

Christ the Mystery of God Revealed - Lee Vayle Power of a Prophet; Hebrews 13:8

1 Shall we pray,

Heavenly Father, we want to thank You again for the privilege of being in this place that You've dedicated and given to us to use at this time, Lord, assembling together to hear Your Word. We pray, Father, that this Word being corrective will correct our thoughts, especially our minds, Lord, that we may know upon what to think, because we've been admonished to think upon right things. And this Word, Lord, correctly explained to us, will be the right thing to think upon. This will be the Word to guide us and lead us. To wash us at it were even from the things of the world and to give us our armor and whatever we have need of.

So, Lord, we covet the understanding of Your Word to help, even as Your prophet said that it was the gift of wisdom into the church to place the church, to let her know her position, where she is and all is greater than any gift given to the healing of the body, which we know that is true. So, Father, we just thank You for the great gift You've given us, the gift of the Holy Spirit in this hour whereby we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Help us to know them in a way we've not known them previously, to know You whom to whom right is Life Eternal according to Scripture. We'II give You the praise in Jesus' Name, Amen. You may be seated.

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Now, this is message Number 23, (and we're up to about page 71) in Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. And in the presentation of this three-division message, which divisions are number one: revelation â€" number two: preeminence â€" and number three: restorationâ€"it's very evident that once we really understand what is said, (that's the most important thing, to understand what is said) it's not too hard to see that the prophet is responsible for all three.

Now, that might sound a little difficult there, but it is very true. You cannot separate the prophet from any of the three divisions.

Even the restoration back to Eden; which you would almost feel would be exclusively in the hands of God apart from the prophet once the prophet has done his work – but that's not so; all three divisions, (those major divisions) rest entirely upon a prophet. And I say rest entirely upon a prophet, in the sense that God has desired to do that.

If it weren't the sovereign will of God, then of course it would not be done. But seeing it's the sovereign will of God, then all these three, rest entirely upon the prophet, in order that this may come to pass. All right, we can see that, I think, particularly epitomized in John 14 before we take other Scripture to show it.

John 14:10

- (10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- **3** Now, you'II notice there are two things attributed there. And that is the works that were done by the words of Jesus, were done by the Fatherâ€"and the words that were spoken by Jesus, were the words that the Father gave him, Jesus, to speak. And this is exactly what we have with a

prophet; it cannot be any other way. Otherwise the person would not be a prophet. And remember that Jesus was the great Prophet.

As I said on Wednesday night; it is so easy for people to speak of Jesus as the Lamb of God, the High Priest, Intercessor, and Mediator; and bypass the fact that He was a Prophetâ€"and yet that's the very thing that he was supposed to be to the people.

Now, we understand in the Garden, God said, "He is the seed of the woman, which is going to bring to nothing the work of the enemy, and bruise the serpent's head.― That's all very trueâ€"but you'II find that the outworking of that came by way of prophets.

4 And all that was in the prophets was gathered up in the Lord Jesus Christ. So everything that was said concerning Him to that point, (and even beyond that point) was said by prophets. And He fulfilled what was said by prophets concerning Him, and opened the door for He Himself, to fulfill all else that was not fulfilled.

Then Paul came along, (a prophet like unto Moses) with the Pillar of Fire. God appearing in a visible form, yet speaking face-to-face and he

laid down other things which would followâ€"being an amplification of what was already said; or the Word magnified.

5 Then John received a revelation from another prophet God sent, as the Book of Revelation said, "l've sent my messenger to John,― and the messenger was a prophet; and that was all in vision. Now, these things are a little bit hard for the human mind to understand but I can tell you one thingâ€"you'II get great peace by just believing it.

Now, if you try to figure it out and try to categorize it so it would fit in with what you think should be the way, l've got news for you; you're going to have problems. And it's hard for you even to take some things that I say, until you get to the place where you can begin to absorb them; and then utilize them. They become familiar to you.

Like my opening statement was here, in the presentation of this three-division message. Which divisions are: one – revelation; two – preeminence; and three – restoration. It is very evident once you really understand what is being said, that the prophet is responsible for all three. Then starting in here showing you what a prophet is like. This is the great prophet.

6 Now, they could not do what this man did; but let me assure you that they had to do in their own order, and in their own measure, exactly what this man, Christ Jesus, did. In other words, they couldn't say anything but what God said.

Even Balaam, who was truly a prophet, but not a true prophet; when Balak said, "Hey, I paid you to curse that bunch,―

Balaam said, "Well, hold just a minute. Are you dealing with me or dealing with God? I thought you were dealing with me so I could deal with God, and get God to you. And I went to God for you; and what happened? –He made me bless them. I can only say what God said.―

Then there was Isaac. Poor old Isaac, he loved Esau. He was kind of an earthy old boy, Isaac was. He liked the good garlic stew and the things that Esau could cook up. And Isaac wasn't too fussy about Jacob because Jacob was a momma's boy, so-to-speak.

His mother went to Jacob; she should have known better, (but woman are pretty tricky, you

know, and men are pretty tricky too) but she said, "Now look, what we'II do, we'II just kill a goat here and we'II use the skin of the goat because your brother is so hairy,― (he must have been really hairy) she said, "now we'II get this skin off on your hand,― (you know how goat's skin is, very light, beautiful, mild-like, make gloves out of it, and shoes and things) "we'II just tape it on your hands and when your father speaks, you bring the savory stew. l'II help you cook it up because I know Esau's recipe, and we'II just make believe that you're Esau.― And so you know, the old boy was deceived.

7 Now look, the thing is Isaac could have said, "Hey, no deceivers going to get by me.― (But he knew that God had spoken through him.)

And he said, "What I said stands.―

No court of law would allow such embezzlement and deceit. Do you think God would have allowed it? You've got another think coming if you think God's integrity can be impugned [challenged as false] by a man. He'II put that man aside so fast and slap him down and show that he's a fake. But Isaac had to say,

"That's what God said and that's what's going to stand.―

Esau said, "Well, father, can't you give me a blessing?―

Well, Isaac tuned into God and God said, "Sure,― He said, "give him a lot of good things on earth, that's what he's going to have, but heaven's not his; he doesn't get the portion he's put.―

8 Because, you see, one was made in the image of the earth, earthy and would never be in the image of the heavenly. But you see, you can be born of the image of the earth, earthy; but you can then inherit the image of the heavenlyâ€"because you've got that seed; the predestinated seed. So you see what l'm saying here, this picture concerning Jesus stands as a status quo. When you talk prophet you better talk prophet.

Not say, "Well, this prophet he wasn't quite like the other one and after all he did make his mistakes but you see what it was they sort of got a little efficient, as time went on.―

Hogwash! Did you ever hear of such nonsense? Why that's the most ridiculous thing under God's high heaven. Okay, let's go back to Revelation 21 (it's important) just till you see this, then we'II get into some more things.

