This evening I would like to examine just one little thought from brother Branham's sermon the Unveiling of God where he says in paragraph 43 where brother Branham 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.

Now, this is a very important statement brother Branham just said here and we should pay very close attention to what he's telling us because he's telling us that circumstances do not matter and therefore we should never look at them. There is only one thing that is important and that is what God said about it.

He said, no sign, no pregnancy, not even a menstrual period. And yet God had said they would have the child, and so that is all Abraham focused on. That one thing. What God said, that's all.

Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations, before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, (He makes alive those who are dead) and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Notice, "calling those things which are not yet as thought they already are." Why? Because God said so, that's why. I am afraid too many people who call themselves Christians today, or even message believers are just good people, nice people, but certainly are not living by the Faith of the Son of God. They are living to a set of creeds, and a set of conduct order and doctrine, but have no clue as to the Presence of the Living God in this hour and living their own lives for them.
The Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness* (right-wise-ness) The Spirit is life because of right-wise-ness, because He has taught us what is right. And he said, *if Christ be in you,* (and that is a big IF, Christ be in you, then ) *the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life.*

So the big question should be, Is the Spirit of Christ in me or is it not.

Because the apostle Paul tells us in the next verse how we will know whether we have the Spirit of Christ in us or not. He says, 11 *But if* (there's that big IF again.) "*But if the Spirit of Him* (God-Elohim) *that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you. He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.*

So the big question is "*IF" "If the same Spirit, God's Spirit, that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, then It (God's Spirit) will quicken (that means to make alive) and make alive your mortal body by His Spirit dwelling in you."

So how do you know if you have His Spirit living in you? That is the big question of the day. What is your evidence that God's Spirit is living and abiding in you?

Because Paul goes on to say, If God's Spirit is living in you, then or 12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

What is he saying here? He is saying who is ruling and running your life. Who is living your life out of your human frame? Is it God or is it, "*self"."

He goes on to say, 14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

So is God leading you, or are you led by your five senses, your flesh. Because if you have received God's Spirit then "*greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.*"

And then Paul says, 15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

The Spirit of adoption identifies with the Father. And if you have truly been filed with HIS Spirit then not only will you not fear any longer, but His Spirit that is living in you will begin to bear witness with your own Spirit that He has taken over your mortal body. And how will you know this?

Well, God is a supernatural being, and your own mortal being will become sensitive to His Immortal Life moving you and propelling you in your daily walk.

Listen to what the Apostle Paul says next...16 *The Spirit* (there is only one The Spirit and that is God's very own Spirit) *Itself will bear witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:* So your life will be dead, and it will be hid with Christ with God.
And if your life is hid with Christ, then it is hid, and is not visible any longer. And you will realize that as Jesus Christ was the first born son of God, you also are a son of God. And as Jesus learned obedience by the things he suffered, you also will learn obedience by the things that you suffer.

As Paul continues by saying, 17 And if we are indeed children, then we indeed are also heirs; more specifically we are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be (there's that big "IF" question again.) if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Sun
doxazo. "Sun" meaning "together", "doxa" meaning the opinions and values and judgments of God and then "Zo" which means in our "zoe", our Life... the opinions, values, and judgments of God are magnified together with Christ in our very life.

That means the very expression of God's Doxa in Christ will also be expressed together with Christ who is our Life as well. And that is exactly what Jesus prayed in John 17:21-23.

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Now, back to what Paul was telling us in Romans 8 and we will pick up at verse 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for this manifestation of the sons of God.

Now, what we are looking at this evening is the fact that we as seed of Abraham will do the works of Abraham, and that is we will live by the same faith that he lived by. And the same Faith that the Son of God lived by. And that Faith does not look to what it can see with the physical eyes, but rather it looks to the unseen, which is the promise of God. and that is how God actually dresses us in his word. It is not a physical garment, but rather it is an invisible one.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Notice we are asked to stand against the wiles of the devil. The word wiles means the tricks, or stratagem meant to fool, trap, or entice; the devils devices. which are his artful or beguiling behavior. His deceitful cunning; and trickery.

