

Satan's Eden No 272
Love is God's Life Expressed
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Amen. Good to see you all back. Let's bow our heads in prayer.
Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, for Your word today. And I know it'll touch our hearts. So, Father, I just pray that You bless us, and may we take it with us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

Now, this morning we're going to preach from 272. Actually, I came out, changed the number, and everything else. I don't know why it didn't take. But anyway, so we're preaching from **272 of Satan's Eden**. And this is called **Love is God's Life expressed**.

This morning we will read from Brother Branham's sermon, **pp.25**

Satan's Eden PP.25. Brother Branham said, *Now, it took God six thousand years to establish it; plant it with good seeds, and to bring forth everything after its kind.* (So you wonder, if everything is good seeds, where did the seeds that weren't good come in? And we'll cover that in just a minute.) **Everything must come forth of its kind.** *All of His seeds were good,* (Why? Because they came out of God. God is good. Okay?) *and so it must bring forth after its kind. God took six thousand years.*

Now remember, 1,000 years of man is only a day of God. So two days ago you were healed, not 2,000 years ago, two days ago. Okay. In God's mind, that's a wonderful time because healing takes - like a stone being pulled out of a mountain... Getting the mountain to move, a stone at a time. Sometimes it takes a while, but just think of it. You were only healed two days ago. Two days ago. Wow. And we don't have patience. God does. All right.

Again in **Satan's Eden PP. 33** *God was so satisfied till He just went back and rested from all of His works. Every tree never brought forth thorns and thistles.* (So, we can see thorns are a result of the curse)

Imagine that. No thorns on a rose bush. No thorns on any tree. No briars, no thorns. Everything was in perfect condition, where it's going to be again. Why? Because it came out of the mind of God. It's perfect. Why would God make a rose bush and put thorns on it to prick you? It's such a beautiful thing. You want to touch it. Then you get your fingers slashed open because it's just like Brother Branham said about the cactus.

And I actually got my fingers slashed open like a razor blade with a cactus one time, and I was wondering, Why is this thing so prickly? And Brother Branham said there's no water. See, when you get lack the Holy Spirit in your life, you get prickly, okay? You say things, you do things that shouldn't be done. He said

*No berries ever come off of a thorn tree; **everything was perfect; all seeds were perfect.** (All seeds were perfect.) **Everything was in perfect condition.** (Why? Because they came from the mind of God, which is perfect.)*

*Then, when He went to take a little rest, **His enemy slipped in with deceit** and took it over by **misinterpreting** His program to His children.*

So, if you don't think he's doing the same today, you've got to be crazy. Because the devil always brings forth deceit to God's children. He doesn't care about people who aren't His children. They're already lost. They're already deceived. He's trying to deceive you, but he can't. You got the Holy Ghost.

Deceit is always taking a truth and changing it in some way into a lie.) Taking a truth, it might be 99% true, but that 1% makes it the greatest lie you have ever heard. Okay?

When He put trust in His own child, as you put trust in your daughter when she goes out at night with a man, when you put trust in your son when he has to go with a drinking boy or smoking boy (See?).

He put trust in His son that he would not do anything wrong, and would keep every Word that He said. But the enemy slipped in.

Satan used what God had taken from the man, his own wife, to get to him through her because she didn't listen to her own husband. She listened to another man because he was more pleasant to the eye.

Now think about that. The man was more pleasant to the eye, so he must be right. Because my husband's a dog, so he must be wrong. Okay? I mean, that's the way women are today. That's why there's all this marriage and divorce going on. Because the women are playing around. It's not the men. As much of it is the women. You know, maybe the rich men, but it's the women.

*Like that **greasy slicker** (in other words, his hair slicked back) **that would take out your daughter and misbehave himself, or some woman would go out with your son and the same thing. See?***

Have you ever noticed, and I don't mean to get into politics, but have you ever noticed the California governor, how slick back his hair is? He is a slicker. He's exactly what Brother Branham is talking about. And when he talks, you don't hear any truth come out of his mouth. All you hear is lies. And he can tell you a lie and then over here tell her a lie. And even though you're both sitting in the same room, he'll look at you, tell you a lie, and then he looks at her and tells her a lie. It's different.

He doesn't care if you think he just lied. He doesn't care because he's already done talking to you, so now he's talking to her. You see, that's the way it is.

I remember Bill Clinton doing that same thing in the morning on the East Coast. He talked to people a certain way and said certain things. In the Midwest, he said completely the opposite. I remember hearing that, and I thought, boy, these guys have no qualms about lying. Why? Because their father was the father of lies. Okay?

He slipped in; the enemy of God slipped in and misinterpreted the Word to Eve. (And the trouble is she believed what he had to say over her own husband.)

Satan's Eden pp. 45. *If you're a genuine son, you'll listen to your daddy. And a genuine son or daughter of God takes God's Word first.* (Not second. First. If you are not a genuine child of God, the world will be so tempting.)

I don't care what anybody else says about it; they take God's Word first. There's poison in the cup, and they believe it. They believe it. But the bride can't. She is made not to.

Having faith in all His Word, His Seed, brought an Eden of holiness, love, and Eternal Life. That's what God's Eden produces: holiness, and it brought an Eden of holiness, of love, understanding, perfection, and Eternal Life.

That's what God's planning: His Word, His Seed. That's what His Church will be at the end. It'll be the same thing.

And listen, when he says His church, he's not talking about all the people in the message. He's talking about those who have the Holy Ghost. Those who have the Holy Ghost cannot be deceived.

First Corinthians, the second chapter. *Without the Spirit of God in you, you can't understand the things of God.* So how do you expect 2 million people who say they're following the message to believe what Brother Branham said? They don't. It just goes in one ear and out the other. They're still mixed up in all their old religious beliefs from years ago.

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That's what God's planning: His Word, His Seed, that's what His Church will be at the end time. Notice, here's a thought. Don't forget it. I'll get to it some other time, or some other message, but you know, God said, "Let every seed bring forth of its kind." Is that God's commandment?

If there's one verse of Scripture that you should memorize back and forth and understand, it's that one. It's **Genesis 1:11**. Brother Branham spoke six and a half hours on that verse. **The Spoken Word is the Original Seed**. And he went to **Genesis 1:11**. *Every seed will bring forth after its kind*. You see, a man who's a thug, he's got a certain seed in him. All right? There are children of God and children of the devil.

*Now, what good is any preacher or anybody else try to **make that Word say something else**? (That is why we are commanded to say what God has said. Not make up our own way of believing.)*

Well, my way of believing is just to push-play, just to listen to the prophet when the Bible says that there won't be perfection of the saints until what? He said, The five-fold ministry will be here until the perfection of the saints and belief in the Son of God and the understanding of the Son of God. Does everybody understand the Son of God in His role? No. Why? How do I know that? - Because we're still here.

*Now, what good is any preacher or anybody else try to **make that Word say something else**? See? Every Word of God is a Seed (Jesus said so), a seed a Sower sowed.*

*So if **Mark 16** is God's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind.* (What's His kind? Healing. Mark 16 will bring forth healing.) *If **Malachi 4** is God's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind.*

What is Malachi 4? Is it just that God sent a prophet? Or is it that God sent a prophet until we all come to an understanding of the fathers, the same understanding that they had that Jesus Christ was a Son of God, and that we are born again by the Spirit of God. That same understanding, that's what Malachi 4 is.

And every other promise must bring forth of its kind.

Of course, God used a man. But Brother Branham said the Elijah of this day is the Lord Jesus Christ. So I know there are people who say, Well, Brother Branham is the voice of God. No. Brother Branham was a man, but he spoke the voice of God. The voice of God is the word of God. He said, I can't say anything but what Paul said. So Brother Branham had restrictions on what he could say. And the angel of the Lord that came to him had restrictions on what he could say. If any man or any angel says anything different, he's cursed. All right.