Revelation 21:5-8

- (5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
- (6) And he said…, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega…

â€Ithe beginning and the end. And I will give unto them that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

- (7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
- (8) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idol-aters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake of fire which burns with fire

and brimstone: which is the second death.

9 Now, in here you're looking at the complete restoration – which is Eden – because that was God's government upon earth. And now it's going to go back to God's government upon earth once more, in the great ages to come; when a new heavens and a new earth. What I wanted to show you there, that Jesus promised restoration. He most certainly did. But let's just watch this now, how this takes place from the Scripture in our day. Okay, now that's what we saw. We saw that the words and the works—were of the Father—in the Son. And we saw the vision at the end-time given to John,

"l'm going to do all things over again.― [Revelation 21:5]

- **10** So, here we go to 1 Thessalonians 4, and I promised you this morning we'd get into what I want to say down the road here. We're going to hear something so simple; we'II wonder why we didn't put it together. And yet we did put it together, without knowing it was put together. Okay that sounds silly; but it's not silly, it's the truth.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (Now, categorically, it does not say that this is to be the voice of the Lord Himself.)
- 11 The shout is not said to be the shout of the Lord Himself; it says, "He descends with a shout.―

And Bro. Branham said, "He does all three in descending.―

So, we know here categorically, that this is the voice of the prophet. Now, with this here, you are seeing an opening into eternity, from time, wherein this is going to put a new-born people into the rapture. Which will put them to the Wedding Supper, one thousand year Millennium, and then into the new heavens and the new earth; right? That's what you're looking at because this is where it starts; and this is what it's all about—to get this thing on the road. Now, let's go to Matthew 17 (to prove my point of Revelation 21) the great restoration that's coming.

Matthew 17:11

(11) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah â€lshall truly first come, and restore all things. (So, even restoration is utterly dependent upon a prophet.)

So, there isn't going to be any Wedding Supper, Millennium, or New Jerusalem outside of a prophet.

Now, right away, I know people say, "Well, I don't think Bro. Branham and I agree one hundred percent.―

12 You and I donâ€[™]t have a think coming. You didnâ€[™]t have a think coming, not one of us here, for generations back; whether weâ€[™]d be born, what we look like, or anything else—no way, shape and form. You donâ€[™]t have a thought coming.

Now, we were looking at John 14:12 and we'II look at it again. And it says:

John 14:12

(12) Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, (now he, singular) the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. (Now you know, when you're talking about this, you should liken this now to a man coming in the steps of Jesus; doing this.)

This must line with verse 10 â€" which is the prophet â€" which the words and the deeds must be categorically founded in; and done by God Himselfâ€"in whatever vessel He is choosing. Now that, of course, positively is over here as Luke 17:30 based upon verse 20.

Luke 17:20-21

- (20) …he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, and he said, (it doesn't come) with observation:
- (21) …(It will come and you won't even see it. It's here right now in the midst of you) (See?â€"God's kingdom on earth.)
- 13 Now, you know that a kingdom is entirely dependent upon the king.

Now, I know many people say, "Well no, the king is dependent upon the kingdom.―

Hogwash! That would be the stupidest answer under God's high heaven. It's always been proven he that gets there firstest with the mostest is the guy that wins the battle. Then all you've got to do is have a man bigger than the guy on the throne, you push him off, and then he's king. So the kingdom has to do with the king; or it ain't no kingdom. So, let's understand that.

Right now, you've seen succession of titles; and the peaceful, dear-old, jolly England with its jolly old Queen and jolly old kings. What happened in Russia? The jolly old czar got pushed off. Now you've got a Gorbachev and a few of these birds that come around; and most of the kings have been deposed. So therefore, when the Bible is speaking of kings, it's mostly dictators. But how does a dictator get power? When he gets in, how do you push him off? You've got to massacre him, kill him. So, you see when it comes right down to it, there's always somebody doing something.

14 So, you talk about a kingdom that stresses upon the king. See. Like the kingdoms of this world should be the kingdoms of our God. Why? –Because He's the strong, tough One. Our God is a warrior. He's a great warrior, a great battler. He's a fighter. Who's going to best Him? So what we're looking at then, is the kingdom; God's government upon earth. And Jesus was God's government because he was the Logos; the manifestation of the attributes of Godhead.

Now, of course, he's a prophet there. Then he says, "All right, you're going to look for these days. They are not going to come till the time equivalent to the time of Noah, and the time of Sodom and Gomorrah. Then the days of the Son of man will come back.― He says:

Luke 17:30

- (30) Even thus it shall be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. (See? Manifestly shown forth, positively, as to Who He is. This is God.)
- **15** Now, let's look over here in 2 Corinthians 3 and in there we can see what is going to take

place at the end-time concerning Israel, but it also concerns us. Now it says in here:

- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
- (18) But we all, with open face (unveiled face, that's what it is, unveiled minds) beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Now, in there, you're looking in the mirror of God's Word and you're seeing the destiny of man, which if you're Bride, (you believe this Message, you're of God) you're looking to see where you are.

And when you look in there, to see yourself, you see your representative. You don't see yourself â€" you see Christ â€" and in Him you see yourself; but you can only see that when the creeds and dogmas are ripped away from your minds, and you're changed to the same image from glory to gloryâ€"which glory started with Lutherâ€"that was a glory.

That's the waters to the ankles from the Eastern Gate, of Ezekiel. Then the waters to the knees were Wesleyans. And then from the knees to the thighs were the Pentecostals. And from that time on it says †waters to swim in' which is the complete revealed Word of God; and the fullness of the Spirit returned to the church. See, to take us over. Okay, now that's all by the Spirit of God. He's speaking of the Spirit of God doing this. So:

- 2 Corinthians 4:1-2
- (1) Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
- **16** Now, Paul says that through the mercy of God, a ministry that brings this to pass has been allowed us; and except that we know that this ministry is going to do this, we would come to a place of fainting. Now this gives you an understanding right here that this ministry, which is the final message of Laodicea, (which is the changed mind) is going to bring you to a place where you're going to wonder, "Hey, is this it?― Your patience will start to run out. And we'II look at this in this message about page eighty-five or something, (but you'II be tried on this point) but notice what Paul says:
- (2) But we have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (Only a prophet could say that.)
- 17 Only a prophet by manifestationâ€"could commend himself to the people, "l've got what it takes so you can have what you need.― So you can see why I say Bro. Branham is related to all of these three divisions. You cannot separate him from it. Now we showed you how it wasâ€"God's going to use a prophetâ€"the prophet gives preeminence to God; which we took up. We'II deal more with it later on. Now, all this comes to us by Ephesians 1:17-20 and Ephesians 3:1

Ephesians 1:17-20

(17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

- (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (Which takes you to)
- (19) â€Ithe exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead…(Now that power is going to return to the Bride.)

It will not be in the Bride; it will be to the Bride and for the Bride.

