I Timothy 3:16: "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; for G-o-d, Elohim..." Capital G-O-D in the Bible referred it back, anybody, it refers to in the original, It said, "Elohim. In the beginning Elohim... (See?) And Elohim... Without controversy great is the mystery of Elohim; for Elohim was made flesh, and we handled Him." Elohim veiled in human flesh, the great Jehovah that covered all space, time, and everywhere, was made man. We handled Him: Elohim. "In the beginning Elohim... And Elohim was made flesh, dwelled among us."

What? This is His way, the parts of the drama. That's the way He's to act it out. His way of revealing Himself to us as some different person. We are mortal, and He knows that. And we only understand as mortals. We only know as mortals. We only know as our senses will let us know, and the rest of it we have to believe by faith. We have to say there is a God, whether we see Him or not; we believe it anyhow. See? Whether there is or not, we still believe it because God said so.

So we have got to take God at His Word, because he is the Word. And that alone is what separates believers from make-believers and un-believers. Believers take God at His Word, make-believers and un-believers question God's Word.

He said "I am the way the truth and the Life", and Believers say "amen" to that. Make-believers and unbelievers question that. They say, "is He really the way?" Is He really the truth?" And they question God's Word.

So then brother Branham goes to Scripture to give us an example of the True Believer in Abraham. In pp. 43 he says, "Like Abraham could not see that son, no sign, no pregnancy of Sarah, not even any menstruation periods or anything, but yet God said so. All hopes, even her womb was dead, and his life in him was gone, and the stream of his life had dried up, and her life had dried up within her. And yet "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise", knowing that God was able to perform anything He said He would do. That's the way we got to believe that Word today. How is it going to be? I don't know. God said it's going to be that way, and that settles it.

And I've been hammering that point home for the past 11 years, that God will have elect children that will be conformed to the Image of the first born son. Men have mocked it, they've laughed at it, and called it false doctrine, but God said there will be children who will be adopted, and manifest as sons of God. He said it, men may mock it, but I believe it because God said it and that settles it for me. He said those who believe will do the works that He did. Men may mock that, but He said it, not me, and I believe it because He said it. I can't tell you how it will be. I cannot even tell you what all those works will be.
But He said it, and it will be just exactly as he said it would be. And that's all I can tell you. For He is God and He cannot lie. In fact It's impossible for God to lie.

He said that there will be sons of God who will manifest as sons of God. He said there will be sons who will be conformed to the image of the first born son. He said that there will be sons who will be adopted and receive a change of the body.

How will he do it brother Brian? I don't know, I can't tell you how He will do it, but it will be done, because God said so and that settles it.

Now, I want you to put yourself in the shoes of Abraham, and walk a few miles in his moccasins. When he was 75 years old God separated him from his people. God did that. God told him to do that and he did what God told him to do. Abraham in Haran. According to the Book of Genesis Abraham, his father, Sara and his orphaned nephew Lot moved from Ur to Haran, 600 miles away in present-day Turkey.

**Genesis 11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. 27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.**
Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him: and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran: and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. 9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.
he said, "Now, Jesus didn't come to Calvary just for a haphazard thought, "Well, I'll die up there; perhaps maybe somebody will feel sorry for me and come down and get saved." No, no, God don't run His office like that. You don't run your office like that. Jesus come for one specific purpose: that was to redeem those that God foreknew would be redeemed. See? Now, God's not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. But in order to be God, He had to know... Now, the word "predestinate," as is used in Ephesians 1:5, predestinate there, isn't a good word. It means, in speaking of predestination to the people sometimes leads them to think that God just predestinated you to push you through a little pipe, or something. That's not right. Predestination looks back to foreknowledge. And foreknowledge looks to destiny.