The Masterpiece 64-0705 *At the harvest time, the Seed is back to its original condition, and must have all of the Word in order to be the Seed.*

Now, you can't have a half of seed; it won't grow. See? It's got to be the whole Seed. (And you can't have half the truth. Anything other than that whole truth is a lie.) I don't care if it's 1%, it's still a lie.

*It's got to not manifest, say, "I believe in baptism of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah. I believe speaking in tongues." **That's just part of the Seed.** Uh-huh. But now, **there's added to that-Hallelujah.***

See? - **the Life**, not the gifts. (Now, Brother Branham said I just have a gift. And the gift was to get the people to believe. What? Believe the Word. What word? The doctrine he taught. But they don't want the doctrine. They just want the gift. And Brother Branham said, that's not the life. All right, so the life is not the gift.)

(And teaching and preaching are gifts) **The Life** of the gifts. (He said the doctrine – the seed - produces the Life. You see, if you got the right teaching, got the right preaching, it will produce a life, because you have the right Holy Ghost. The correct Holy Ghost. God's Spirit.) See? See what I mean? *We're at the end time, brethren.*

Stalk, tassel, husk is dead and dried now. There's only one thing that has to happen to that, it's to be gathered in the World Council of Churches for its burning.

Now, this morning I would like to look at this thought where Brother Branham has spoken to us about the essentiality of having all the Word. And then he hones in that the seed must produce **the Life**.

There are a lot of people who got the doctrine, and so do Pentecostal churches. I know a church and a whole school, they teach that there's one God, and He had a Son. But they have it wrong.

Now, the first thing he said was that we have to be able to stand alone like Jesus had to stand alone. I know it's hard for people, but listen, even in this church, okay, most of you are driving 45 to 60 miles. Some are driving 30, some are driving 25. Some are like me, I walk here. Okay?

But around the world, we have over 300 families following this church, following this ministry, and they're alone. Everywhere, they're alone. That's God's way of training you to trust Him instead of other people. It's easy to get into a group and do what the other group wants you to do. That's why kids who go to school end up getting perverted, because they're not listening to the Holy Spirit. They're listening to their friends. Their friends are going to hell. They're going to burn.

God wants us alone. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego. They were alone. Daniel, he was alone. Joseph, he was alone. Paul was alone. You see, you just have to understand God's ways to get you alone so He can deal with you. He doesn't want you to deal with all these other people. That's why you're in your condition, that you are. All right?

We don't have a Social Church of America, okay? You can go and get one of those with 10,000

people. And you know they'll milk you to death financially. But that's not what it's about. It's not about social activities. It's about living your life as Christ would live it in you.

Now, the first thing he said was that we have to be able to stand alone like Jesus had to stand alone. And that I believe we are willing to do, but then what about the Life, because it comes right down to the Life.

You see, Jesus said, I am the Life. In fact, he said, *my words are Spirit, and they are Life*. And you know what? Everybody left Him. And there were 12 people standing there. His 70 of his closest associates, they left him, too. And he was standing there with 12. One of them was the devil. And He said, will you go also? And Peter said, *where can we go? You alone have the words of eternal life*. And then Jesus said, yeah, *but one of you is the devil*.

Isn't that a compliment? And yet it was a truth they didn't understand till later. And then they all left him. Even Peter denied him three times. And they all left him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Yeah, in the garden, when they came in to grab Jesus, they fled. You've got to stand alone. You're tried and tested by standing alone.

We have people praying for each of us. Every one of us is getting prayed for on a regular basis. And whenever you have a real need, we put it forth to the people around the world, and they pray, and we're seeing results, dramatic results. So it's not like you are alone. Like Elijah said to Gehazi, when Gehazi said, hey, we're all alone. Look at all this army around us. He said, yeah, but you don't...He said, Lord, would you open his eyes? And he saw thousands of angels encamped about him. He said, Wow, I guess we're not alone. We just can't see it. But it's here. It's just as real as I'm sitting here. Okay.

The main thing is, do you have the New Birth by the Word, or do you have a birth to a social experience? Well, I went to church, I spoke in tongues, I went to church, I danced in the aisle, I went to church, I ran up and down, shouted, and everything else. That's not it. But the word of God is.

Have you been born again by the Word of God, which lives and abides forever? That's what the Bible says. That's **1 Peter 1:23**. *Have you been born again by the word of God which lives and abides forever*, or have you not?

Anyone can quote Brother Branham and say they believe, but you could say they believe. There are 2.5 million people who quote Brother Branham and say they believe Brother Branham. And, you know, 2.5 million people, Brother Branham said, were actually following Moses. Many places have 2 million. But I came across a place the other day, he said, 2.5 million.

The same yesterday, today, and forever. And yet only two went in. Moses didn't even get to go because of his disobedience. Now, he did see it later, and he will go back again. But you

just can't mess around and say, well, I believe it today, I don't believe it tomorrow.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

So do you have the new birth by the Word? Was there something about this word, this message that you heard? And you said, That's right. That's exactly right. And it kind of quickened you, and it made you alive to other scriptures.

Have you been born again by the Word of God, which lives and abides forever?

Anyone can quote Brother Branham and say they believe, but you could say they believe everything that Brother Branham said, and that means nothing if the Life is not there.

Now, I've met many con artists in this message. Many. I've met many preachers who are con artists in this message. Many. One had a garbage can in his house, and he labeled it "spot." So when an old woman in the church made him a pie, he threw it in the garbage and wouldn't eat it. Threw the pie in. And then when she asked him how it was, he said, Oh, it hit the spot. Now, that's a lie. And yet they thought, Oh, that's cute. Well, you know what? The devil's a slicker. He's cute. The beast was bigger than Adam. He was cute. She believed what the beast said, but she didn't believe what her old, ruddy husband said.

The Token 63-0901M P:103 Brother Branham said; *Don't just come this far, say, "I believe the message."* (Now this is Thus Saith the Lord. He said,) **You obey the message. Come into Christ.** You say, *"Oh, I believe every word you said, Brother Branham. That's good. But **that is just being able to read.**"*

Now, I'm glad there are 2.5 million people who say they believe the message. At least they've come out of something, *but **that is just being able to read.***

So we got 2.5 million people in the world out of 8 billion who can read. The rest of them are ignorant. But he said,

*Take the Message; take it into your heart, that you must have the Token, **the very Life*** (Oh, there it is), **the very Life that was in Christ, be in you.** (What's the Life of Christ? The Holy Ghost.) ***"When I see that, I will pass over you."***

The token isn't some strange thing that only a certain group in this message has. It's the Life of God.

Now, listen, if there is a church in this world that should understand the doctrine, it is Brother Vayle's church and those churches that have aligned themselves with his understanding of this Message.

Because Brother Branham said that if you have any questions concerning this message, ask Lee Vayle. Okay? That's what he said.

But Brother Vayle has told me on more than one occasion, "*There are people here who have it but do not have it*".

Even Brother Joseph made a comment to a friend of mine that there are only about eight people in the message who believe in the tent. Only eight. And yet, Brother Branham went to his grave saying, it still will happen. I believe God. The visions don't fail. Now, you might not understand it, but the visions don't fail. It'll be here, and you will know it when it happens, because God interprets His word by bringing it to pass. So we don't know if it's physical, if it's spiritual. We don't know. But we do know there'll be a tent in a dimension, all right?

And that is true for just about everywhere. They have it up here (mentally), but they don't have it where it counts in their heart. They don't have a life produced by Revelation.

