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If our Hearts condemn us not
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1 John 3:20 *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

Notice he says, you may not know your own Heart but God knows all things, for He is the One who tries our heart, and that is what the Apostle Paul also tells us in...

1 Thessalonians 2:4 *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but **God**, which **trieth our hearts**.*

And notice after John says in **1 John 3:20** *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things* he then says in the next verse **21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not**, then have we confidence toward God.

*Then have we **confidence***, and that is what we all wish to have with God when we pray to Him. That blessed confidence, which we call blessed assurance,, And that word *confidence* was translated from the Greek word parrhesia. So John is saying here, *Beloved, if our heart condemn us not*, then have we parrhesia toward God.

Let us pray...

Now, this evening we're going to examine paragraph **140** of brother Branham's sermon **The Token** preached September 11, 1963, because it has to do with this *parrhesia* towards God.

140 *"And with the what? Hearing the message, watching the Pillar of Fire, and the blessed assurance: "I've passed from death unto Life." Therefore **no condemnation at all**. "If our hearts condemn us not, then we have our petition." See? We know, but if sin is in our heart, **then it condemns us; we might as well not even start**. See? You've got to get free from sin, and the only way you can get free from sin, is get in Him. That's the only covering there is for sin, is Christ. Remember, the covenant blood, the covenant blood is not recognized without the Token. See? You cannot, you will not... You say, "Well, I've been sanctified from things." That's not the Token. It's the Spirit is the Token, the Spirit of Christ upon you; believe it.*

Notice in this next paragraph, brother Branham further elucidates what he meant in the last paragraph. he tells us we have our petition, because the Word assures us of the promise. In other words, he is speaking of this blessed assurance we receive through the Token.

141 *Now, look. **The Word assures us of the promise**. All these are texts I've set down here. Just keep on preaching all day, look like (See?), on this. See? The Word assures us of the promise, because It is the Promise. **The Word is the Promise, and the Word is***

God, and the Word is ours. And we become the Word, and the Word becomes us. And, "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you..." then, it just becomes one great big family. See? It assures us, because why? Why, it's part of us. See, see, see? It becomes part of us (What a text. All right.), assures us of the promise.

Hebrews 10:22 *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*

And we already read for our text **1 John 3:20-21**, but it really begins with verse **19**.

1 John 3:19 *And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.*

So John tells us here is how you know that your heart will be assured. Then he goes on to tell us of the parrhesia which is a certain boldness and confidence we have in Christ.

1 John 3:19 *And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, **if our heart condemn us not**, then have we confidence toward God.*

So John begins here by telling us how our hearts will be assured that we are in the Truth, and then he tells us **if our heart condemn us not**, then have we confidence toward God. *Then have we parrhesia toward God.*

Now, this word Parrhesia means: *Assurance, Openly Confident, Absence of fear in speaking*. And it is a condition of the heart. And that is what John is telling us, it is an assurance of the heart, that your heart is right towards God and His Word.

Now I have spoken about this Greek word *parrhesia* before, and it is used in scripture to show *assurance, open confidence and an absence of fear*. It is used in Scripture to indicate a certain condition that will be identified in the Elect not only at the end time, but we can see this among many saints throughout the ages, such as Paul, Peter, John, St. Martin, Columba, Irenaeus, and of Course we saw this condition also in William Branham, and it will also be identified in the end time Bride.

This condition of *assurance, confidence and absence of fear* are a direct result of the Presence of Christ, and His Pillar of Fire with us. His manifesting in His true character and the fact that when He openly reveals Who He is and Why He is here, this brings the Elect into a place where they now know and understand their own position in Christ. This makes them bold, and unashamed before Him. And we shall also how it ties in with the Revelation of Jesus Christ in this hour.

1 John 2:28 *"And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, (To manifest in His True Character) we may have parrhesia, and not be ashamed before Him at His parousia."* This lets you know that God's Children are to come to a condition of *Parrhesia* or an *absence of fear* when Christ's great presence and disclosure take place. In other words, His Appearing which is *"His manifesting Himself in His True Character"* takes place.