And notice even our battle is not one that is visible, but rather it is what we cannot see.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, (our battle is not with the physical realm we live in, but rather the invisible realm) but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high
places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of right-wise-ness: 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Watching thereunto what? Watching for the unseen.

From his sermon Show us the Father and it will satisfy 60-0731 P:21 brother Branham said, "So all the armor of God is unseen, but it's the unseen that the Christian looks at. Like Abraham called things which was not as though they were, because God had said so.

And from his sermon Sir we would see Jesus 62-0724 P:45 brother Branham said, "And the whole Christian armor now is unseen. The Christian looks at what he doesn't see natural. Now, look. That's the only way you can be a Christian. You got to believe God, who you can't see. See, now look. Watch here. The whole Christian armor is love, joy, faith, long-suffering, patience, meekness, gentleness: Holy Spirit. See? All those things are unseen; they're unseen. But the things that's unseen is the ones that has the reality: the unseen things.

Notice he said, "The things that are unseen are the things with the reality to them."

Again from his sermon, Perseverant 62-0719E P:30 he said, "Like Joshua and Caleb, when they... All the rest of the tribe said, "Oh, we can't take it. We can't take it. Oh, we look like grasshoppers. They're giants."But Joshua was perseverant, for he knowed God said, "I've give it to you." See, they were looking at what they could see. Joshua was looking at what God said. That's what... It depends on what you're looking at. The Christian looks at the unseen, the unseen. The whole armor of Christianity is unseen. Everlasting things is unseen. The seen things are material, and the earth is the mother of all of it. But the unseen, the whole armor of God, is an unseen affair: love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, so forth, God, the Holy Ghost, Spirit. All that is unseen. That's the lasting things, the eternal things. That's our whole armor.

Now, let's face it, we take our stand by Faith on things that none of us have seen. That is what Christian Faith is all about. "No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten that is in the bosom of the father hath declared Him." Is not that what Jesus told us? That's John 1:18.

And so we have taken our stand with God and His Word, even though we have never seen God face to Face. But we know that He is
Awakening Jesus 63-0117 P:10 Now, I think that's marvelous, and that gives illiterate people like me a chance, everybody, to believe it, because we hear it, and faith cometh by hearing, and hearing of the Word of God. Then we accept that, and believe that. And upon the basis of our faith in that we are saved, healed; and what evermore we draw from God comes from an unseen resource. Christians... The whole armor of Christianity is faith. Everything that we have is unseen. The only things that's real is unseen, unexplained. The things that can be explained are not real. They're superficial and die. But the things that cannot be explained are immortal, the whole realm. Look at the armor of Christianity. Love, what part of you is love? Love, joy, faith, long-suffering, meekness, patience. See? None of those things... You can't see them. They're unseen, but yet we believe them. Love never dies. Faith is the victory. We believe things that we don't see.

We know, because we believe. 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Notice even the apostle John is telling us that we do not look like with the eyes to be sons of God, yet we believe that we are and we know that when He appears, at His Appearing we will be like Him because we will see Him as He really is.

Everything about our walk comes by looking to the unseen. No man has seen God yet we believe. No man has seen heaven, yet we believe there is a heaven. Jesus told us He goes to prepare a place for us. No one has seen this place yet we believe, because we trust the one who said so.

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

Our entire walk with God is based on our seeing what no eyes have seen nor ears have heard.

The Apostle Peter tells us in 1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

And Jesus said to Thomas in John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

But it is the opposite with the unbeliever, even though they might have chance to see they believe not. John 12:37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

Notice the unbeliever and make-believer, they can look back and look forward but he fails to see what God is doing now.
Brother Branham said in his sermon God in simplicity 63-0317M P:65 God will hide Himself in something so simple that'll cause the wise to miss it a million miles and then turn right back around in that, some simple thing in the simplicity of His way of working and reveal Hisself right out again. I thought it made a text that we might study this before we go into the great teachings of the Seven Seals. Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself. Now, man has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do; and as I have made the old statement many times that man still remains man. Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. See, see?