(And Brother Branham said in his sermon,) **Getting In the Spirit 61-0428 P:47** *I don't care if the man's wrong.* (We've got to stop right here because this is a correction for everybody.)

*I don't care if the man's wrong. If he's wrong and **sincere** in his heart, and you're right in your belief, and **you're wrong in acting the way you're acting.***

I'd rather be in his place than be in yours. That's right. I'd rather be wrong in my doctrine and right in my heart. God **will respect it more.** So, if a man is wrong, what of it? Help him. He needs help. Love him. (That's all we can do: Just love him.)

So, you don't tell a man he is wrong if he preaches, and he should only listen to the tapes, just say what the prophet said, but don't try to say he is not a believer for being true to his heart.

I mean, there are a lot of doctrines that are false out there, but you don't castigate those people because that's all they know. That's all they've been taught. All they've been taught is Push & Play. That's the false doctrine. Brother Branham never said it.

Seven Thunders. They've been taught that. Don't blame those people for believing that. We've had a whole house full of Seven Thunders people in our house. 40 people who were on their way back to New York, and we entertained them. We acted just as if they were brothers, because they are. And they believe in holiness and different things. Look, even Pentecostals who believe in holiness and things like that, I welcome them. I don't castigate them.

Say, well, they're just Pentecostal. As if they're just an inferior type of person. I don't believe that. That's racist. Actually. That's God, race versus the other race. Okay, that's racist.

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Don't try to say, well, he's not really a believer. We're the only real believers because we Push & Play. And they don't Push & Play, so they're not really true believers. Don't say that the prophet just said it. Don't say that. That's your doctrine. That's not God's doctrine. All right?

If you really love this Message, you don't try to shut up everyone from talking about it. You encourage them to say what the prophet said, because he said. Say what the prophet said, okay? Say what I say. If you can't love your enemy the same as you love those who love you, you're no better than the publicans. Now, I think we've all been there at one time or another where we were growing, and we're young in our experience with God, and we kind of cast people off because they didn't believe the same. But the reason why I went overseas is because I hated that spirit. I hated to hear the brothers say, "Well, they're not believers," and only people within 50 miles of here or so believe. And I hated that spirit. And I said, "God has children everywhere". So I'm going to go out. I don't know how I'm going to do it (go out) because I don't have the finances to do it. I'm going to go out and do it, and I'm going to share the doctrine with them. And you know what? God blessed it everywhere, all right? Because my heart was right.

Now, I went to some places, and in Uganda, we had invited 60 ministers, and 260 showed up. Of course, they were all saying I was preaching two gods. I've never preached two gods in all my life. Never. Why would I preach two Gods? Well, except for this. There is a god of this world that's a god, okay? But that's a small g, all right? So you got God, Elohim, Jehovah, Who dwelled in Christ. Then you have the god of this world. So I guess you're the ones who are saying it, because your god is the other god.

Anyway, but all I say is they were fighting over a doctrine. I was trying to teach them that there's a Life that comes out of a doctrine, and they were fighting that Life.

Now, Brother Branham said, ***If you can't love your enemy the same as you love those who love you, you're no better off than the publicans.*** Wow, that's a strong statement.

That's right. That's what the Church has failed to get. I hope you get it tonight. I hope you see what I'm talking about.

It's like in a Marriage, you shouldn't trash what your spouse is doing just for what he's doing, because you would do the task differently. You wouldn't have done the same thing the same way.

Well, I know how to do it. You don't know how to do it. Listen, you asked me to do this, I'm going to do this. Please don't tell me how to do this, because I have my way of doing it. You have your way of doing it.

Brother Branham said there were never two prophets on earth at the same time. Not that they wouldn't believe the same, but they would do things differently. They'd have a different way of doing it. You're like a flower, you know, a rose and a different type of flower. They're not the same, but they, combined, really make a beautiful presentation. You see, that's what we are as His children. We're all different. Every one of us is different. I hope and pray that we can come to a place where we realize that we don't have to be often exclusive from one another, but that we have a word in us.

I'm not afraid to talk to a Pentecostal or Baptist or Lutheran or Catholic even. I know what I believe and what they do not believe. In fact, I have probably as many Catholic friends as I do in this message because **I should say relatives**, because my whole clan was Catholic. And I love them. They're very nice people.

So we shouldn't just think we're high and mighty like the Pharisee did. But what they believe doesn't affect me, all right? They can believe things that affect their salvation and won't affect mine. But I said, like in marriage, okay? So if the husband tells the wife, take out the trash, and she takes it out, he says, Well, you didn't do it the way I said.

Like the man who said, Fix me some eggs. You remember the story? And she fixed the eggs. He got them, and he said to her, That ain't the way I want them. And he threw the whole thing on the ground. He said, That ain't the way that I want them. What does she do? Bicker and holler, and get the rolling pin, and hit him over there? No, she started praying and singing. She cleaned them up, and she said, I don't know what's going through his mind. Well, what was going through his mind? He was testing his wife, and she passed the test. But a lot of husbands test their wives, and they don't pass the test. All right?

You should be thankful that the husband fixed the eggs. You can say, well, okay, I'll eat them. And I know maybe she did make them. Instead of an omelet, she made scrambled eggs. You know, who knows? I mean, who knows how she fixed it? Maybe she did it over easy, and it was too easy, or maybe it was too hard. We don't know. But there's nothing to fuss about. Most things that go on in marriages and in families, kids with kids, are nothing to fuss about. Why are you fussy? Because you want to be different. You want your way. Well, then you don't want it God's way. *Let go and just let God.* Okay?

God is a God of variety. Opposites attract. I mow the lawn a certain way. If my wife comes out and she has, she'll mow it up and down. I'll mow the big section out here in a big circle and just keep going out and out and out until I get the whole thing. Why? I don't know. It's just the way I do it. Is it wrong? Nope. Is it right? Not really. It's just the way I do it. Okay.

Am I wrong to do certain things around the house a certain way? No, it's just the way I do it. Men are from Mars. Women are from Venus. Okay? Men think in a certain confined area, or they don't think at all. They relax. And women are thinking all the time about 10, 15 different other items. And they clash. They clash because you're not doing it the way I would do it. Well, God is a God of variety, so just chill.

Remember, *let go and let God*. Remember that phrase? Brother Branham used it? *Let go and let God*. You get your angst up. *Let go and let God*.

And again in the sermon, **Godhead explained 61-0425B P:40** *I said, "now, I do not take either side with you brethren..."*(See, getting a squabble, kids. Mom and dad aren't supposed to take one side or the other. They just come in. They don't take sides with you, brother.)

...and I know, as long as you fuss, you're both wrong (See?). (Wow. Not he's wrong, she's wrong, you're both wrong. Why? Because you're fussing. Okay?) *because I would rather be wrong in my doctrine and right in my heart, than to be right in my doctrine and wrong in my heart.*" See? *I said, "After all, it's your heart's condition."* (It's not your doctrine's condition. It's your heart's condition. Can I accept the message with a right heart, or do I not?)

And so it is the same in Marriage. A man does things the way he knows to do them. He was raised up doing things a certain way. And a woman does things in the way she understands to do them. She was raised a certain way. He might make his eggs a certain way, and she might make her eggs a certain way. Now you're both eating eggs, so why fuss about it? Why do you get mad about it? You see, I'm not saying my wife's mad about it. I'm just saying that's what happens. It's just the little things creeping in. It's the devil. Don't you realize it? It's the same devil that wanted to split Adam and Eve.

And they are both entitled to do things in their own way. So I don't step in and say, Well, no, you're not cooking it the way you should be cooking it. No, I can't tell my wife how to cook. She's a better cook than I am. All right. I wouldn't do that.