18 This is Resurrection. Jesus does all three in descending. He has the Shout, He has the Voice, and He has the Trumpet, which calls us there. In other words, this is the Holy Spirit; because itâ€[™]s a spirit, (Weâ€[™]II see more of that as we go into this message, not this morning perhaps but later on.) Itâ€[™]s going to lighten our eyes. Itâ€[™]s going to know what the hope is, of his calling. And what was the hope of his calling?

That he was going to get paid back for what he did, and he gets the Bride. See. But now there's one thing about it, and that's he said, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell.― You'II not leave me without hope. In other words, he's going to see the complete fruit of his own resurrection: those in the First Resurrection, (the Old Testament Bride) and the New Testament Bride.

(18) â€land what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (And you know what His inheritance was; was His Name. Everything else he worked for.)

And remember, that's exactly what the Gentiles trust in when He makes Himself manifest according to Matthew 12.

19 Now, if you're not used to my preaching this is tough on you. But you that are used to my preaching it should be as easy as falling off a log, because you know all the Scripture we're dealing with. So your minds should be just clicking right into gear every time I bring these to your attention. Okay. Out of this comes resurrection; rapture.

Now, over here in Ephesians 3, notice what Paul says.

Ephesians 3:1

- (1) For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, (Prisoner to what? â€"Prisoner to the Word.)
- **20** Because you see, he took up where Eve started the mess. She disbelieved one Word and Adam went along with her. See, he said anybody adding a word or taking a word; an angel of heaven come down and preach anything other than what I preached. And if I change it, l'm accursed, he's accursed; we're all cursed.

Now, what's been going on for years, is this hybridization of the Word of God; and the terrible tragedy of the true revelation of the Word of Godâ€"not being with the people of God. So at the end-time there has got to be a restorer and that's got to be an Elijah; and you know that Elijah was a hundred-percent stickler for three things: the Presence of God â€" the Power of God â€" and the Word of Godâ€"which was the proper worship.

So, all right, this is what we looked for at the very end-time. Now then, this is the Malachi 4

ministry, and William Branham describes the events where it all started. Now why do I say this is the Malachi 4 ministry? –Because the Word of God said,

"lf I don't send Elijah the prophet, I will come and destroy utterly.―

21 Now remember, that's the exact scene as it was in the days of Abraham; and the days of Noah, the destruction. In one place it was a spot destruction. In another place it was a worldwide destruction. So there's a spot destruction and a worldwide. And in there you'II notice how that God came, and He gave His Word to the elect, so the elect would not perish. God Himself was doing it. Now Bro. Branham's statement concerning this, (the one I keep reading to you) is Anointed Ones of the End Time, and he said:

[269] Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today I was trying to say that about myself, seeing that l'm (preaching) this Message. I have no more to do with this Message than nothing, no more than just a voice. (See? Now that's what you are looking at.)

But the prophet was absolutely an integral part of these three divisions, and without him the three divisions would not have come into availability as of this time. Now in no wise does such thinking and teaching as ours, eliminate John 13:16 where it says, "The servant is not greater than his lord; neither is he that is sent greater than him that sent him.― However, the Bible continues in the same chapter saying:

John 13:20

- (20) …He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth whomsoever I send….
- 22 Now, this is put in a much more comprehensive way in Matthew 10:17-26 and remember, the gospels are written for our hour; and you can take lessons from what happened to the Pharisees and the Sadducees in Israel, from them. But you remember the setting is identical in-so-far that He cannot change. He would say the same things to us; pertinent to this hour. Okay:

Matthew 10:17-26

- (17) But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in the synagogues;
- (18) â€lyou'II be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

Now, this then is a continuing prophecy, because they had not gone to the Gentiles at that time, nor were they allowed to go till after Pentecost. Then their ministry ended with the Apostle Paul taking over.

- (19) But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: â€lit shall be given you in that same hour what you'II speak.
- (20) For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
- 23 Now, you know as well as I do, that that is written as a revelation to come, that could only come through a prophet. If it's written for you and me, then we could only say the same things that a prophet said; so that we would know it's the same Spirit speaking in us. And if we disagree with

what a prophet said, then it could not be the same Spirit.

Because every Church Age has a messenger, wherein it starts out like, "Unto the messenger which is in the church of Ephesus.― (He's going to bring a message now) then at the end it says, "He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.― So, therefore, the message comes to the messenger, and then the messenger gives the message to us.

And if we are of the same Spirit, we'II say the same things that the messenger says, and you don't need to worry about it, because that Spirit's not going to make a mistake. The elect are not fooled.

- (21) â€lbrother shall deliver up the brother to death, â€lthe father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. (Now you know that's in our day. That wasn't back there like it is now.)
- (22) And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
- (23) But when they persecute you in this city, fleeâ€lto another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
- **24** Now, there's your key right there. "You'II not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.― Now that lets you know right there that there is a break, that's where Daniel's seventieth week gets broken off. Messiah comes and is crucified in the middle.

Then from the middle of that, till the last three and a half years which is being faced down the road; this is your major break. Because the Gentiles, He doesn't break the reed and He doesn't quench the smoking flax. He allows them a restoration which He did not allow for Israel, because Israel has to turn to Christ; the 144,000 cannot be sealed in, except receiving Jesus Christ as Savior. So there's a change there.

Now watch:

- (24) The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
- (25) It is enough for the disciple that he is as his master, and

the servant as his lord. (Now he's not talking just to the casual people. He's talking to those that bring this message.) If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

(26) Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. (Now there's your promise right there. At the end-time they will blaspheme the Holy Ghost.)

They will turn down the prophetic message of the end-hour. They'II turn down the people that believe in it. See? Now that's what we're looking at. (We don't have to read the rest of it there because that is sufficient.)

25 So, we can clearly see then that Malachi 4:5-6, which we know to be, "Behold, I send you Elijah, the prophet, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, and he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers lest I come and smite the earth with a curse,― is positively Revelation

10:1-7 where the mighty messenger comes down with a rainbow, (which signifies He's the one that's sitting on the throne of Revelation 4:5) and He is here in a Pillar of Fire dealing with the prophet of Revelation 10:7â€"and that brings it to pass. So, we do not believe that Bro. Branham is God under any set of circumstances.

But when you view the Scripture, of revelation and preeminence; or manifestation and restoration, you cannot disannul the fact of the prophet so involved in those threeâ€"that except for him, God could not, and would not, carry out His purpose, (not that He could not if He wanted to, and changed His mind) but He has decided that that's the way it's to go. And that was decided from before the foundation of the world, there was one speck of stardust.

26 Now, the Bible said, "Who can change God's mind?―

See, who is of a mind to change Him? You cannot. You have to go along with the Scripture. Now, many people got carried away, because the works of God, (as in Jesus Christ) were in Bro. Branham. "Well,― they said, "he's got to be Jesus Christ.―

Well, how could he be? He can't be. There's no way. He wasn't bearing the nail prints or anything else. And he wasn't an incarnation, although incarnation is not too bad a term if you understand what we believe to be incarnation â€" which would be God incarnating Himself â€"

specifically in a prophet, in a major way. But He also incarnates Himself in us, in a minor way.

