and doesn't even consider what that church believes, or check up with that church, how they preach the Word of God, or whether they stand for the full Gospel or not, or just pick out a portion and add a creed, floating, drifting, and never be able to amount to anything.

13 *But let me tell you something, tonight, you on the in and outside of this building, "You're going to wind up at a destination one of these days, that's going to be in the valley of the shadows of death. I would advise you at this hour, to prepare to meet the God that will have to meet you at that hour. You'll either meet Him as a masterpiece that He has worked on, or a floating piece of driftwood to go into your final destination.*

You know, what do you do with driftwood? You burn it, piles up on the side. You scrape it up, you put it in the burning pile, you burn it.

You'll either meet Him as a masterpiece that He has worked on, or a floating piece of driftwood to go into your final destination. So don't you use this life just to drift around and float around, and get a better job, and to dress better, and to get a new television, or a better car. Life means more than that. Don't you try to use it just to say, "Well, I... If the rest of the them join church, I will too."

E-14 *When you join church, you should first seek out, and find out what that church stands for. Is it just merely a place that the people go together for fellowship, or is it a place that preaches the Word of the living God, and stands for every principle that Jesus died for?*

You should do that. Just don't float in and go with the tide, because, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth to life, and but few there'll be that'll go there in thereat. Because broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many will there be go in." We've got to have a purpose of something.

Now, it wasn't so in days gone by or in this day, that when a man come to God, he had a purpose of doing it. If your purpose is just to drift with that congregation, or is it to look up toward God?

That to me is a really soul searching quote, which we read from Brother Branham. Makes you really want to think.

Now **Romans 13:1** ¶ *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

2 *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

3 *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*

4 *For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to [execute] wrath upon him that doeth evil.*

5 *Wherefore [ye] must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: (In another words, pay your taxes,) for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*

7 ¶ *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute [is due]; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

8 *Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

9 *For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

10 *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [is] the fulfilling of the law.*

11 ¶ *And that, knowing the time, that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now, [is] our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

12 *The night is far spent; the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light.*

13 *Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

14 *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Once More 63-1117 130 *Samson stood, thinking of his great victories. Let's look back and see the great early Pentecostal victories. You don't have to look plumb back two thousand years ago; just look back fifty years ago. And remember, the Roman Catholic church was first the Pentecostal church. And they say that the church was borned, and that the Roman church was borned at Nicaea, Rome. I want Scripture for that. The first church never begin at Nicaea, Rome. The first church begin in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. Oh, a victim of all the errors... Oh.*

131 *Then when he realized where he was standing, when he realized what would happen... As I said, I may never see you again. I don't know. This may be my last Message to you. I may, If the Lord permits, and I come back next year, we all won't be here. No. Some of us will be gone. And each time I must speak as if it was our last time; 'cause it is, some of us. It may be my last time. What a condition it is, an error. And if we would only stop like Samson did and think just a moment of what we are supposed to be by God's Bible.*

Not a great big something, not a going, keeping up with the Joneses, but a humble, reverent, Spirit-filled little group of people: not shining; glowing. Hollywood shines; the Gospel glows. See? We want something shiny, the biggest churches we've ever had. We'd be better off, we stood down at the alley, in a storeroom, and have the Spirit of God back on us again. That's right. Notice.

134 *And as he stood there and realized, and his hair had begin to grow out again; but he could not be effective, because he didn't have any eyes. And he cried, "Lord, revenge my eyes. They've put my eyes out." They're... Today I might say, the creeds... "They sent me to a seminary. And the call that was in my heart of the living God, they punched all that out of me, saying, 'Those things was for another age.'" "Revenge my eyes." What was Samson thinking? "There was a possibility. Perhaps... Jehovah's full of love. He... it might be possible that He would hear me." Oh, I wish I could get Samson to wake to that tonight. There is a possibility. He's full of love, forgiving the iniquity of His people from generation to generation, showing mercies to thousands that love Him and keep His commandments.*

138 *"There's a possibility," Samson thought, "if I'd only get revenge of my eyes. I can't see those things no more. They don't happen." We can't see the great Holy Spirit in our great organizations, moving like It did at the beginning. It's gone. See, it isn't there. It's blind and don't know it.*

See, it's just like Laodicea. Samson was ordained of God to be a judge, okay? That means a very important position, and he was to defend the beliefs of the Jews against all the heathens around about him.