I wouldn't enter in and say, well, you ought to make it a certain way and put a little sauce in this. I don't care. I can put the sauce on after she's made it.

And the same way in the church. There are more ways to do something than one. (Oh, my goodness. Have you ever heard that there are more ways to skin a cat? Yeah.) That is why God never had two prophets on the scene at the same time.

They both believe the same thing, but the ways they do it might conflict with each other. And if you can't allow others to get the job done without telling them how to do it, you are a dictator (and you don't even realize it), a tyrant, and not a spouse. The same way in the church.

Brother Branham said, *And I made that a practice to know this, that if a man, no matter what he does, **no matter what he does** and how much he differs, and **what he says about me**, if in my heart, not from just a duty, but from my heart I can't love that man as well as I love anyone else, then I know there's something wrong in here. See? Now, think about that. Don't just say that was for him. (He's a prophet. He's got to be that way. And I don't have to be that way. You're wrong if you think that.) That is for you as well.*

Now, God is Love, and so if we have His Spirit living and abiding in us, then we ought to possess God's own Love in our vessels as well.

If you're having trouble loving a brother or a sister, why don't you ask God to pour His love through you for that person? And you watch what happens. It'll take over. It'll completely transform the way that you look at that person. I know I did it one time. It almost... I couldn't contain the love of God.

And the Apostle Paul said, **2 Corinthians 5:14** *For the love of Christ constraineth us*, and if Love constrains us, or restrains, then we must know what it means to be constrained by

The word constrain means **1. To compel**: so, the love of God compels us. **2. Confine**: the love of God confines us. In other words, I'm no longer thinking outside the box with this person. I'm thinking about the love of God and what God would do in this situation. **3. Inhibit or restrain**; In other words, it holds my tongue back from saying slashing things. So it *holds back*:

In other words, the word constrain speaks of a force that governs our behavior in a forceful way, for some purpose greater than ourselves. Love actually puts a restraint on some of your behaviors. Actually, it puts a lot of constraints on your tongue.

And if we are talking about the Love of God, then it is our Love for God that constrains us. Paul said, *the love of Christ constraineth us*. Not just any love, but the Love of Christ is what constrains us.

This love of Christ is what causes us to do what we normally would not do. You don't like the way he or she does something. Bite your tongue and allow it. At least they are not doing nothing.

And if they do nothing? That's kind of a double negative. Have you ever thought it is in answer to your picking apart everything they do? In other words, he's not doing anything because I always pick on him when he does something, always. Can't do anything, but I'm going to pick at it. Then he quits doing stuff. He becomes docile. I don't want to step on her toes. I'm just not going to do anything. She can do it all because she does it right. See?

Who wants to do anything if everything gets criticized? Who wants to spread this message of God's love to someone if you're going to pick them apart with their doctrine? Oh, your

doctrine's wrong here. Your doctrine's wrong there. You don't believe this. You do this. No. Just take it one step at a time. Get the love of Christ in their heart, all right? And it's got to be in your heart to get it to their heart.

Like the old adage, "If you don't like it, do it yourself." And we are supposed to be partners.

You don't see a business partnership lasting very long if one partner criticizes everything the other partner does. If either one of the partners criticizes everything the other partner does, that partnership will not last another minute. They'll take their money, and they'll go. They'll let somebody buy them out and say, you can have 50% because I can't handle this person.

For God so loved the world that He gave. We are supposed to learn to give of ourselves. But if you're holding to your position and not giving the other person their position, you're not loving. All right? And letting go of your comments is one way to give. I'm going to give him silence.

In fact, Brother Vayle went to Brother Branham and asked him if he could seek a vision from God so he would have the same love of God that he saw in Brother Branham. That happened. I think every one of us would probably do the same thing if we had that relationship.

Brother Branham told him, "**Lee, you do have the Love of God**". Then Brother Branham explained to him because Brother Vayle said, "*I don't understand*". Brother Branham said that the Love of God constrains you to do what you would not normally do, but you do it because of your Love for God. You love God so much that you do it.

That is why Paul explains to us what Love is and gives us the attributes of what makes up this Love of God as he explains in **1 Corinthians 13:4, Love suffereth long,**

That's the very first thing Paul says. **Love suffereth long.** Well, are you suffering long? I don't think so. Because if you were, you'd be filled with the love of God. But when you can't stand what somebody else is doing, that's not suffering right there. All right.

In other words, Love is patient. So what does that mean, "**love is patient**"? It means that Love is willing to bear or endure pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance with calmness.

Come on, are we all calm people? No. You are not patient if you are an angry person. But patience is marked by a calm demeanor. A relaxed demeanor. So what if he disagrees with me on what the Token is, right? So what? I believe it this way. You can believe it whatever way you want to. That's your privilege. But you have to answer to God for not believing what the prophet says. That's all.

(In other words, if you really truly understood that) "**God is working all things together for the good of those that Love God and are the called according to His Purpose,**" (not our purpose

but His purpose). God doesn't do things after your purpose. He does them after His own purpose.

Then you will trust that whatever happens is going to work together for your good. I'm so sick and tired of being sick. I've got this, and I've got that. And why isn't God answering my prayer? Well, maybe it is one pebble at a time, and you're not aware of it. I know there are certain things with me and my illness that I've had that God is working out one pebble at a time. I see it, and I say, thank you, God, for healing me two days ago, just two days. I've got the patience for another day or two. Hopefully, I won't have to live 2000 years more in this flesh. All right. Then you don't get angry and lose your temper when things don't go your way.

You don't get angry and shoot off your mouth when things don't seem to be going the way you had hoped for them to go. I was hoping to go into old age and just click my heels, jump up in the air, and click my heels and just be healthy and everything else. And that's not the way it's gone. I have struggles in the flesh. And there are other saints who had struggles in their flesh. Other saints had the same thing.

But rather, you are patient because you are trusting in God to be in control even though you are not in control of your illness.

You don't get all upset when the doctor tells you what you don't want to hear, do you? Then why do you women get upset when your husband tells you something you do not want to hear?

Only a respecter of persons does that, and a respecter of persons is a hypocrite. Because they have two different modes of conduct for two different kinds of people.

You've all seen it. A woman will treat an employee a certain way, then her boss comes in, and she says, "Oh, isn't this a great day?" And everything else and just butters up to the...Listen, that's a hypocrite.

You hear all sorts of stories about how a woman manager or supervisor berates the people she has authority over, but as soon as the boss comes near, she talks so gently and nicely. They change their tone of voice because they know it is wrong. You wouldn't change it if you didn't know it was wrong.

James 1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers testings; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and **upbraideth not**; and it shall be given him.*

God doesn't upbraid. No, but I can do it. I don't think so. If you're like Christ, so take that out of your vocabulary. You're not going to upbraid anybody.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Now we used to say, Well, that means he's a Democrat one day, a Republican another day. He's unstable. It means if you have something in your life, whatever it is, that you treat this person differently than you treat this person, you are a double-minded man, so just let it go. You treat everybody the same. I don't care, black, white, yellow, green, whatever. They could be from Mars, I don't care. Treat them all the same with respect. Okay,

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive anything.

If I've got a grudge, - anything. Brother Branham said, "**Grudges will hold you out.**" Why would you want to hold on to something that's going to hold you out? Get rid of it. It's unpacking time. We talk about unpacking physical things. I've got to get rid of this and this. There's just too much clutter in my life. What about unpacking spiritual things, huh?

Have you ever thought about that? Unpacking my hatred, unpacking my anger, unpacking my whatever. Just unpack.

8 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. (That's the hypocrite? He doesn't know if he is coming or going.)

And you don't know if you're a hypocrite. You don't know if you're speaking so sweet, sweet to this one, and you're not speaking nicely to this one.