27 See, in one place it is the Spirit of God complete – Holy Ghost – God, in the prophets; whereas in you and I, it is a measure.

So, therefore, Bro. Branham said, (as he said so truly) "God is His own prophet.― See?

Then he also said, "The Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, not a man, God, but it comes by a prophet.― (The same one who said) that, "The Token is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.―

So, you can see then what you're looking at. You're looking at the fact that God cannot operate outside of a prophet, until God Himself is incarnated in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ; which is now seated on the throne. For the Father, having come on down in a Pillar of Fire, is working out what He must work out according to a church order and an established patternâ€"whereby He can get the dead out of the ground and change the people hereâ€"and get them all in the rapture.

You say, "Well, now I think God might do so-and-so.―

28 Your thinking and mine doesn't count one little bit. Nothing is up for grabs; so that you produce something, I produce something. And you watch this as we get in this message this morning, what l'm telling you is very, very important.

We do not make William Branham, Jesus Christ, not by any stretch of the imagination, but the fact of the matter is, he is that representative; the one that God uses, so that Bro. Branham himself, could place himself with Moses and Paul, as he said, categorically, "See,― (speaking to me on a tape, you can get that tape) "See, Lee, we haven't had a prophet that spoke face-to-face with God like Moses, since the time of Paul for two thousand years, till now.― Letting you know exactly the stature of this hour; but he did not say for one minute,

But he did say that, "The prophet is God to the people.―

29 And that is exactly true; and I don't think people take that far enoughâ€"to realize that he actually is â€" God to the people â€" and to listen to him is just the same as if you were completely spellbound by the Pillar of Fire. Now a lot of people say, "Well, now, I think that's great that Moses had a Pillar of Fire. And I think that's great that Paul had the Pillar of Fire. And I believe that's a legitimate picture, [the Pillar of Fire picture] that's a good picture, see, I believe that, and that's true.―

But you know many people don't really believe it, because if they did, they'd hang onto every word. See? In other words, you would realize that you don't have to, (and neither will you) go through that experience to get what you're getting. But you will go through the experience of listening, and being obedient, to the call of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, so we see our prophet, the prisoner of the Lord, giving God the preeminence, (that's where he left off, on page 70) now remember, preeminence is something you and I have to give.

30 Revelation, we have to get, (and we must get) in that restoration. See? How is it done? It's done by the method that God has ordained. In other words, the prophet gets from God what we need, and we getting from him what God wants us to have; we are as fully equipped in getting from him, as he is equipped in getting what he got.

Because anybody knows a prophet of stature, is a tremendous, tremendous personâ€"there is no one in his rankâ€"outside of God Himself; just no one in his rank. But you and I get exactly what he gotâ€"the complete benefits. So you see, we have our sourceâ€"God has a sourceâ€"a conduit; all the way down. We, all the way going up, have a source, which are those conduits. All right, I hope you're catching this because it's really quite simple.

Now, he says here:

[70-4] The same thing came through in the days of Moses, days of Elijah, days of the prophets, days of Jesus, on down through unto this very hour! The impregnated person with the Seed of God, the Word in there manifesting Itself, so surrendered to the will of God that the Word of God and the Word alone manifests Itself, (in this person – to the prisoner) to an individual.

31 He's telling you right here, as Paul was a prisoner, as Jesus the man was a prisonerâ€"so William Branhamâ€"was a complete prisoner to Almighty God; to the Word that must be fulfilled in this hour, (which could not be fulfilled, which means restoration) until revelation took place. And revelation is based upon what? â€"Credibility or Vindicated.

Do you understand what l'm saying?

Look it, God never put a prophet on the scene just for the fun of having a prophet, (and He wasn't like some of these kooks in this age, who tried to make William Branham, Jesus Christ) see; now here comes old Moses and the burning bush. We went through this many times. And he says, "Say,― he says, "that's amazing how that bush is burning and not being consumed. What's going on here anyway?― (God was attracting his attention.) Now, it just wasn't anybody that the Pillar of Fire appeared to.

32 Now, nobody then came to Moses, and said, "Oh, Moses, you've got to be God. You've got to be God, you know. You did this, and you did that, and you saw the Pillar of Fire. You've got to be God. That's it. That's it. You're the Logos.―

Hogwash! Yet people came to William Branham and tried to make him Logos. He was not the Logos; but he was that which God used in order to present Himself – the Logos – and to give us the understanding. So, therefore, anybody trying to worship him would be more than ridiculous. But notice what he says here:

[70-4] The impregnated person with the Seed of God, â€l

33 Now first of all, there's a Seed of God, which we know to be the Wordâ€"that's in there to be manifested. Look it, there was a portion that God gave dear Brother Paul, (the Word of God just like this) and he laid it out there. And he gave John visions, and a prophet to tell John concerning the visionsâ€"and John laid it out. But Paul himself did not have, at that time, the ability to know the Power of the Resurrection which lay in the Wordâ€"because that wasn't the Word of the hourâ€"the Word of the hour for Paul, was Christ; and him crucified.

The Word of this hour is God demonstrated in His Resurrection. So William Branham had the Word of the hour for resurrection and restoration; and for our change. So, therefore, that Word being in him, (and him being born to it) what happened? –He was impregnated by God to bring forth that Word through his own surrendered will to God—manifesting whatever God wanted—showing that he was an individual prisoner to it. Now, that's exactly where Christ was.

34 He said, "l speak what I hear my Father say,― (and he said) "l do what my Father tells me to do; what l've been seeing.―

So here you've got a predestinated prophet, with the predestinated Word to a predestinated hour; to manifest itself, to catch a predestinated Seed. See? That's what you're looking at: William Branham. Now you cannot separate preeminence from the prophet.

You say, "What is my place?―

Your place is also to make Him preeminent, but not in this respect. You make Him preeminent when you believe exactly what the prophet said. You don't take from it; you don't add to it. You don't get your own thinking; you say, "That's it.―

And you obey what's laid out there for you.

35 Well, the strangest thing in the world, women types the church. And I think there's women right today, they would sooner go out there and die for Jesus on a street corner, get slaughtered out there with a machete; then take off their stupid slacks and let their hair grow. That's right. That's the truth and you know it because they're going to let you know, bless God, they don't have to do that. They've got Jesus, hallelujah, and I can prove they got it. An old lady walked up one day to a guy named Wertheim or something, (he's a converted Jew) she said, "Brother, I haven't sinned for thirty years.―

She had a pretty hat on, she looked pretty gorgeous. He picked up a pitcher of water and poured it over her head, and she got mad and she saidâ€!. "Well, you lost your sanctification that time, didn't you, honey?― [Congregation laughs.]