But Samson got caught up into a lustful condition. Delilah, she's probably a very beautiful woman, had all kinds of earrings and all kinds of jewelry and everything to make her attractive. And I've always said, you don't really know a woman is attractive unless she's just herself. All these women with makeup on everything else, they don't look real, they look fabricated.

And it seems like many of the women today, they want to be a Max Factor. They've been sold a bill of goods that, hey, if you just use this, you look better. Listen, take all the stuff off, and you look fine. Probably look better. Do you ever see men? Well, you do see men wearing them today in the White House. But do you ever see men wearing makeup on their faces? They don't need it. They are who they are. So, women, just be yourself, okay? Just be yourself.

We can't see the great Holy Spirit in our great organizations, moving like It did at the beginning. It's gone. See, it isn't there. It's blind and don't know it. Jesus said it would be that way, this Laodicea church age. "Rich, say, 'I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing.' And don't know that thou art naked, blind, miserable, and poor, and don't know it." See, don't know it. Well, we had a slogan out, "1944, a million more," a certain organization. And though the ministry of great men, they've had a million more what? Joiners. That's right.

141 *He knew there was a possibility, but the thing of it is today, the people don't seem to come conscious that there is a possibility. They're satisfied to go right on down the old trend they're going. See, don't do that. Believe God. Have faith in Him. Now, they say... Oh, they, "We'll set tight." That's right. "We clap our hands, and everything, and shout." But you was all sails and no anchor. See? can you clap your hands and shout, and deny the Word being the Truth? How can you clap your hands and shout, and the Holy Spirit will walk among you, and then you say, "Oh, it's a telepathy. It's something; it's just not worth it"? See, see?*

144 *We have great gatherings, glitter, worldly tinsel, great meetings, and what do we get? More members. The Pentecostal church three years ago, put more members in it than all the rest of the churches did together. That was in "Our Sunday Visitor," the Catholic paper.*

"The Sunday Visitor" *said they had a million converts to Catholicism in that year, and said the Pentecostals had a million five hundred thousand. Yeah. Yes, sir.*

And let's face it, you think about so how many people are converted to Catholicism or those that were actually born that year. If you take a billion people, it's bound to be 100 million born. And so they sprinkle them. You're now catholic, okay?

All kinds of scholarship, men learned to talk in the schools, and say their speeches, intellectual, Hollywood showmen (Pardon the expression.), preaching

to a bunch of so-called Pentecostal grandchildren.

146 *God don't have no grandchildren. They come in. The old Pentecostal father and mother under an experience brought you in; and you just come into the church and set there, and automatically you was a Pentecostal? He don't have grandchildren. He only has sons and daughters. There's no grandchildren. You have to pay the same price, (You hear that, children?)*

You have to pay the same price, and get the same Holy Ghost that they did. You got to be a son and daughter, not a grandson and granddaughter. He's not an old dotty grandfather, soft, and lets his kids get by with anything, bless their little heart. He's God, the Eternal One. That's right. Sons and daughters...

I believe it is the love for things that divides the homes more than anything else in this Laodicean end-time. He's got to have his boy toys, his hot rod and new tires to match, and she's no better. She's got to have her gootchies and gotcha's and shoes and purses and other things to match. And they both are so material minded that they are never happy.

I tell you what this nation needs is a good old fashioned depression where you will appreciate a loaf of bread, and a can of beans. And we are going to get it too. Don't you think because you believe Brother Branham that you will be immune to it. Daniel was the Prophet, and he was still thrown to the lions. Paul was beheaded, Peter hung upside down.