And that is exactly what the Pharisees did in John 9:29 We know that God spake unto Moses: (past tense) as for this fellow, (present tense) we know not from whence he is. he didn't come the way they had it all worked out that Messiah should come, so the y rejected Him when he did come.

John 9:20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not: or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. 22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

I tell you, I want to meet this brother when we get to the other side, he preached right at them and they had no answer so they just threw him out and resorted to name calling.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see: and that they which see might be
40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Again we see in John chapter 6 the religious with an un-regenerate heart could not look to the unseen, but focused on what their own two eyes could see.

John 6:41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

They were so tied to their own flesh and blood that they could not see the kingdom of God had come down.

II Kings 6:8 8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

Looking unto Jesus 64-0122 P:14 Sometimes there's things that's happening around us that we cannot understand: others are saying they see things, others see nothing about it. Look at Dothan down there that day when Elijah had been surrounded by the Syrian army. And his faithful servant Gehazi who lived with him, waited on him, cooked for him, and kept his clothes clean, poured water on his hands, was right with him, day and night, listened to him teach and preach. And that morning when he woke up, he looked out and
he seen the Syrian army all around; he said, "My father, alas, look at the opposition we have, the whole Syrian army." You see, Elijah, when he rose up and looked, he saw something that Gehazi didn't see. And so he prayed, "God, open this young man's eyes." Now, his eyes were wide open, but he said, "Open his eyes that he might see." And when his eyes, spiritually, came open, the whole mountains was full of chariots of Fire and Angels all around that prophet. See, it was different when his eyes came open.

When their eyes were opened 64-0212 P:43 Philip and Nathanael had been studying the Scripture about Him coming. He come, said, "Come see Who I've found. Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph." "Oh," he said, "Nothing good could come out of Nazareth." Said, "You come, see." And around the mountain they went. No doubt but what they rehearsed many things that Jesus had been doing, what He had said to Simon, what He had done, these things He had did. And as soon as Philip walked up into His Presence with Nathanael, Jesus looked over to Nathanael and said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there's no guile." He said, "Rabbi, when did You know me?" He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree, I saw you." His eyes come open. He said, "Thou art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel." What was it? He seen the promised Word of that day revealed.

When their eyes were opened 64-0416 P:1 ...?... out of St. Luke's Gospel, beginning with the 24th chapter and the 13th verse. And, behold, two of them went the same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlong. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that you have one to another, as you walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and has not known the things which are come to pass... in these days? And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and the rulers delivered him to the... be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that he had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and besides all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher: And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said... he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even... as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then said he unto them, O fools... slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them... all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, where they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is towards evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and
brake it, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to the other, Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us by the way, and while he opened unto us the Scripture?

Now, in his sermon Go tell my disciples 53-0405S P:78 brother Branham explains this story we just read in the book of Luke. "And they begin, said, "Stay with us. We just love You. Why, we'd like to have you for our pastor. There's something about You that's different from other people. There's something about You; You explain the Scriptures a little different from other men. We'd just like for You to go with us. We'd like for You to meet our friend, Peter, James, and John, and them. We got some friends that was a follower of Jesus, and we would like for You to come in. Seem like You know so much about Him." And it was Him, Hisself. That was Him. He set by you a many a time. Here He stood there, and He begin to talk to them. And so, the first thing you know, when He picked up the bread... He took the bread. Now, their eyes were blinded. And He broke the bread. When He lifted up His eyes, and blessed it and brake it, and their eyes were opened. I like that. Their eyes were opened. If there ever was a time that the church of Christ needs its eyes opened, is today; some more breaking bread. Their eyes were opened and they recognized that it was Him. Oh, friend, has He ever opened your eyes that way? Has He ever blessed you in such a way? Has He ever broke you apart from the things of the world, separated you, a breaking and an opening time? That's what the church needs today, is a breaking and an opening time. And his eyes were opened, their eyes were opened, rather, and they recognized Him. Just the way He done that bread, that's the way they recognized Him. My, how many times...