36 It can be proven pretty soon who you are, and what you are. But you can't get a prophet off the Word, because his doesn't go by human foibles, and little things about a little sanctification, and all that kind of jazz that somebody trumps up. See? No, not some self-righteous thing. See, you can't do it. Listen carefully now, let's read again:

[70-4] The impregnated person with the Seed of God, (That's the prophet with the Word for the hour.) the Word in there now is manifesting Itself, because he's so surrendered to the to the will of God (and the Word of God) that the Word alone manifests Itself in this person, that prisoner, that individual. You don't get this through a church. My church has nothing to do with it. It's an individual, one person. (Now listen!) All hell is against this teaching. All hell is against this truth, but it is the truth.

What truth?â€"The teaching of one person carrying the load for everybodyâ€"but what they forget is, as soon as that man delivers his load; you're on your own kid whether you take it or not. The prophet is free and he's not gun-shy. Don't worry; he doesn't have to be.

37 He's the old herald that jumped on his horse at the king's command. He blasted his bugle outside the gate, they opened the gate, the drawbridge down, let him come in, and he read the scroll, still sitting on his horse, didn't even bother to get off, whirled around, went out again. You do what you wantâ€"that's the proclamationâ€"you do what you want. That's right. That's not a tough saying, that's just the truth. Do what you want; you're going to do it anyway.

Bro. Branham said, "Sure,― he said, "God told Aimee to go preaching, He knew she was going to go preaching anyway.―

Where did he get it from? –Because Balaam did the same thing; He knew Balaam was going to go anyway, "Go on down.― Aimee told a lot of truth just the same.

I think she was a bit of a cut-up, but I tell you what, she preached a sermon on the restoration of gifts and she hit it right on the nose. It was gifts restored, the Holy Ghost wasn't restored. It was the gifts restored. The gift is a far thing from the thing itself. Just like you and I got a little gift of life and within that life there's all kinds of little gifts; manifestations. But if you haven't got that Life down inside of you, you're just anointed by it; it doesn't do you much good.

All right, now:

- [71-1] Jesus never said, "Now, Peter, you, and John, and all the rest of the people, you've got the revelation now; the whole church is saved.― (Now watch how he cuts this back to you and me now.)â€lit's to him personally.
- **38** Now, let William Branham come. Let Peter give a revelation, let John give a revelation. Now weâ€[™]II say, "This is it, our church has got it, and we all get it with one lump.― No you donâ€[™]t. Individuals get it individual prophet individual person: itâ€[™]s a one-to-one consistently, never beyond that.
- [71-1] It was to him personally. "I say unto thee ( thee,' not to them,) to thee, thou art Peter, (and) upon this rock l'II build My Church.― And the word "Peter,― means "a stone― "stone― means "the confessed one, or the separated one.― (All right, he's still talking about himself as a prophet. Now, you listen.)
- [71-2] Upon a certain stone, upon a certain thing (Now what's a certain stone, a certain thing? Let's find out.) â€Ithe Church called out, upon this stone, upon this revelation. (So what is this certain thing, this certain stone? It's a revelation. What about the revelation?) "Flesh and blood (has) never revealed it to you, (Has never, can never, will never) but upon this revelation (to the called out group) I'II build My Church in them, and all the gates of hell will never be able to withstand it.― (It didn't say withstand them, it says withstand it. Now if you've got something that the gates of hell can't lick and it's in your possession, you don't need to worry

about the gates of hell.)

39 That's like I keep telling you about Rockefeller, with billions and billions of dollars. Well, they're all dead pretty well now, but there were those who got the billions. A light bill comes in for three hundred dollars, say, "Pay it.― They get sued and lose a case, one million dollars, "Pay it.― Oh, they don't like it but, "Pay it,― they've got the money. When you've got something that is inexhaustible and omnipotent, you don't have a worry. See, that's what people don't understand about this Message. We have in our hand the thing that we need to put us in a rapture.

[71-2] "Not one hair of your head shall perish. You're Mine; l'll raise you up in the last day, give unto him Eternal Life and raise him up at the last day.― There it is, the revelation. Not them, but him; an individual; not a group, an individual. All hell is against it. (Now what is he telling you here in plain English?)

40 He's telling you the very simple thing that l'm going to coordinate in our thinking this morning, and I trust you'II be as amazed at the simplicity as I am amazed at it. Because l've been saying this for years and years; teaching it accurately right down the line, but never put it together the way l'm going to put it together for you at this particular time.

Discernment of Spirits. [60-0308]

[89] Now, watch and see where the gates of hell is against. It isn't against the denomination. The government recognizes that. It isn't. The world recognizes our denominations, all of them. We have the right... (Sure, they got world conferences, denominations every time. Sure)

41 Even poor old South Africa is being pushed against the wall. We ought to keep our nose out of her business. We won't though because we've got to be self-righteous. Oh, we've got to justify ourselves for destroying the Indian, (which we're still destroying by the way) you talk about genocide. Oh, America, well poor Americans—a bunch of devils—you watch what God's going to do before it's over. You just can't do that to the Indians. See? They've lied, everything, they've broken every agreement; and the Bible said, "He's against trucebreakers.― Poor Indian tries to get something? –Take it away every single time. They're doing it in New York right now; trying to do it out west in Arizona.

And Bro. Branham said, which is true, "We're a part of that, government.― What are we doing to kick up a little bit of sand sometimes, against the things they're doing? As long as we've got men like Hall spouting off about, "Hallelujah, l'm born again.―And even the president. Born again by what?

I respect the government. I pray for the government, sure I do; every single day, twice a dayâ€"but I know what I'm praying forâ€"for mercy. I'm like Bro. Branham, who wouldn't pray for America, for God to try to save her. I just think of one thing, "Lord, do something for them and they can do something for me.― Not get any further down the hole.

42 Be honest with you, (not kidding myself) l'm not one of these fine, fine, Christians, you know, that people think l'm supposed to be; swallow everything, go back. And like Moses is supposed to go back and pray for Pharaoh. Go ahead and pray for Pharaoh. They prayed for Joe Stalin, too. The girl down in Birmingham; before Stalin died, she tried to convince me I should pray for Stalin.

I said, "What for?―

"Well, if he got saved, it would change the whole world.―

I said, "Hogwash! What are you trying to tell me?―

Why it's all right to pray for him, no problem there. Make you feel good to pray for him, at least you did that much, you know. It would help you so you wouldn't hate him. But what are you going to do for those men? See? Prophet of the land already said what communism was. The prophet was right in the scene, and people try to tell you about Stalin, and this and that. You see, it's crazy.

All right:

[89] "That's fine,― (the denominations) "we appreciate that.― But that's not what the gates of hell are against. It's the spiritual revelation of Christ being here now, (and the next phrase is the key,) the same yesterday, and today, and forever. And that's what they're against.