You don't know it. You're not aware of it, or you wouldn't be doing it. But if you can look at yourself in the mirror and see if you could look from other eyes and see yourself the way that you treat people, whether it's good or whether it's bad or if it's both, and realize I shouldn't be doing that, that's what it'll take.

And the Apostle Paul said, in **Romans 5:1** *Therefore being justified by Revelation* (by Faith), *we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

2 By whom also we have access by Revelation into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

So we've got grace. We understand by revelation that we have grace for ourselves, but we

won't give it to somebody else. Huh? You ever are that way. No grace for you. But God, please give me grace.

2 By whom also we have access by Revelation into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

The word Glory means the Doxa of God, the Opinions, Values, and Judgment.

3 And not only so, but we glory in testings also...

That's such a joke. I mean, not the word as a joke. It's our attitude, our reaction to that scripture isn't that funny. We glory in the testings. We glory when we're sick. We glory when our husband doesn't do it exactly the way we want it. We glory when our grandchild does this or does that.

...but we glory in testings also: knowing that testings work within us patience;

4 And patience produces experience; and experience produces hope:

So the more trials you get, the more patience you get when you get another trial. And then God builds up your character through the patience of going through those trials. You understand? The test isn't because God is mad at you. The test is to make you right where you're not right now, but you're supposed to be.

5 And hope which is an earnest expectation maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I remember this is a long time ago, almost 50 years. But I remember standing there and telling people about who my wife would be. That church was mad at me because I was going to marry somebody outside that church, okay? And I was always bringing up my wife. She's so beautiful. She does this. She believes the message. She does all these things. And they were so mad at me because it wasn't somebody from among them.

I'll never forget that. I kind of laughed at it. I thought, what are they getting mad about? I met somebody I love. I met somebody that I want to be with. And they're mad because I'm putting her above somebody else from church. I don't understand people. They get mad over the stupidest little things.

So, we see that Patience works into us experience, which shapes our character, and it produces in us an earnest expectation that is never ashamed because of the Love of God which the Holy Ghost has placed within us.

Now, we are looking at the attributes of this Christ-given Love that Paul speaks of here. And he said, First of all, it suffers long. Wow. Just stop and read First Corinthians 13 again, one word at a time. Love suffers long, okay? Am I suffering long? Well, I'm not. So I've got to. I've

got to *let go and let God*. And he said, it suffers long. That's the very first thing.

It is patient. Well, that's the second thing. It suffers long, and it becomes patient. It suffers long, and it becomes patient. You don't get patience first, and then you suffer long. You suffer long, then you get patience. And that means it remains calm even under trials and testing.

You think Noah was pulling out his hair when he sat in the ark for seven days? You don't want to go home. And God says, there's a time for it. It'll happen today.

Remember, it's within a thousand years a day. It'll happen today sometime, but be patient. Just be patient. Can you imagine his kids saying, Dad, open that door. I'm suffocating in here. All these animals and stuff. I need fresh air. Patience endures, okay?

And next he says, *"And this Love is kind."* Wow. Suffers long. It becomes patient. Now it expresses itself in being kind, even to brothers. Now, that is one attribute of love that I wish there were more of in the followers of this message. Just be kind to one another. You might disagree. So what? Be kind. We're going to agree to disagree, right? At least we're agreeing on something. We agree to disagree, right? All right.

Now, the word "kind" means: *a friendly, generous, or warm-hearted nature*. I wish everyone were that way. Wouldn't life be super grand? We wouldn't even be looking for the Millennium because we would be living in it. But that's what's going to be there.

2. *It means: Showing sympathy and understanding; charitable: 3. Humane; considerate: 4. Forbearing; tolerant.*

Why do you think Abraham always fed the people who helped him in war or whatever? You know, the five Kings said, Is there anything we can do? Or the King of Sodom, he said to Abraham, for sparing his city, for saving his nephew Lot, and he had defeated the four Kings. He said, Is there anything we can do for you? Anything we can pay you?

He said, no, just feed those that helped thee. Just feed them, okay? That's all you've got to do. A way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Just feed him, all right? You want to change the marriage around. Just make sure the husband's fed.

2. *Showing sympathy and understanding; charitable: 3. Humane; considerate: 4. Forbearing; tolerant.*

I only wish there were more people expressing this Love of Christ because the whole world is in need of this kindness. You notice today, people are just so unwilling to disagree without getting violent. You notice that? In politics, it's terrible. One wants to nuke the other. The other wants to nuke them. I mean, it's just, it's absolutely horrendous. This world is just terrible. And when one tries love, they get beaten up and whatever.

Now, this does not mean that you become a patsy or let people walk all over you. I was taught as a young man, If someone wants to fight, just walk away. Even when I took karate, and we would have our things, and I actually did pretty well, for I would actually take on the black belt. And I would last about five minutes with him. But he always said, Don't get into a fight. What you do is you use this move to deflect him, get him off his balance, and then take off. Run, get out of the way.

Because you don't know you could hurt the person so seriously that you would go to jail, not him. So just learn defense, learn the way to do things, and just stay away. So you get in an argument. The best thing to do is just take a ride, go up, just be gone, put some distance until things cool down.

I only wish there were more people expressing this Love of Christ because the whole world is in need of this kindness. Now, this does not mean, like I said, you become a patsy. You don't have to agree with them, just walk away from them.

Remember, Jesus said, dust your feet from that town that rejected the word. Well, you don't say, Lord, send down lightning upon them. He told the disciples, when they said that, You don't know what kind of spirit you got. He said, here's what you do. You just dust your feet. I'll do the fighting. If you don't fight, I will fight for you, and God will do it right. Okay?

No, it does not mean that you don't have to hold to your principles, but you can do it in the right way, and that is to be friendly and warm-hearted, and to show sympathy and understanding. You know, they say if you're hurting inside, you hurt others. That's the way the people who hurt are usually the ones who hurt themselves. So understand that and realize they're hurting. Then you treat them differently.

This idea of people talking to one another in an abrasive and abusive way is just not right. Really, there is no reason for it. And why do people do it? I really don't know. I think they are afraid of being wrong. But you know what? We're trained up in America to be that way. If somebody steps on my toes, I'll step back. I'll step on him.

Now, the next attribute of the Love of Christ that Paul tells us is "*Love does not envy.*" I mean, even Brother Branham said to poor Little Joseph, he was 10 years old when Brother Branham died, so he might have been 8 at the time. And Brother Branham said, I don't want you fighting with the neighbor. Well, he did me. He stepped on my toes. I'm going to step back.

And Brother Branham said, No, you're not. You're representing the Kingdom. You're representing our family. I don't want you acting that way. What way are you supposed to act? Turn the cheek. All right? If somebody hates you, what does the Bible say? It says "*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*" I don't want you to hate me. I want you to love me. Then I have to love you first.

Now, this is important because envy is defined as: Paul says, love does not envy. Envy. Well, this person has more of this, and this, and this than I have. So what? You can't take it with you. So they're in the same condition. Only temporarily, they have something that they're not going to have pretty soon. You understand? Things are just things. Your spirit is what you take with you. Your nature, Brother Branham said.

So, envy is defined as: *A feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by and in conjunction with a desire for the possessions or qualities of another.*

And the Scripture commands that we shall not covet thy neighbor's goods, or his wife, etc. And that happens all the time.

You see, Love does not look at others for what they have. That is why the Love of Christ is color blind. And even David coveted another man's wife, and he paid for it.

When I was in Uganda – East Africa, there was a lot of talk among the young Ugandan ministers of white man this and white man that. And I really hate that kind of talk.