16 Therefore, God being God before the foundation of the world knew that who would be saved and who would not. Romans 8, He could say that He hated Esau and loved Jacob before either child was born. For by foreknowledge He knew what a little shyster that Esau would be, and how He would save Jacob. So therefore, by foreknowledge God knew those things (See?). foreknowledge. So then, look now I'm basing something. Wish we had about three or four hours on this one subject, but we haven't; we just have to hit the high places. And notice, now by foreknowledge God knew, and He did say that there will be a Church.

17 Now, talking, bring it right up to the age of eternal security here. I do believe in eternal security in this way: I believe that the Church has eternal security. And as long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church. Do you get it? As long as you are in the Church, you are secured with the Church. You get it? Now, then how do we get into the Church? By joining? No, by one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body, not Methodist, not Baptist, not Pentecostal, but by one Spirit: I Corinthians 12, "We're all baptized into one fellowship." And in there, as long as we're in this fellowship, the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us continually. God looking through the red as we had last night, sees you and it's a red sinner, but sees you white through red.

18 Then God foreknowing, and there will be... The Church is going to be, whether you are in It, or I am in It; It will appear before God without spot or without wrinkle. God's done said so, and that settles it forever. Now, He never said, "In this church will be William Branham." He said, "The Church would be there, and she would be a glorious Church, washed in the Blood, ironed out, and would be without spot or wrinkle."

19 Now, that brings us down to election now. Now, God by foreknowledge could set election. Therefore, when He called Abraham... Who was Abraham? Abraham was no more than any other man. He came down from Babylon with his father, and his wife Sarah, which was his half sister; and He dwelled in the city of Ur, in the plains, and the valley of Shinar there. And supposedly, of the morning he went out and picked some berries and eat them; at noon he went into bush and killed meat, and lived a pretty long life, they did in those days, with the way his diet was considered and everything. And they did live a long life. 20 But notice, Abraham was no different from no one else. But God by election called Abraham.
for he was no more than anyone else. Now, watch the four patriarchs: Abraham is justification. We have stayed two weeks on that, or Abraham, I beg your pardon, Abraham is election. Isaac represents justification. Jacob grace, anyone knows that, Jacob grace, and Joseph perfection. Election, justification, and grace, and perfection, not an aught against Joseph anywhere. But now, Abraham was called of God by election, or foreknowledge, knowing that Abraham would walk before God. And that's the only reason tonight, by the same way... How many Christians are here let's see your hands, all over the building everywhere? Why are you a Christian? Because God elected you. Amen. I hope you see it. God said... Jesus said, "No man can come to the Father except by Me, and no man cometh unto Me except the Father draws him first." Is that right? So if the Father has drawn you, it's God's foreknowledge of election. "And all that comes unto Me, I'll give them everlasting Life, and will raise him up at the last day." God gave the promise. What you worried about? Now, notice just a moment. Now, we see in the election that God, calling Abraham... And notice, the first thing when God calls a man, He calls for total separation from the world. "Separate yourself, Abraham," as soon as he got his call. Now, here it is. Every Christian in here that's born again, when God called you, called for total separation. If He didn't, you got the wrong call. See?

So Lot's son in Laws were lost, because of his own weak testimony. You see how important your life is before others. If you profess one thing and live another, others will not believe your testimony. They will reject it because of your lack of sincerity.

From Brother Branham's sermon Faith of Abraham 55-1118 20 Therefore He, by election, He chose Abraham, for He knew what Abraham would do. You remember when He called him out there and said He'd not keep the thing a secret from him? When He was going down to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He said, "For I know that Abraham will teach his children; I know it," God Himself. "I know that Abraham will send this message on down from one to the other generation." But God foreknowing that, and knowing that Abraham would do it, then He told Abraham in the beginning that He would save him and save his Seed after him, and would give him the unconditional covenant that He made with Abraham. Not because Abraham was good, but because God was good.

And is not that the same promise we received on the day of Pentecost? Acts 2:39 "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. So there will be seed coming as long as God is still calling.

But I have seen too many parents who themselves have come to this Message, but they have let their children grow up without making sure they understood what this Message is all about. And because they did not diligently teach their children, the children have left the way of God.