Again in his sermon Door to the heart 58-0316E P:70 brother Branham further explains how God opened their eyes. "Oh, if God could only get us in, like He did Cleopas and them who'd walked with Him all day. He'd taught them and preached to them all day, and still they didn't know Who He was. Then when He got them inside, like He's got you now, closed in, then He revealed Himself. Their eyes were opened. Why, they'd looked all day long. They'd looked right in His face, but they didn't know Him. And their eyes were opened, and they said they knew it was the Lord. See, quickly He had vanished from their sight. Right back they went saying, "Truly the Lord Jesus has raised from the dead."Do you want your eyes opened to see this is the last day, to see this is the end of the age? God's dealing with the Gentiles now. This will be the last go around. Next thing is judgment. God bless you, young man, setting right just in the prime of life, teen-ager. You're taking the best road that you ever took, son. Mom and daddy will sure be glad of you, be proud to know that their son's raised his hand and accepted Christ.

We could go the book of Hebrews and go over every one of them believers, and all of them had one thing in common, they had seen things that others did not see, and by Faith they could see what others could not see.

Do you have enough faith tonight to see what God wants you to see? Or do you have just enough faith to see what you want to see.
Brother Branham said in his sermon, *Why cry speak 63-0714M P:55* Lot could see the glamour, but he didn't have enough faith to see the fire that would destroy such glamour. I wonder if we have today? I wonder if us, the women that wants to be popular, that wants to act like the rest of the women of the church, if they see that they want to act like the rest, they can see the possibilities of being a prettier woman by being painted; they can see a prettier woman by having a younger appearance by cutting their hair, and acting like some of the others of the movie stars, but I wonder if that hasn't paralyzed their faith to know that the Bible says that a woman does that is a unhonorable woman. And a woman that puts on a garment pertains to a man is an abomination before God: slacks and so forth and shorts that they're wearing. It just becomes so calloused till it becomes a regular routine of the people doing it. I wonder if they don't paralyze the very little faith that you had even to go to church. You see? That's the thing it does.

Paul a prisoner of Christ 63-0717 P:5 The Holy Spirit sometimes will let us go ahead and test our faith to see what, and test others' faith. When you're looking directly at something and see something and say it, others look and don't see it, they say it's not there. See? But it is there.

Be certain of God 59-0412A P:19 When you've done everything that you know how to do, and met every requirement that God has required, that's where faith takes a hold. That's where faith comes in. If you've met every requirement that God required you to do, then sometimes God tests your faith, to see what kind of a reaction you'll have on your action. Oh, He's good at that. It's just proves whether you really believe what you think you believe. You know He does that many times.

Go wake Jesus 63-1103 P:53 Peter said, "*Think it not strange when trials come upon you, fiery trials. It's better to you than gold. It's done to prove you.*" Oh, that refiner's fire, that it'll come out a hundred percent, all the dross melted out, all the unbelief, an experience then that you know. What the Hebrew children could testify after they went through the fire. God is a Saviour from fire. They knew it. Daniel knew after the lions' den experience. Lazarus knew after the grave that He was the Resurrection. Amen. After you've went through these tests and trials, they're glorious to you. *Then this was done to test their faith.* Maybe it might be tonight that some here has got sickness, and it's a test of faith to see what you'll do about it.

Be certain of God 59-0708E P:24 It seems strange when a person has done all that they can do, that they have fulfilled every request that God has asked them to do, and still He is silent. When you have done all that God has requested you to do, and still He's silent, just be sure that you know God. And remember, faith is silently waiting. He's only testing your faith to see what you'll do. God does that.

Let us pray...