It is at the time of the Appearing, that we are to come into a condition of **uninhibited assurance and open confidence**. This condition is a result of the unveiling of Christ. He comes not only as Husband, but as our Advocate and Judge. As Husband He does not have to testify against us, and as our advocate He is our defense attorney, and as our Judge the case is sowed up. **We are predestined not to fall**. we are promised "**He that has begun the good work in you shall perform it**." And we are also promised "**He is the Author and finisher of our faith**", as well as "**God will be working in you both to will and to do His good pleasure**." As Paul said in **Galatians 2**, "**we live by the faith of the Son of God**." Therefore, it isn't really about you and me, it's all about Him, and what He is here to do and perform. It is **His faith we live by, not our own**. Therefore, "**whom the Son shall make free is free indeed**." What else could we ask for. This brings confidence as never known before, as brother Branham said in his sermon

Presence of God unrecognized 64-0618 P:1 ...working for this one purpose, for you to recognize the Presence of Jesus Christ. See? **If He is present, then, why, everything is settled. He made the Word. He is here to confirm It.** He proves that He'll confirm It. "**He is just the same yesterday, today, and forever**."

Now, let's face it, God is the Word, right? And being that He is the Word, then if you were in Him before the foundations of the world, and he has ordained you to be adopted children, then it is up to Him to make sure that comes to pass, or else He failed to be Omniscient, which is all Knowing, and omnipotent which is able to make happen what he ordained to happen. So it has to be Him working in you to will and to do, because you could never come to His expectation on your own. "**There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof is the way of death**."

Therefore, **Ephesians 1:5** **Having predestinated** (pre-determined) **us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,**

And how do we get there? **Philippians 2:13** For **it is God** which works in you both to will and to do of **His good pleasure**.

Notice we read in Ephesians that our adoption of children is **according to the Good pleasure of His will**, and so then in **Philippians 2;13** we read It is God that works in us to bring us to will and to do **His good Pleasure** of His will.

So first we see God predestine that it will happen, and then we see that God makes sure that it will happen by giving us new birth, and working into us His will and the doing of the good pleasure of His will.

Again we find in **I John 4:17** "**Herein is our love made perfect**, (and remember, brother Branham taught us that only those with perfect love will enter that place.) And John tells us here how our Love will be perfected... **Herein is our love made perfect that we may have parrhesia in the day of Judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world**." +

Therefore, In the Judgment day or the Day when the Judge is present, which we see in **James 5:9** *Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.* And in Revelations 3:20 we are also shown who it is that is standing at the door, It is the Spirit of the Son of God.

Revelations 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come **into him**, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

And **John 12:48** *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*

Therefore, knowing Who is here, and that His Spirit is indwelling us, it gives us a **parrhesia**, (*absence of fear*). It also lets us know that this **parrhesia** comes as a result of "*seeing Him as He truly is*". Because, "**As He is so are we**". This statement alone ensures us of tremendous blessings and confidence or absence of fear. How could God deny any part of Himself. He can't. Then how could He deny His Seed? He can't. Then what have we to fear? He is here to ensure that we do not fall this time. And He promised as I said before, that *not only is he the author, the one who spoke it, but He is also the finisher*, which is the one who does it, and he also promised, "**that which he began he shall complete**", because "*it is him in us working to will and to do His good pleasure*".

Again the Scripture says, "*unless the Lord buildeth the house, they that build buildeth in vain*".

And of course we receive this bold confidence because "**we are in Him**", as we see in **Ephesians 3:12** "**In Whom** we have **parrhesia** and access with confidence by **the faith of Him**." Notice, this uninhibited confidence or absence of fear comes by receiving His Faith. It is not our faith, but His faith that does this. Jesus was the first one to display this uninhibited boldness because He knew who He was and Who sent Him as spoken in **John 7:14-28**. *14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? 20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. 23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. 25 Then said*

some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? 26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? 27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is. 28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

You see, that was Jesus Faith, he knew Who sent Him, because the one who sent him went in Him.