43 Not that we preach Presence; but we preach the fact, (as Bro. Branham did) "Before Sodom and Gomorrah― and we put the two together without really realizing we had done the whole thing; and it just struck my mind up in Canada. I said, "What am I going to talk to these people and say in Canada.― I talked to them about the Presence, twice, up in Toronto; and it suddenly struck me,

"Hey, just a minute, put it all together.―

And you realize it's not a matter of Him being here. He's always been here in some way, somehow; because omniscience and omnipotence make Him omnipresent by the very virtue if you can do all things and know all things, you're on the spot right there. But this is where He is the same yesterday and today and forever, and that is the use of Godâ€"with the prophetâ€"the true understanding to what it's really all about. And if they can't understand that, they're never going to understand anything. And they don't understand it.

Finally they say, "Well, what it is, it's those guys' spirits.―

44 Where have we ever harmed anybody? If you stand for the Word of God and take a strong stand; we're supposed to back away? Listen, then we're giving way to the gates of hell. And who's clanging them back and forth? Don't tell me it's anybody but those rascals out there that want to destroy this. And it won't be too long before there will be a whole lot more muck and mire thrown around too. But here's the gist of the whole thing; Bro. Branham said,

"Look, there's two things that the gates of hell is against,― and he said, "that is that God uses a prophet in all of these three, revelation, preeminence, and restoration.― (See, now look it.) You say, "Just a minute now; we're supposed to take that all the way to God.―

45 Well, God's His own prophet; He always has been, always will be. God's a restorer of the breeches; always has been, always will be. God always demanded preeminence; and He's the One that does the works.

But you'Il notice there's one thing that God demands, and that's that people live up to their own absolute oath to God, "God, You use a prophet from now on.―

God had always used a prophet, but now the people have bound themselves to the reality. "We've got to have a prophet.―

Now this generation has broken the truce. They said, "No prophet.―

Do you know in Luther's day they called him a prophet? Sauer's own dictionary, encyclopedia says Martin Luther was a prophet. I don't think l've got it written in this Bible here, but in some of my old Bibles it's written in thereâ€"that Luther was called a prophet. He spoke in tongues, absolutely. I'm going to tell you, before they got finished with that guy he had about everything in his catalogue and I kind of believe he didâ€"but he wasn't a prophet. He was prophetic in many ways, (perhaps as a minor prophet, or one of the five-fold) but he certainly wasn't the great prophet that we're looking at.

46 So, what we see here; what are the gates of hell against? What is everything against today, (that's going on in this Message?) number one the gates of hell are againstâ€"the revelation that God is here.

The same way He has always been here and conducted Himself concerning mankind. Ever since the Garden of Eden, God has had to operate through a man. And then in the days of Moses, they acquiesced to what God was already doing.

They said, "Let us not then have anything to do with the Pillar of Fire ourselves. Let us not have anything to do with God when it comes to the revelation, to God vindicating Himself, to God producing His Word, for God correcting, and all these things,― they said, "let us have a prophet.―

And God says "That's exactly right; they've got their prophet,― (one person – not two.) Then what did Israel do? –Korah, Dathan, and Abiram rose up against Moses; Balaam rose up against Moses.

And God says, "One person and one person only, and that's Moses.―

47 Now, listen to me. Moses was such a man of love, that when God got mad at Israel for their fornications and their stupidity, their rottenness and vileness, God says, "Moses l've had my stomach full.― (Just like today; l'm nauseated, I want to bring up. l'm through with it.) He said, "Moses, stand back. l'II kill the whole bunch and l'II let you make a nation.―

Why, the man could have got a hundred wives that God could have produced for him out there in the Gentiles. He must have had fantastic virility, sexually and the whole bit, because he was a hundred and twenty years of age and he looked through a brass wall, just about. He didn't need telescopes to go to the Promised Land. He could zero in. The man was as strong as a bull. That man, strong, meek, said, "Lord, if you destroy them, you destroy me.― So God let them go.

But listen, the day that Korah, Dathan, Abiram said, "Moses, you're kidding everybody. You're smarting off. Let me tell you something: we're holy and prophets, too, and God can speak to us.―

And he said, "Lord,― he said, "l'II tell you what, Lord. If they're right,― he said, "kill me. If l'm right, kill them.― Now what do you think of a prophet now; some little sweet, little nincompoop? –That guy was tough. You think he wasn't?

48 What about Paul? The Word of God said, "Separate me, Paul and Barnabas, to the work where l've called them.― Then they got a council in Jerusalem, and Barnabas goes up there, and he gets led astray.

Paul said, "Out!―

You know, I used to quote history all the time. All history said, "Well, Paul fussed with Barnabas about John Mark because John Mark was kind of a momma's boy.― And he left the entourage, the missionary journey and he went home, and Paul said, "We can't stand little boys that got to go home to momma.―

Read your Bible and find out what happened. Barnabas got led astray and Paul said, "Out.―

Well you say, "Now Barnabas, dear boy. Now Barnabas, we love you and the Lord loves you too, and He doesn't mind a little circumcision because after all, what is that; a little change in the Word?

49 Our women won't wear slacks and don't cut their hair or put on those shorts; take their clothes off until they're a spectacle, sexually. (And that's the way they like it; and men like it, too) l'm not going to say men don't. Come on, don't be idiots. So now you got the fat in the fire. Men like it, women like it; they always have and always will.

Then God said, "l'II just let you fall on your folly.―

Now you got a bunch of homos, both men and women. Yuck! You talk about a mess-pot of ungodly filth, this hour. Never has the world been as rotten as it is. Because they haven't had the five billion people; now they've got an intensity. Governments and everything else run by it.

"Oh, it's okay; we'll just change this here and change that there.―

And Moses said, "Look it, they'II die â€" or I'II die.―

50 I want to ask you one question. Why do you think Jesus died? â€"For your sins and mine? â€" For one word of unbelief â€" Because He was the Lamb crucified before the foundation of the world and He was spoken of in the Garden of Eden. See. Yet people think that they can get away with it. I want you to see the power of a prophet. And to understand what God is doing. And this is the tragic thing, because when Jesus came on the scene he fulfilled every single Scripture concerning Himself, and they couldn't take it, because they'd been taught wrong.

And there's some of you this morning are having a battle because you've been taught wrong. The best candidates are Methodists, who didn't go to church, and Baptists that never went to church, and above all Catholics. Who did go to church and all they heard was a babbling in Latin. They didn't have anything to contend with in the first place. They've got open minds.

And lâ€[™]m one of the few Pentecostals of the five billion people of this earth, and the millions and millions of Pentecostals; whose mind has been radically changed around—the rest of them canâ€[™]t do it—hardly one can do it. The battle always lies there.

51 They canâ€[™]t listen to Bro. Branham. Thereâ€[™]s no way they can hear a vindicated prophet, because the little black book is there. Like Junior Callahan talked to his dad. I shouldnâ€[™]t have mentioned his name perhaps; but you donâ€[™]t know him anyway, Junior tells the story himself.