Identified With Christ of All Ages 59-1220E 75 *Identify yourself with some movie queen and see where you'll be. Identify yourself with some cowboy or some teenager and see where you'll be. But I challenge you tonight; identify yourself with Jesus Christ in His death and His resurrection and see where you'll be at the resurrection. "For if we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him." God has given us the promise. And my whole desire is to be like Him. Take me, oh Lord, and mold me, and make me, shape me over again. And like the prophet that went down to the potter's house, break me up and remold me.*

76.. *In the Old Testament when a man wanted to be identified at the house of God, he took the most innocent thing he could find: a lamb. And he knowed the lamb was free from sin, 'cause it knowed no sin. And he went, and took the lamb, and put his hand upon its head, and confessed his sin; and by faith he transferred his sins on the lamb, and the innocence of the lamb back on him. And then the lamb died because it was a sinner. And the man lived by an act of faith of obeying what God said. But what did he do?*

He went right back out of the temple with the same desire he had when he come in, because when that blood cell is broken (which the life starts in one blood cell)... And when that blood cell was broken, the life of the lamb would not coincide or come back into the human life, because it was an animal life.

The man went out with the same desire he had; so therefore, he committed sins continually all the time again.

77 But there come a time when God made us an Example. And He gave us the Lord Jesus. And when a sinner puts his hands upon His precious head and confesses his sins, and his sins is transferred from the sinner to Jesus and the innocence of Jesus is transferred by the Holy Ghost back into that person; he's a new creature in Christ Jesus. That's where I want to be identified. The Bible said, "He knowing no sin, was made sin for us." The reason He suffered was for our sins. And it's no more than what is right, no more than our duties to look at these things and see that these desires that we have that God put in us, to create in us, to make us to want to be like Him.

How Can I Overcome 63-0825M 159 *If we suffer for Christ and His Word, we will reign with Him; for He is the Word. Remember, if we suffer for Him and His Word, we'll reign with Him in His Word.*

117-1 Smyrnean Church Age – Church Age Book Cpt 4 *Why does He stand by? The reason is in **Romans 8:17-18**, "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."*

Unless we suffer with Him, we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift.

A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic.

See, that's the problem that we have today. These people that are ruling and reigning are less than 1% of the population. But these people actually, they're not Christian people. We're being ruled by a group of people that are not Christian.

But power with character is fit to rule.

And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him.

And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

And that is the trouble with the people today, they don't want to suffer and without suffering, you will never develop any character. Don't you know yet that you destroy your kids by giving them everything you didn't have, growing up? Haven't we learned yet that you cannot buy a child love or favor?

Haven't we learned yet that if you spare the rod, you will spoil the child? And you wives that constantly want things, have you not yet learned that things will never substitute for what is real?

We have an expression, kind of a slang in this nation and it goes like this,... GET REAL! And that is what we need. We need that which is real, and alive, and able to respond back. But things will never substitute, for effort. Things will never substitute for kind words. Women can have your things, but all a real man wants, you can't buy. But there was an old cowboy song that said it all.

Oh give me a home,... where the buffalo roam, ... and the deer and the antelope play, ... where seldom is heard, a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day." There's a whole lot of meaning in that song, and I long for the day when I can look in my own home and not see things... But where I can look at my home and see the ones I love the most, when I was a bachelor, 20-some odd years ago, and yes to the women it probably was some odd years, but to me, I could pack everything I owned in my car and I was very content.

I didn't need the best furniture. My Living room had three pieces of outdoor furniture which cost perhaps \$15 - \$20 and I was happy. I didn't own a stereo, but I had an old cheap radio with a broken antenna and a tape recorder to listen to tapes, and that was all I needed. I still have that old radio in my office at work and I still listen to it for relaxation. I didn't need to have a fancy car, I had 4 wheels and got good gas mileage, and I was content.

And I believe what this nation needs more than anything else to get our attention back where it belongs is a good old-fashioned depression. And it's on its road as I speak. I have preached my heart out to the people, and I see less desire today for the things of God than I saw in you 20 years ago. The coming of the Lord is 40 years closer now that it was when you first began to search out God and yet you are so much further away from Him in your daily desires than you were 40 years ago.