To me, I do not see my brothers in Africa as anything less than sons of God, and I do not hold stereotypes of them or their race. I do not think in terms of color. The only thing I think is, “Do they love this Word?” That's what matters to me. Do they love this word? To me, race is a four-letter word. Do you use four-letter words? Well, get it out of your vocabulary. Race is a four-letter word. It's bad to think of people by the color of their skin. What does that have to do with their soul or their spirit?

Perhaps I can't explain it to you, but when I think of my Brothers all over Africa and their love for the same Doctrine of Christ that I have, it just helps me to see Brothers in Christ, and I am totally color blind. I can't see anything else.

So love does not envy. Love is not discontent, and love shows no resentment of others. It just doesn't.

Now, that is not to say that love will not show disappointment when someone pulls a deal or lies to you. Those are evils that Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for. But Love does not envy.

“And Love does not boast, Love is never proud.” You can't say, well, at least I believe this and I believe that. And the others don't. No, love is not proud. I feel sorry for them that they don't see what I'm seeing, because it's glorious. It's glorious to me to know the relationship that Jesus had with His Father is the same relationship God has offered to me. It's a glorious thing to know that it's nothing to fight over.

So love does not envy. Love is not discontent, and love shows no resentment of others. It just doesn't.

Now, that is not to say that love will not show disappointment. As I said, when someone pulls a deal. Those are evils that Jesus spoke about.

“And Love does not boast. Love is never proud.” Self-pride is what boasting is all about, and it is not a good thing. We used to have an expression when I played sports, and that is this:

“You never have to boast if you are good at what you do, for others will do your boasting for you”.

I'm sure. Who's that quarterback who won the Super Bowl seven times? Tom Brady. Tom Brady doesn't have to brag about Tom Brady. Everybody else brags about Tom Brady. What he's done. I think it more or less humbles him when people talk that way. And that's true.

It's like a man came to me when I was playing with the Minnesota Vikings. I was going up to the practice field, and the man had two sons there. And he said, can I get your autograph? And I said, why would you want my autograph? I just kick a pigskin. I said I should get your autograph because you're raising two kids. That's what it should be.

And that is true. But those who are not really sure of themselves are the ones who do the most boasting. Why? - To put themselves up another notch. All right, you want to go up another notch in the message, just cut down everybody else. That's what we think. No, - if you want to get another notch up, humble yourself, and God will exalt you. Brother Branham did it all the time.

And the scriptures tell us, ***“He that exalts Himself shall be brought down.”*** That is a promise of God.

Jesus said, ***Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.***

See how little you can become? All you have to do is just act like Christ. Why? - Because God reduced Himself to an egg and sperm. He is the God that created the earth and everything in it. He created a body to dwell in. Wow.

And again He said in ***Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.***

And also for a third time Jesus said, in ***Matthew 23:12*** And three is a witness, ***“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.”***

Now, why is it in the scripture three different times that Jesus said it? It is because it's very

important. Humble yourself. Don't brag. I can do this, I can do that, I can shoot a basket or whatever, who cares? You're not going to be rated in God's economy by how many baskets you can make. How well you did this.

Because what do we have that we have not received from God anyway?

Paul said in **I Corinthians 14:36** *What? Came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only?*

I don't think the Word of God came out from any of us. It came to us.

And in **Romans 3:27** *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.* That is the law of Revelation.

Because if Faith is a Revelation, and notice if you get a revelation, he says, where is boasting then? It's excluded. Why? - Because it's a law of revelation. God revealed it to you. You didn't know it. You weren't born with a silver spoon in your mind that I know the trigonometry and this, and I know all these things of God. God gave it to you. He revealed it. He came down with a Shout. He told us how to act. He told us what Opinions to have. He told us what values we have. Right?

Because if faith is a revelation, then where does revelation come from? If something is revealed, that means it was hidden, and by Grace it has been unveiled or revealed to you.

So I don't say, God, I'm so great that I'm just so high above all these people in the world. In the message, I just say, God, thank you for opening my eyes.

And if there is any way that I can help to open another's through things that I say, that's your word, because it's only your word can do it. I can do it. But if I can present it in a loving way, maybe they'll receive it. Just like a person wanting to become a Christian because they see the life of Christ in you, right?

Then who has ownership of that which is Revealed? God has. So where is boasting then? What are you going to boast about?

If God doesn't do it, it won't get done, so where then is your boasting? And Paul said, "***The Love of Christ never boasts in self.***"

You see, *it's God working in you to will and to do.* So I wouldn't be willing, and I wouldn't be doing it if it wasn't God working in me. I'd just be a dried husk blown in the wind.

Now, there is nothing wrong in boasting about Christ. Or what God has done for you. Or even boasting about others. That is a good thing.

The apostle Paul said, in **2 Corinthians 9:2** *For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.*

You know, the Bible says, provoke one another to love. Doesn't say to envy, doesn't say to wrath. It says, provoked to love. How do you do that? Flowers, chocolates. A man came to Brother Branham and said, I want to drive the devil out of my wife. He said, if I tell you how to do it, will you do it? He said, Yeah. He said, Buy her a dozen roses and a box of chocolates. That'll drive the devil out of any woman. So, in other words, do something nice. Don't be going around saying, do this for me. Do this for me. They get tired of being a slave, okay? So just do something nice. Take her for a nice meal. Do whatever you can to make things nice. Buy her a purse. All right?

And again, the Apostle Paul said, **2 Corinthians 8:24** *Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, (there you go.) the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.*

So, the Apostle Paul did boast about his converts to Christ and their lives and dedication to the Message. But of himself, never. And in fact, the opposite is true. He abased Himself. Remember, if you abase yourself, God will exalt you. So Paul abased himself.

2 Corinthians 11:7 He said, *Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?*

And again in **Philippians 4:12** *I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*

Furthermore, Paul told us, **5** *Love doth not behave itself unseemly,...*

Now, that means Love is not rude. Now, I have met some pretty rude people in this message and in life.

And that just tells me those people are carnal and not yet born again, because you can't be rude and be filled with the Spirit of God, who is never rude.

The word rude is defined as ill-mannered and discourteous. So, we must never be that way. Jesus said, *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."* And we call that the golden rule. And when asked which of the commandments of God were the greatest, Jesus said in **Mark 12:28**

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 *And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

31 *And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as* (in the same way, as) *thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.* (So Love is neither rude nor self-centered. For Paul continues by saying,)

And love is not self-seeking... (No, if God is love, and the Love of God constrains us, then the Love of God is not self-seeking.)

So, when you find yourself having a pity party or saying things that are totally about self, you had better know one thing: That is not inspired by God but is of the devil.

Job didn't sit around scraping his boils and say, oh, pity, pity me. He said, I offered the right sacrifice. And all of his friends said, Pity, pity, Job. Pity, pity, Job. And Job said, no, don't pity me, there's nothing out of kilter here. God's putting me to a test. He said, *even in this flesh, I shall see God.*

Love is other-directed, always. It is other-directed. Love is what you do for others, not for self. And He continued by saying, *Love is not easily provoked.* In other words, Love is not easily angered. Now, I am not saying you cannot be angry at times.

What I'm saying is the Bible says, let not the sun go down upon your wrath. All right. There's a time and a season for everything.

The same apostle that is teaching us of Love also said in **Ephesians 4:26** that it is ok to "*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.*"

Don't hold grudges, Brother Branham said. A grudge will keep you out of that place. If the Lord is coming at a Time when you think not and you're holding that grudge, when He comes, you won't go.

And in **Colossians 3: 8** we read, *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice,* and in **Ephesians 4:31** *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour,* (that's talking about people) *and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

Nahum 1:3 *The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*

So if God could come down and indwell His Son, allow His Son to be scourged, mocked, and they tried to stone Him many times. They tried to throw him off a cliff. He didn't turn with them and say, May the fire of God fall upon you. Did He do that? No.