He tried to show us, Bro. Branham said, "It's in the Bible.―

He said, "Forget your Bible, son; l've got my little black book here.― (I don't think he even knows the man who wrote the book.) It was a Pentecostal big shot, down in Prince Edward

Island.

He sure doesn't like me because, see, I wrote concerning the serpent seed, like Bro. Branham never did write and never did preach. But we collaborated so he knew what was in the book. I did a lot of research for him.

52 And I knew about cellular therapy. I've known it for almost fifty years. And they said, "There's no such thing,― because you got a bunch of fathead doctors who say there isn'tâ€"but there isâ€"cellular therapy has been used for years and years. Being used in Europe but the American doctors don't want it. And what did they send from America over here to Chernobyl with all the trouble over there?

They sent over the cells of prenatal animals from Los Angeles, (produced in America, that American doctors won't use) that are curing the people in Chernobyl that were dying. You didn't know that did you? l'm telling you. l've got the proof of it. I said, "It shows you, there's an affinity between animal and man.― And look it, anybody knows that, except the stupid person that thinks he's spiritual. Darwin knew it; prenatal brain cells will go to your brain, that's right.

53 Eanes found this, in a woman who was inadvertently, literally destroyed by a doctor who cut out the parathyroids accidentally. She went into convulsions, having a terrible time, and Eanes said, "Well, my God,― he said, "I don't know what I can do. I haven't got time to get a fetus somewhere.― Well, he took the closest to a newborn he could get. I think it might have been a fetus, l'm not sure now. But he didn't have time to use the centrifuge and all the methods he could have used, so he just sliced it all off real fine and then he gave her what he could, (I guess, took the juice of it and gave her shots) and she stopped her convulsions. And they thought well this will help her for a while, but she'II die. But she didn't die and he knew he had really discovered something; but your American doctors can't have it.

So, what did this guy do? He went to some MD in Canada and the guy said, "Oh no, it can't be done.― He's the same as that guy in the Methodist church over there in Spencerville, Ohio; because a Jew doctor told him that an Osteopath was not the same as an MD, plus. An Osteopath can do every single thing an MD can, plus. and they've got colleges that recognize it, but that doctor stood there; and that preacher believed it.

So, Paul said, "Barnabas, out.― And Moses said, "Let them die. l'm not dying; not this time. l'll die some other way but not this time.― And they died and fire came in that destroyed them and all their families lest there be a wrong seed in Israel.

54 Oh yes, the gates of hell are against, (and all hell is against) one man being God's emissaryâ€"one man that you look to at a juncture-time. One man â€" not two men, not three, not four â€" not a church, not a presbytery, not a synod, not a consortium of some kind â€" not a duo â€" noâ€"a sole. Hell hates it. You think I don't know that? Come on. l'm talking to dear, sweet, old men, say, "Well, what about Bro. Branham so-and-so.― â€" "Well, Bro. Vayle, l've got something, too.―

What have you got? What have you got? Somebody got healed because you prayed; did you heal them?

"Well, Bro. Vayle, I prophesied.―

I want to ask you a question. Did your prophecy bring the thing to pass or was God going to do it anyway, and let you in on it? How stupid can we get? How stupid is our thinking?

One manâ€"God uses one manâ€"not a group.

55 You can have a complete revelation. I can have one. You can't give it to anybody. You can teach it and so you should. You should tell it, you should be a missionary, (End Time Evangelism) but you can't give it. There's no way. See? – Because God is the same yesterday, today and forever. And what does that signify? – It signifies that God uses the method in the measure He has always used, which is a prophet.

So therefore, Elijah the prophet must come, in order to restore. How are you going to restore, except there's a revelation and a manifestation that proves the revelation is correct, that brings on the restoration?

And who's is going to do it? God's got to talk to somebody. There's even the breach in the Bible. Close up the books, seal it. He let Daniel go so far; seal it. Christ came, he opened the book, he went so far; sealed it.

"Who's going to open it?―

56 The Lamb brings a book and says, "Here!― The Seals are ripped off.

That scene was in heaven; but the scene on earth was The Thunders. And the scene went back and said, "Seal not the sayings of this book, the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.― So therefore, the book is unsealed for the last time and cannot be sealed. I want to ask you a question. What happens when the book finally is unsealed?

"Well,― you say, "that's got to be the Seven Thunders; anybody knows that.― (But anybody that knows the book's open; it's got to be a revelation.) I want to ask you a question. Who's going to bring it?

57 One person, that's all. How's it going to be done? –Well, how does God ever do anything? –Prophet. Now those are simple statements, axioms, categorically sound, simple. But you see it's the simple things that go over everybody's head. They can't get.

Like I read here, the gates of hell; what's it against?

It is, "The spiritual revelation of Christ being here now.―

Now, spiritual revelation doesn't mean, "Oh, I got a beautiful thought, very spiritual. I believe He's here.― (Hogwash!) He is here and you've got to know from God that He's here.

He didn't say, "Here's a little ethereal thing that will tickle your fancy, honey. Want to think about something sweet? (hm hm hm)―

Oh, come on. That He's here now, and the same yesterday and today and forever; that's what it's against. It's against God and His prophet. And those that think they see, can get it all garbled; but there's a group that can and does see, and they don't get it garbled. You can do what you want about it.

58 I know lâ€[™]m doing what I want about it. lâ€[™]m standing pat, a hundred percent with what Bro. Branham said. Before he died he said, "Lee Vayle is the only ministry that understands me and my ministry.― And I believe it. And I donâ€[™]t believe lâ€[™]m the only one today, (not by a

jug-full) but l'm going to stand on what he said.

And he never was Jesus Christ. Went in that night, when such a spirit, so strong in the room up there in Waterloo, Iowa; it sounded like he was saying he was Jesus Christ. I found out that people in that building were saying he was Jesus Christ.

And when I said, "Bro. Branham, people call you Jesus Christ. Did you know that?― He said, "Yeah, I know that,― he said, "furthermore,― he said, "they not only call me Jesus Christ; they'II baptize in my name and strike a medal saying, 'William Branham is Jesus Christ.' But I'm not.―

59 I said, "You certainly are not.― I said, "I love you. I love you dearly as a brother, but,― I said, "you are not my Lord. You are not Jesus Christ. You did not die for me. You don't live for me.―

He said, "Certainly not.― (That cleared the air.)

When I knew he was Elijah, it was easy to go to the Book and just open the thing up; and I'm not making anything of myself, I'm just telling you, I stand on that. I stand on it, that if I can see what he saw, right, (to the degree I'm entitled to) understanding the way that God does thingsâ€"I am entitled to the full revelationâ€"understanding it.

Seeing the preeminence in his life; seeing restoration and seeing me as a part of itâ€"because of himâ€"because he was the channel that God used.