And why is that? Because you are keeping up with the Joneses. Look at the average marriage today. 69 percent of them are dissolved, destroyed, and ended in divorce. And the major reason is materialism.

THINGS with a capital T and it rhymes with D as in Divorce. Couples get married with hardly a quarter between them and yet they could make an evening out of that quarter. My wife and I used to take a walk and scrape together everything we had to come up with a quarter to buy a can a soda pop and we would share that can because we were in love, and all I needed was her and all she needed was me. And that is how most marriages seem to start off, but then the incomes begin to increase as the burden of family comes along. And the man gets serious with his efforts to make a good living for his wife and kids.

Before you know it, the income is much better and the things begin to mount up and the house becomes full and the garage becomes full and the attic and the cellar become full and then you build your barns and as they fill up you suddenly realize, I was much happier when I had nothing except my wife in my arms and my children by my side. And I know that some of you brothers and sisters know that I am right.

Marriages dissolve because the two people get caught up into the RAT race. Not the human race, but the RAT race, and when you don't have enough room to move, the RATS begin to start eating one another. Then warfare breaks out and the divorces break forth, until perhaps 70 percent of marriages today are ending up in the Divorce courts. I had better shut up before I get run out of here.

But let me say this with all the seriousness that I know. You may remember me quoting Brother Branham a couple of years ago where he said in the Message PREPARATION. They are in the spirit of the last days. And God cannot send destruction before the people are in the spirit for destruction. God never did--never did destroy anything. Man, always destroys himself. And I believe that God cannot send that depression until the people are in the spirit of depression.

And with all that has gone on in the past number of years where the American people were robbed of their power in the voting booth. I believe the American people have this past three years gone from compulsion to obsession, and that as we know leads to fear, and then what is next? DEPRESSION.

And there you have it, that fear of what is coming and the lack of being able to do anything about it, and the American people standing by watching this rape of justice and the American way so forcefully thrown aside for what reason? Covetousness, nothing more, nothing less, Greed, Avarice, Covetousness. And here we stand at the threshold of the millennium and all we see is covetousness everywhere we look. Until the whole nation is caught up in this great example of what God meant when He said, *Thou shalt not Covet*. Look at how it has destroyed people's lives.

Look at all the lies, and name-calling and everything imaginable being done just for Greed. Simple Greed.

II Timothy 3:1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters- (an empty pretender) And they are, it says *proud* (showing oneself above others, overtopping, with an overweening estimate of one's means or merits, despising others or even treating them with contempt, haughty).

Just look at the way they have demeaned, men and women who want to stand for what is right. You can't be against abortion, or you are against women's rights. They call you all kinds of names. *blasphemers* (speaking evil, slanderous, reproachful, railing, abusive), *disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers* (Constantly breaking out from a truce, they cannot agree on anything), *false accusers* (look at all the Slanderer today, run for office of any kind and women of low morals will say they slept with you whether you never met them or not. It's your word against theirs, and the public believes the woman. And so, the people are ...

Incontinent -(without self-control) *fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors* (These men have taken an oath to uphold the constitution and yet look at what they have done to this country), *Heady* (Headstrong and reckless), *high minded* (to be puffed up with haughtiness or pride), *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*; and that about says it all.

And yet they have a fake piety, or self-righteousness about them. **5** *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power* (The Vindicated Word) *thereof: from such turn away*. And so, the Bible says stay clear of them.

Are we at the End Time? Did God say He would destroy the Covetous?

Now I'm just going to close here because I'm having trouble reading today actually, and I don't know what it is, but I just want to say, that all this stuff that we got our eyes on, get your eyes off of it, turn your eyes upon Jesus and all of these things should be added to you.

Let's just bow our heads in prayer.

Dear Father, we just thank You, Lord, for Your Word. I don't know what's happening, Lord, but I just know that I've said enough today. And Lord, I just believe that we're just focusing on Thee and help us, Lord, to just turn our lives over. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.