But when John and some of the other disciples said, and John was the disciple of love, right? And yet he's the one who said it. He was called the Son of Thunder by Jesus because he had a mouth on him. But he learned over time. He was boiled in oil. He didn't come out angry and shouting and screaming. It just didn't affect him. He had risen above those things. Can we all rise above ourselves? Do you really want to take your flesh with you, or do you want to kind of discard it as a bad piece of clothing that's worn out? Yeah, think about that. When you think about not getting your way in this flesh, is it important? Is it going to make you a different person if you don't get it

From **Reaction to an action 59-0810 P:21** *Isn't it strange how God does things? He will let us get right down to the last, the last mile away. You know, He likes to do that. He did it with the Hebrew children.*

As I told Sister Neesha, when the government said, “Hey, if you don't get the injection by such and such, such a date on Friday, you're just going to be out of job”. She's a doctor. And she told me, and I wrote back, said, “God always waits till midnight. He comes like a thief in the night when? At midnight. He always waits till midnight”. I said, “You just wait and trust God.” And at three in the afternoon on Friday, the MP of England said, “Hey, we're not going to do this Covid-19 thing anymore.” Who did that? God did that.

Like Sister Diane, she was very sick, and she was in the hospital, and her heart rate was 150 to 160. That's a lot. That's like being on a treadmill. Wouldn't go down even when she was sleeping. Brother Peter asked for us to pray. We prayed and sent out the message to all of you. Please pray for Sister Diane. When the doctors came in, it was back to 80, all right, which is in the normal range. And the things that they said she had in her lungs were not there anymore.

You see, God is healing pebble by pebble. But He doesn't do it all at once so that you can go on from this and claim victory. And then you can't take the next thing that comes. God is taking it one piece at a time, giving you victory, showing you victory, and it's keeping you alive like he did with Job. So what did Job do? Well, he spent his day scraping boils. Scraped his boils. Okay, this one's gone. That is one pebble. This one's gone. That's another pebble. This one's gone. That's another pebble. And just keep going on and on and on until finally God said, okay, now it's time for healing.

God was bragging about Job to Satan, so God allowed him to do that. God is bragging on Sister Diane right now. He's bragging to Satan. Okay, Satan, you're doing what you can. You're trying to get her all fussed up and everything else. She's not going to do it. She's going to hold her peace and just be a saint of God. Yeah, that's the way it should be done.

So Brother Branham continues. *Isn't it strange how God does things? He will let us get right down to the last, the last mile away. You know, He likes to do that. He did it with the Hebrew children.*

He knew who He could trust, so He let them boys walk right up to the fiery furnace, till they could almost smell the fire (And remember, it was heated seven times more. Big, burly, linebacker-type men who went to the door to throw them in. Those men were burnt up at the door. And Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego sat there and thanked you, Lord. All right. And Jesus appeared in there. Yeah, it's tremendous. So God let you go even to the fiery furnace till they could almost smell the fire.), *and He never moved. But when it comes time, He will move.*

He will move, but He waits till His own time. He wanted to see what kind of a reaction they'd have. (Not only did they have the right reaction, but the King said, Wow, that God of yours is something. That God of yours is something.)

He knew they'd made their stand. And when He knows that you make your stand... (there you go. It's for you.) He will let Satan take you to the last mile of the way. But just remember, He's still there. He wants to see if you really mean what you're talking about. "Oh, I believe God's a Healer.

Yes, I sure believe it." And the next day, you still got your pain. "Well, maybe I never got it." Sure, you got it. He just wanting to see how you're going to react on what you said.

You say, "Oh, praise God, I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit." The first little temptation that comes along, you fly off like a buzz saw.

"He's trying to see your reaction on your action. He's trying to test you." "Every son that cometh to God must first be chastened, tested."

You think your eyesight and your problems with your ears weren't foreordained from God before the foundation of the world to give you a test? It's there. It's there. He's waiting for you to come with the results of praise, honor, and glory. He said, the trial of your faith is more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire. But it will result in praise and honor and glory. All right. That's what God's waiting for. He's waiting on that. Just start giving it to him.

Every child that comes to Him, He puts him through a test to see how he will act.

And remember, it is ok to be angry because we have disagreements. But we must learn how to control our anger so that it will never control us.

Anger is ok to use as a tool as long as you are controlling it. I have used it in many cases to make a point, but once that point has been made, I quickly turn it off. I don't hold grudges. I don't remember things from 20 years ago. I might bring them up once in a while. But that's not in anger. It's just as a reminder.

I used to do it with the children, and I have done it in the ministry. But if you do not use it as a tool of expression, and then turn it off, it can have a crippling effect on you and how you come off to others. Well, he's always angry if you don't turn it off.

Now, if Love is not easily angered, then Love has a long fuse. And Paul adds to this, *and love keeps no record of wrong;*

I think that's more of a woman thing than a man thing. They say that women can remember things 20 years ago, and men don't remember last week. Okay, Children don't remember five minutes ago. They fight in the backyard, and then they come back, and they're hugging each other, and they're playing again.

That is one of the greatest attributes of the Love of Christ, that *"it holds no grudges."* It does not keep a record of wrongs; Love has a capacity to forget. Well, I'm sorry, but he did this to me 40 years ago. Well, he's a different person than he was 40 years ago. He's grown. He has experienced things. Give him another chance.

Now, we have an expression in our country that says, *"Dog bite me once shame on dog, dog bite me twice, shame on me."* But that is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible says, *"Love keeps no record of wrong"*

Now, I know people would say that, but that's not right. It's not the right saying. And don't ever use that.

And why is that important? Because until you are willing to forgive and forget, you will always be controlled by your record of wrongs, and then if you keep a record of wrongs, then your motive is not right.

In other words, your mind is, well, God, I have got a ledger here. I got more on the good than I got on the bad. So maybe I'm going to get in. That's not how it works. But that's how the world thinks that it works. I did more good than I did bad. So now God's going to give me some grace. No, He gives you grace when you do bad, Period.

It is not motivated by Love, if He doesn't. Because why would you keep a record of wrongs if you love someone? It is because you wish to get even, or else you wish to control that person you are keeping a record of.

Now, that is an attribute of the devil, keeping a list of wrongs. God is willing to throw all your sins into the sea of forgetfulness if you will let him. "*And Perfect Love casts out fear.*" You hold onto a record of wrongs to get back at others.

And one of the first principles of a new beginning is forgiveness, and unless you are willing to forgive and forget, you will never have rest for your own soul.

It is important for people to learn that when you forgive and forget, you are doing more for yourself than you are for the other person. Now, the other person might have slapped you, and you forgave them. That did something for you. It didn't do anything for them. You know, they don't even know.

Or even if they do know, because you told them, that doesn't change their attitude. God has to change their attitude. So, it is important for people to learn that when you forgive and forget, you are doing more for yourself than you are for the other person.

"A person must show themselves friendly to have friends". Why don't I have any friends? Well, why don't you show yourself to be friendly? I have friends all over the world. All over the world. In the States, well, it's very far and few between because there are very few of us. And keeping a record of wrongs does not show yourself to be friendly.

Because in order to have peace in your soul, you must not carry in it the baggage and sins of others. To have peace, you must show peace.

That's why I like to, when going to Walmart, I greet the greeter. How many people greet the greeter? Or they just walk by when the person says hello, and they don't say anything. I talk to them all the time. I know William says he does too. And he does. He says, show yourself friendly.

Brother Branham had a principle he lived by, and that was this: *If you cannot say something good about a person, then say nothing at all.*

And he said, we are little Messiahettes, and we create around us an atmosphere, and that atmosphere is a reflection of our own little universe within us, and it is a reflection of our own spiritual condition.