Listen to what Moses said to the people of Israel as they left Egypt and crossed over the red sea and were preparing to cross over the Jordan and enter into the land God had promised the Children of Israel.
Deuteronomy 6:1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

So you see just as with Abraham, God's promises of blessings are not just for the one who is called out, but the promises are for their children as well. But you have got to instill in your children the fear of God, and teach them to show the proper respect to God, in obeying his Opinions, Values, and judgments just as Israel was told to obey God's commandments, statutes and judgments.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

In other words, God is showing them how to be parents, and how to ensure their children will believe the promises of God and ensure that they will live out those promises of God.

He says teach them and always be talking about them and your children will believe them and live them.

I remember so vividly brother Branham telling the story of when the death angel came throughout all of Egypt and the young child was standing by the side of his daddy, and suddenly they heard a death curdling cry from the next door neighbors house, because the death angel had taken the life of their first born son, and this little boy looked up at his father, and he said, "Daddy, are you sure you applied the Token". And I have tried as long as I have been a parent to instill such a reality of God's presence and the hour that we are living in and the promise we have of a rapture into my children's hearts from before they could even talk. And I talk to my grandchildren, Ella and William and now Eli Bo about our journey through this land, and I try to instill in them that our journey here is but a temporary one, but that we are going to a place where we will live forever and be the same age, young and full of life. Now, they might not understand it yet, but through Faith and patience the Bible says we shall inherit the promises.

Now, for 3 and 4 year grandchildren to understand that one day they will be the same age as their old grandpa and grandma and even their mommy and daddy may take their little minds to the limit but I actually think the promise is beginning to take hold in their mind.

Now, here is how the people were instructed by Moses to teach the Promises of God to their children.
And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

In other words there should be reminders throughout your entire home and all over your property, as he said, on your door, and on your gate to the yard, and even on the posts of your home, and on your hand, in other words, in every action you do, and between your eyes, meaning in everything you set yourself to do and think, it should all reflect the promise of God for you and your family. And everything should reflect that this time here on earth now is just a testing grounds and this journey is just a time of preparation for the other side where we will arrive one to the place of God's promise for us and our offspring.

The problem we have today is that the word needs to be first in your heart before it can enter the heart of your children.

And from the Amplified version we read in Deuteronomy 6 with a little 20th century Americanize added to help make this word more personal to you. "Hear O Royal Seed of God, the Lord God is One Lord, - the Only Lord. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your mind and all your heart, and with your entire being, and with all your might, which is your strength and energy. And these words, which I am commanding you this day, shall be first in your mind and heart; then you shall whet and sharpen them, so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you drive down the road, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall tie them as a symbol on your hands (In other words, they are tied to your actions, what you do) and you shall bind them upon your forehead." (which means that they encompass your mind or mindset). And, remember, your forehead is where your frontal lobe is and that is where your memory resides. When a person has a lobotomy they lose their memory. But here we see that they are to take the preeminent place of our thinking. Even as frontlets between our eyes, that all we see is the word of God. As phylacteries that go "boing, boing, boing" as we walk along, and they bounce off our head. A constant reminder. And then He continues, "And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Why? So that whether you are coming or whether you are going, there will always be a constant reminder set before you of God's promises to you in this hour.

And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

And that is exactly what all the descendants of Noah did except the descendants of Shem, in whom the flame of God was with him all 602 years he lived including 5000 years after the
flood when his nephews and great nephews rose up as great men of war and mighty in hunting skills. Men like Nimrod, who was the son of Cush who was the son of Ham. And if you read Genesis chapters 10 and 11 you will see that the lineage of Noah all forsook the ways of God and went into great apostasy. So Moses is here warning the children of Israel to not let such a thing ever be done again as what took place before.