The Apostle Paul tells us in **Hebrews 4:16** "*Let us therefore come with **parrhesia** unto the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.*"

God wants us to come into His presence by revelation with full assurance and He assures us that in so doing we shall receive not only His mercy but also His Grace that will meet whatever requirements we might lack. "*He that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him.*" We must come in confidence that He hears us. The very fact that He has come down in this hour and has unveiled Himself to His Seed and has allowed us to know Him as never before has established a relationship with Himself as he had with His first born son. And therefore, we see how much He loves us and wants fellowship with us.

Then, seeing through the revealed Word for this hour our place in Christ, and our relationship to Him as our Father, a true relationship which began in Him before the foundations of the world, in His thoughts first and then expressed out with His son, and finally made manifest in us as other sons in the vast family of brethren, in this hour. What confidence it brings to us.

Again the Apostle Paul tells us in **Hebrews 10:19** "*Having therefore, brethren, **parrhesia** to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.*"

Now remember, the Holiest of Holies was the place where God's very presence abode. This scripture tells us that the blood has made a way for us to come without fear into God's very presence. Because we have received the Life that was in the Blood, the Token Itself.

In **I John 1:7** we see that the blood is only efficacious if we walk in the light. Therefore, by walking in the light it brings us into this condition of Parrhesia to be able to walk into His presence.

Again we see in **Hebrews 10:35** The Apostle Paul telling us, "*Cast not away therefore your **parrhesia**, which hath great recompense of reward.*" He has already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, but many times we fail to receive what He has already assured us by His own promise. We must first receive this Parrhesia in order to receive every other predestined blessing; especially those promises that have to do with our placement and inheritance. And remember, "*the **parrhesia** has great recompense of reward.*"

And "**recompense**" is an award given as a form of retribution for hurt or damage. God knows that "*all that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*" So He gives us a boldness "*to stand when we have done all we can do to stand*", "and "*through faith and patience we shall inherit the promises.*" We also see in **2 Thessalonians 1:4-5**, and verse **7**, and verses **10-12** that we receive a manifest token of God's judging us worthy. We receive His very mindset, His Glory, His Doxa.

2 Thessalonians 1:4 *So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:*
5 *Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: ...7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ...10 When he shall come to be **glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all **the good pleasure of his goodness**, and the work of faith with power: 2 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be **glorified in you**, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

In other words, as we receive the reward or recompense of our reward, that reward is His mind, His nature, His attitude, His character, which comes being filled with His Glory, His doxa, His opinions, values, and judgments manifested in our bodies.

We hear from Jesus Himself concerning the time when we are ordained to receive this same parrhesia that he possessed in **John 16:25-29** "*These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: But the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you parrhesia of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name; and I shall say unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto Him, lo, now speakest Thou parrhesia, and speakest no proverb.*"

Jesus Himself being full of **parrhesia** and He says that in the day when He discloses or unveils the Mighty God before us, that we will also come into this state of **parrhesia** and will not be inhibited in our prayer to God. We will know the will of God and the mind of God. He will show **parrhesia** to us. This lets you know that we get this **parrhesia** from something that is shown us or disclosed to us.

And as we read for our text in **I John 3:21** "*Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we parrhesia toward God.*" ***The condition of our heart is the only inhibiting force in our parrhesia toward God.*** As we saw earlier, *our parrhesia comes by His faith.* We are assured of receiving His parrhesia *if we receive His Faith.*

There are *several Scriptures* that speak of the heart as the place where this parrhesia takes place and how it gets there. And never forget brother Branham said, its more about the condition of your heart than whether you know the correct doctrine or not.

From his sermon **Thirsting for life 60-0304 P:15** Brother Branham said, ... *"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word." They were ready. **It's a condition of the heart.** It's a condition of the people.*

You see after all that is what Malachi 4 is all about, To turn the hearts of the children to the Doctrine of the Fathers.

1 Corinthians 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

But those things that God hath prepared for us cannot be received until the heart is made ready to receive them. So it is all about our hearts being made ready.