That is to have friends, which is your atmosphere, or which is what you want to have? You have to show yourself to be friendly. So, in other words, you are a friendly person, and you will attract friends. You're not a friendly person. You won't attract friends. That's just it, I got a nephew, he's a very friendly person. And it attracts fellowship and friendship. And I know,

even in the times when he didn't understand this message, right, and he did some things that you shouldn't do, it didn't bother me because I knew he's a friendly person and I'm going to bring him along. And now I can look at him and say, he's just a fine believer. He believes everything, he lives it, he talks it, and that's the way I want everyone to be. Can you imagine the heaven on earth that would be if even just the people who claim the message could get along? Well, it will in the Millennium.

But this side, there's no perfection. Why? The flesh. It's your flesh that makes you do things that way. Yielding to the devil more than yielding to God.

But he said, we are little Messiahettes, and we create around us an atmosphere, and that atmosphere is a reflection of our own little universe within us, and it is a reflection of our own spiritual condition.

It wasn't so from the beginning 60-1127M P:8 *Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why? They create that atmosphere by their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you.... You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits.*

You can't go in and pray. *I lay my hands on you in the name of the Lord Jesus and hit you in the head, and you fall back.* That's not going to heal anybody. But you say, My daughter has the same condition. I'm going to project that person to be my daughter.

And the love that I have for my daughter, I'm projecting on that person, and I'm loving that person. If you could just learn to project God's love through you, your vessel, toward others, no matter how miserable they might be. That just changes things. That makes a bull sit down. It makes a bunch of bees turn around in flight.

...they think about, and the love they have for you. ... You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits.

Why? Because the love of God does what? The love of God knows no fear. You're not afraid of the bull. You're not afraid of the bees, what they'll do to you. And so you can love them. I understand you're upset, your willingness to take me on, but I'm going to do service for my God. So if you could just go and lay down.

Explaining healing and Jairus 54-0216 P:37 *What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those whom He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those whom He justified, He has glorified."*

Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not.

"If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else.

So if your deeds are evil (like grudges), you know where it comes from. You know where your other body's a waiting. (That's a strong statement).

The next attribute of Love is that **"Love does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices in Truth."** You see, Love does not wish ill towards anyone.

Love is not vindictive. Love does not wish to get even. Those are carnal thoughts. Because Love is protective. And **"Love always protects."** Can you **"love your enemy as yourself?"** Can you protect them as you would protect your own?

So Yes, **Love protects.** Just look at how Love is protective in a mother of any sort for her children. It does not matter what species it is. If it's a mother, it'll protect its own children.

A real mother will protect her young because she loves her young. And if you truly have the Love of Christ in your heart, you will do what you can to protect those you love.

Now, I know families that think you should never have any arguments in the home, and those are the appeasement people who will let their children stay home from church because they just don't want an argument. Well, I don't want to argue with you every Sunday, so you can just stay home and I'll go to church.

Well, let me tell you something. Those people don't have the Love of Christ either. Because if they love Christ, and they would love their child, and if they love their child, they want them in the right atmosphere. Because if something is not worth dying for, then it surely isn't worth living for either.

And Jesus said, **"No greater love can you have than to lay down your life for a friend"**.

Well, how much more to love your own children, that you will lay down or put aside your peaceful and quiet house in order to save their little soul. And another thing he told us about Love is that Love is **"always trusting..."**

Now, a man or woman who is always interrogating their spouse or their children does not have too much love for that spouse or the children, because Paul says, **"Love is always trusting"**.

And when you interrogate someone, it is because you do not trust that person. And trust works two ways. Some people do not trust others because they do not trust themselves.

But have you ever noticed the Democrats are always trying to put on the Republicans what the Democrats are doing? They don't trust themselves, right? So they don't trust the Republicans. Vice versa.

But if we truly trust God, then we will believe God. And if we trust our children, then we will believe our children. And we should trust until that trust has been broken and we have evidence that the person cannot be trusted.

And never forget, a person who hurts others is hurting themselves first. They're lashing out. That's why they're hurting others. They're lashing out because they are hurt.

Now, I can say that I have tried to always trust the men I am working with overseas, and I do trust them until I am presented with strong evidence that shows me they have lied to me.

Then I can no longer place my trust in them. And we get people all the time who want to live just any old life and yet receive the bountiful blessings of God, but God does not bless and curse a person.

You either bring the blessing on yourself or the curse on yourself depending on what you do with God's Word. You see, His Word is a blessing. If you hold to that Word, you're blessed. If you reject that Word, you're left with nothing but cursing.

God told us that our blessings and curses depend on our own attitude towards the Voice of God.

And the Bible tells us that if a man claims that he has repented, then he must show fruits meet for repentance. And you do not have to trust those who are not trustworthy.

But to begin with, we must believe all things, and we know that God's seed are all things in Christ.

"Love always has hope." (In other words, Love always has an **earnest expectation**. It is always expecting the best, not the worst, but the best.)

"And Love always perseveres." (Love always remains constant to a purpose or ideal. And if it always remains constant, then...)

8 Love never fails: *but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

(So you see, there is but one constant in life, and that should be the) *"Love of Christ that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost."*

Is your life worthy 63-0630E P:71 Brother Branham continues. *When this takes place, the thing you'll do then, you'll find out that the Spirit that comes in you from the new birth, **you will believe and do everything that God says in His Word** for you to do. And everything that the Bible quotes for you to do, you'll punctuate it with an "Amen."*

And you'll not stop day and night until you receive it. That's right. That's right. And in all this time, you'll certainly, above everything, bear the fruit of the Spirit. You say, "Will I speak with tongues?"

You might do that, and you might not. "Will I shout?" You might do that; you might not.

*But there's one sure thing you will do. You will bear the fruit of the Spirit; and **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience.***

Your temper will not be. Just remember, when you got that, that poisons the Holy Spirit away from you. See?

When you get to a place that you want to fuss with everybody you come along to, there's something wrong.

You know, most doctors don't treat themselves very well. I knew a doctor who had a massive heart attack, and he had five blocks in his ... And he was my boss, and he ate McDonald's like it was going out of style, clogging up his arteries. But he was a nephrologist, so he knew all about the kidneys, but he didn't understand cholesterol, apparently. And most doctors don't diagnose themselves.

They go to another doctor because they don't trust their own judgment.

When you get to a place that you want to fuss with everybody you come along to, there's something wrong.

When you get a place where the minister will read from the Bible that it's wrong to do a certain thing, and you,...

just remember, there's no Christianity there at all. Now, "By their fruits you shall know them," it's what Jesus said. See? ,

So if you're fussing about the word of God, there's something strange there. All right, in closing, we see in

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

2 John 1:5 *And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.*

1 John 3:23 *And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

John 15:12 *This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

Let us bow our hearts in Prayer. Dear Father, we have spoken from our heart this morning to the people here locally and those who will be hearing this around the world.

And we ask Father that those who are struggling with holding grudges and those who are guilty of keeping a record of other people's sins, we ask that you might **"help them to do unto others as they would want others to do to them."**

We pray, Father, that you might touch their hearts too and heal them of this affliction and help them to live in peace and find rest for their souls.

For we are a thankful people and appreciate so much what You are doing, Father, for us, we know You could destroy us in an instant for our sins and transgressions whereby we have offended Thee, and yet we know by Your own Word that You have placed our sins under the shed blood of the innocent one and have cast them into the sea of forgetfulness.

Please Father, as Your Son Jesus cried out on the cross, **"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."** And so may we cry the same prayer, Father, **"Forgive them, or forgive us for they/we know not what they do"**. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.