Therefore Moses continues, 13 

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, (other objects of worship) of the gods of the people which are round about you; (like money, popularity and women) 15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. 16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. 17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

So we are commanded to be diligent and not dilatory. Diligent means constant in effort to accomplish something; being attentive and persistent in doing. Pursued with painstaking persevering attention;

Now, contrast that to the Laodicean Spirit that is lukewarm and neither cold nor hot. The word dilatory means just the opposite as diligent. Dilatory means tending to delay or procrastinate; slow or tardy. Intended to cause delay, gain time, or defer decision:

But if you really believe something then you will do it with all your heart, and with all your strength and energy.

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, 19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken. 20 And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? 21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: 22 And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: 23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. 24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Therefore from his sermon Faith Of Abraham 55-1118 21 brother Branham said, "And every believer in here is a Christian tonight, because, not that you're good, but because God was good to call you. You couldn't come yourself; your nature's against you. You just couldn't, as I said the other night, make a pig believe he's wrong eating slop, because it's his nature. See? Now, the only... A leopard could not change his spots. No matter how bad he would lick, he'd only brighten it. And you don't want reformation; you don't want to try to
reform, or do a little better, you've got to be changed completely inside, and the nature come from within, and it'll work out. But get it right inside at the beginning. And you begin with a soul before the world was ever formed, when God created man in His own image. Now, you got to get that right, and that's what has to be borned-again, not your thinking. It takes care... It moves with this. But get this right, and this will be all right too. If you just get your heart right, your intellectuals will move right with it.

Abraham's Grace Covenant 61-0317 56 Go back in Galatians the 4th chapter and pick it up there. Paul talking there. He placed that son. What did He do. He had a ceremony of adoption placing that son. And then after he seen that son was going to do it, he's going to keep the promise, nobody's going to keep him from it, he's just like his daddy, he going to stay right with it (Cut and let the chips fall wherever they want to.), he pulls no punches... And he says, "I can put trust in that boy." So he forms... performs adoption. And what does he do? After he performed the adoption, that child is a placed son then in the father's kingdom and has full, equal rights to it. In otherwise, if he wrote a check, his name is just as good on the check, as his daddy's was. Then he's adopted, or placed. God did the same thing to Jesus upon Mt. Transfiguration when... What did He do? He overshadowed Him, taken Him up in a public place, taken three witness: Peter, James, and John. Brought two witnesses from heaven to show... Three is a witness. And when He overshadowed Him and His raiment, His pretty robe before Him, the glorified condition, shined like the sun in it's strength. Is that right? And a voice came from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." Amen. "I've placed Him positionally. That's My Son. What He says, I'll back up. He's kept My Word. He's fought through all these denominations and everything else and kept the faith. He's pulled no punches. He been true. He's always about My work. When people look at Him, they see Me. This is My Son, hear ye Him. "Did He just promise that to Him? No. Through Him come the seed of Abraham by the same thing. Fourth and fifth chapter, God took Abraham out, and placed the adoption upon him, and changed his name (Glory.) from Abram to Abraham. Abraham comes from the word of "Elohim," God's own name. He associated his name with God's name. God is Elohim. How many knows that? The great Jehovah, Elohim, the all-sufficient One, the self-existing One, Elohim. And what did He do? He took the H-E-M off of His name and placed it onto Abraham's name, because he was A-bra-ham. God is the Father of all, and Abraham is father of nations. Glory. Elohim, Father of all: Abraham, father of nations. Placing positionally. Glory. That's after His church received the Holy Ghost. After they'd went through the testings. See, Pentecost missed that. They organized themself and couldn't get any farther. Then when God does a certain thing, say, "Ah, ha. Stay away from it, see. Our church don't teach that." Go ahead. But here's what He done to Abraham. To Abraham and his seed after him.

If we are seed of Abraham we will most certainly do as Abraham did as we see Jesus himself point out in. John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. Now that is the key right there. If they were Abraham's children they would do the works of Abraham... we'll see what Abraham did in just a moment...
40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication: (we are not serpent seed) we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. (You cannot understand, hear means to understand) 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear (understand) them not, because ye are not of God.

Let us pray...