At the first coming John went forth in the Spirit of Elijah as we are told in **Luke 1:17** *And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*

And in this hour Malachi four tells us the Spirit of Elijah is to turn our hearts to the Fathers.

Malachi 4:5 *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

And remember God Himself has come down in this hour to make ready the prepared people, to change the hearts to see what he sees, and hear what he hears.

Proverbs 16:1 *The **preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.***

1 Thessalonians 3:13 *To the end **He may stablish your hearts** unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*

Notice it is Him doing it, **2 Corinthians 4:6** *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, **hath shined in our hearts**, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Corinthians 1:22 ***Who hath** also **sealed us**, and **given the earnest of the Spirit** in our hearts.*

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

Luke 24:32 *And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

1 Kings 8:61 *Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.*

2 Corinthians 3:2 *Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:*

But God wants us to have a willing and ready heart to be drawn to Him as we see in the following Scriptures where the prophet Ezra prepared His heart to walk into God's presence.

Ezra 7:10 *For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.*

1 Chronicles 29:18 *O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and **prepare their heart unto thee:***

2 Chronicles 20:33 *Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet **the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.***

2 Chronicles 19:3 *Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and **hast prepared thine heart to seek God.***

But never forget, even though we are the vessel of God's choosing, and we should be of a ready heart, yet it is God who ultimately prepares the heart in man.

1 Kings 8:56 *Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 That **he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.***

Now, brother Branham told us if we are right in our heart the rest will follow suit.

Hear ye Him 58-0209A P:37 *Isn't that just like today, denominations, splitting up brotherhood? One says, "Oh, I believe in the keeping the Sabbath." Other one, "I don't want to eat meat." And this one, "You can't drink a soft drink." This one, "You have to do this." And this, "You have to do that." Denomination, barriers drawn, lines drawn... **If you're right in your heart, the rest of it will take place all right.***

And then brother Branham explain what he means by if you are right in your heart, the rest of it will take care of itself. Like what Jesus said, "**seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you.**" But you've Got to seek him first. And so brother Branham explains what he means by if you are right in your heart the rest of it will take place right.

He says, "We're Hoosiers; we got oak trees out here. And now, they've all kept their leaves through the winter. When spring comes, you don't have to go pick off them old leaves to let new leaves come on. **Just let new life come, and the old leaf drops off.** You just need new life. And **if the new life that you think you've received doesn't pattern with God's Word, you've got the wrong life in you.** The life of Christ will produce the works of Christ, will produce the faith of Christ, will make you act as Christ, make you love Him. **He will be first in your life.** Your objectives, your motives, and everything will be all-together different. It'll be for the glory of God.

So we need to focus on having our hearts right with God and our fellow man. That's first because it's a heart condition after all.

Getting in the spirit 61-0428 P:47 *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 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. If you can't love your enemy the same as you love those who love you, you're no better off than the publicans. 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.*

Godhead explained 61-0425B P:40 *I know as long as you fuss, you're both wrong (See?), 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.**" And I made that a practice to know this, that if a man, 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?*

I John 5:14 *"And this is the parrhesia that we have in Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.**"* This is what brother Branham was telling us in paragraph 140 of the Token. This is our assurance, this is our comfort, to know we have His mind because we have His spirit living itself out in our lives.

Ephesians 6:22 *Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might **comfort your hearts.***

Then what uninhibited confidence we can have in Him, because we are assured that He will always hear us. He didn't say that He will necessarily give us everything we ask for but that He will at least hear us.

Accepting God's Provided way 63-0115 *But to think of it. The God, Creator of heavens and earth is waiting for us to approach, we unworthy sinners. He's waiting for us to approach in the Name of the Lord Jesus, with the assurance that we will be granted what we ask for.*

Notice in the book of Acts we see the same thing take place in the Alpha as we are ordained to see in the Omega.

Acts 4:13 *"Now when they saw the parrhesia of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."*

Something had happened to these men. When Jesus was taken captive and while He died upon the cross these men were in hiding. But something happened that gave them a boldness and assurance to come forth from hiding and to stand boldly and declare the revelation of Jesus Christ. The fact that Jesus came back Himself from the dead and vindicated His own presence to them, gave them all the evidence they needed that what He had declared was the only true Word of Life. They then went forth and declared before all what Christ had done in that hour.

From his sermon, **Letting off the Pressure 62-0609** Brother Branham said, *"But now, how would you place your confidence then, whether the Book was right? If the Book's right, and says that, then take Him at His Word, and the Holy Spirit will vindicate that that's the truth. God said something; God come prove something. Any man can say what he wants to, but that doesn't make it right. But when God comes around and proves that it's right, that makes it right. Amen."*

And again in his sermon, **In His Presence pp. 91 62-0909** *But one day I come into the Presence of God. He changed me and made me another kind of son. His grace brought me into His Presence. I've never wanted to leave it. I've been in here now thirty some odd years, I don't want to leave it. I've got the assurance that I'll always be there. Even death itself will never separate me from His Presence. No, I'll be with Him forever. When I seen His Presence the first time, I cried like Isaiah, "Woe is me." Then He touched me with His grace. I was a changed person.*

Again we see an example of this parrhesia in the first Church in **Acts 4:31** *"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with parrhesia."*

There's something about coming into Divine presence that brings about uninhibited confidence and absence of fear. What else could do so. Mere words alone will never do this. But the reality of the Word of God being made real by Christ vindicating Himself to be alive and among us inspires men to great boldness. And when you have received His very God-Life in you and it is actually Living Itself out in you, then that parrhesia takes over for you as it did the early church.

And as God anointed a group of people in the first Age with His parrhesia who were not afraid to declare the full Gospel of Christ, and to manifest the Love of Christ, so must it be at the end of the Ages as well.

Before they were filled with the Holy Ghost, we are told they did not have this parrhesia.

John 7:13 *"Howbeit no man spoke parrhesia of Him for fear of the Jews."* This shows plainly that parrhesia has to do with having *no fear* and these people could not have parrhesia which is absence of fear and then have fear at the same time. They were too concerned with what others thought, and not concerned enough with what God Himself

thought. This is where parrhesia comes. When we have become so filled with a sense of honor to God that we have no other thoughts but His thoughts that we are willing and wanting to express. But when people are looking for position with man, they will then trim their words to please man. But those with parrhesia are those who because they know who they are and that He is here, they are willing to say only what He said, and do what He says do. They have placed the highest esteem in the Vindicated Word of the hour, and no other words have value to them.

God's Eye 2-25-58 *His appearing here tonight has brought us the assurance that He is living, and He has anointed us and His presence is here now. .."*

I know My Redeemer Liveth 4-06-58 *The presence of the Holy Spirit Who has given us this great assurance that we have passed from death unto Life.*

Mary's Belief 4-09-59 *I just love to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. It just gives that blessed assurance.*

In closing let's bow our heads in a word of prayer, while I read a prayer of brother Branham's from his sermon called **Testimony on the sea 64-0307 P:3** *Our heavenly Father, we are coming now into Thy Presence, by the way and the Name of the Lord Jesus. **Knowing with the blessed assurance, that He promised us, if we would ask anything in His Name, that You'd grant it to us.** We are very grateful for this. Words cannot express the way we feel about it, with assurance that we have, that You're listening to us just now. You seen those hands, Lord. You know what they had need of. **You're the omniscient, omnipotent, infinite God,** and we know that **Thou knowest the hearts of the people.** You knowed our thoughts. Even before we were ever created, you knowed every thought that we'd ever have, for You are infinite. And we pray, Lord, at this hour, as our desires is reaching for You, look down from the heavens, Lord, and take our requests to Thy own heart, Lord, and answer us according to Thy riches in glory. **Give to us the desire of our heart, trusting that it's Your Divine will.** And we know that **it's Your good pleasure to do Your will.** Give us a great outpouring of Thy Presence tonight again, Lord. Heal the sick. Save the lost; raise up those who are dead in sin and trespasses, and bring them to a new Life, tonight. May we see Jesus. We ask it in His Name. Amen.*