60 Now, gold is a mighty nice substance to have. I wish we all had a lot of it. It's very handy, no problem against people that have a lot of gold. But do you realize that somebody has got to get the gold out of ground. Then they've got to smelt the stuff up. Then they've got to put it in ingots or coins, whatever you want to put it in. Then you and I can get it, perhaps. But I'm trying to show you, everything in this life has a source to it, and has a medium. And this complex society understands that. So, it can't get so simple as to put God in His governmentâ€"where God does a certain thing in a certain wayâ€"and He doesn't change it.

Now, that God should come down like that, having His picture taken over a prophet, that's no different from Mount Sinai, because it's the same God. It's no different from Moses. From any of the great prophets; even those who did not confront the Pillar of Fire, but had visions and heard voices and had dreamsâ€"God did it that wayâ€"when it comes to the day of Moses, Paul, and William Branham, that's a different story â€" just those three. Now, that's Elijah, who was truly to come, which was to restore, and he did restore. Now:

[71-3] But His mystery is only revealed to His beloved Bride. That's the only one could see it. (Could see what?)

61 What the gist is all aboutâ€"God and His prophetâ€"like William Branham, (l've said so many times) on the Deep Calleth to the Deep said, "Do you believe me to be God's prophet?― Not a prophet of God, not even a prophet from God, though both those are true but the thrust is not there. The thrust is †God's prophet' which is in contradistinction to every other prophet that God has; and He could have a hundred of them.

But the minute that one of those prophets would rise up against that prophet; would show he was merely anointed like the Korah, the Dathan, the Abiram and the Balaam. And the Bible distinctly says that even Jannes and Jambres would repeat, as well as Balaam and Korah and Dathan. Listen. You realize what that means?

62 In the time of Moses, there was just one old hot-shot Balaam; just one to attract your attention, to be out there with his sideshow. Oh, truly anointed of God, don't mistake me there, his prophecy was genuine. Then you get now to the timeâ€"just Korah and Dathanâ€"and you look at the time of Jannes and Jambres, just two of them; one at a time, one at a time. Jannes and Jambres, they had their day; out. Balaam had his day; out. Korah and Dathan had their day; out.

Today we've got them all. You don't just have one at a time. You've got Jannes and Jambres, you got the Balaam, you got the Korah and Dathan; you've got the whole mess. You've got the whole mess of false prophets. You've got the whole mess of false teachers. So therefore, you've got the whole mess of false evangelists, and false apostles, and false pastors. The Bible speaks everyplaceâ€"Jeremiah, is your false pastor nailed downâ€"all through Scripture you can see all those men laid out there.

[71-3] But His mystery is only revealed to His beloved Bride. That's the only one could see it. He said, "Well did Isaiah speak of you, you hypocrites, you snake in the grass. You go out here and say,  Oh, the great holy prophets, we mark their tombs; we polish them.'― (And what is he saying that for? Why did Jesus say that?)

63 He said, "l stand here as that Prophet. Now you go back and you say all the good things about Moses and Elijah, and especially Isaiah.― They sawed him asunder with saws. Put Jeremiah in prison. Poor old Daniel got in trouble too, over there in Babylon. All the prophets, look at Amos and you go through the whole Bible. They persecuted the prophets, they chained them, they stoned them, they sawed them asunder, they killed them, imprisoned them; fed them with what they called â€⁻the bread of sorrows.'

Now, these men standing there looking at the One that was prophesied of, that was to do the work of His hour, which was Redemption; the great One, Moses spoke ofâ€"they looked at Him and saidâ€""Well, look at all these men back there. We know about them, we revere them, we've got their Word. Who are you anyway?―

He said, "Moses spoke of me. I'm fulfilling the Scripture.―

"Oh,― they said, "Forget it, kill him. Get him out of the way.―

Now, what did Jesus say?

[71-3] â€l―You're the ones that put them in there.― (Now why did he say they put them in there? They didn't live back there. It's the same spirit. It's the same spirit. The spirit has gone on and on and on.)

64 Now, look it. Let me tell you something. Let me get this across to you. Do you realize there is such a thing as the false church having a plan that it can secretly know, and for hundreds of years wait patiently, knowing that one day they're going to have what they want?

Now, if you don't think the Jews don't understand that and the Roman Church doesn't understand it, you don't understand anything; you're just little babies yet. When I was twenty years of age or less, a book fell into my hands, by Phillip, called The Black Pope. He didn't have it all right, but he had this understanding, and he let us know that all through history that church would sit back and wait for its hour. And they've done it and they're going to do it, and they're going to keep on doing it.

But the Bride also knows her hour. And today we have discernment and understanding to know which is which, and what is what. Now listen. Israel has stood the test of time for two thousand

years, waiting to get back, and they're back.

And the Roman Church has waited for almost two thousand years, and pretty soon all the Protestants will be back in them; and already she claims every Protestant that's baptized in Father, Son and Holy Ghost. So if you've got that baptism, you better change it or you're a convert to the Catholic Church and don't even know it.

65 You may protest and say what you want but l'm going to tell you something, child, you belong to them. You've got their doctrine. "Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only thing you will find in the Bible.― The prophet said so.

Say, "We don't believe in the prophet.―

Well, that's too bad. See, you just lost God's way. All right:

[71-3] Same thing they'd say to the Catholic churches in their day. When they were sent the prophets of the Old Testament before they had Nicaea, (Now he's talking about the Nicaea Council now where the prophets went up there) Rome, up there â€llet those old prophets come out of the wildernessâ€leating their grubs and things (you know, like John the Baptist)â€lnot even with clothes on, (not good clothes)â€lskins wrapped around them and they tried to stand for the truth of the Bible...(But what did the church want at that time under Constantine?)â€lThe church wanted their intellectual conceptions. (The Catholic Church did, Protestants the same thing.) â€lThere came St. Irenaeus, Polycarp, Martin, all the rest of them. And what did they do? They put them in the tomb: (Just ignored them or killed them or let them die.)

…put them in the tomb: Joan of Arc, St. Patrick and the rest of them. They put them in there, and now come back and whiten the walls like they did of Joan of Arc. What did they do? They put them in there.

66 In other words, they killed them; they disregard or anything else, wouldn't listen. And you remember what they did to Joan of Arc. They burned her at the stake, called her a witch; then a hundred and fifty years later they dug up the bones of the priests that did it and threw them in the river. Don't you see they did what Israel did? Couldn't tell what was going on. And if the world goes on now it's going to be too late when they wake up to what happened on this earth. Don't think for one minute the records aren't here, brother/sister.

This wasn't done in a corner.

Do you think maybe South Africa has got its troubles right now because they literally turned Bro. Branham down, once they received him? Thirty thousand converts at one time; hundreds of thousands of healings, (literally as far as I know) at least thousands of thousands; they took truckloads, just in one city alone, truckloads and truckloads of crutches and wheelchairs and things, and people followed behind to demonstrate the power of God. Do you think maybe they're going through that now because they're rejected?

67 They're a dead old church; Protestants, not Catholics, Protestants. Don't worry about the Catholics; worry about the Protestants. Catholic Church may be the biggest church in America, biggest church in the world but that doesn't mean a thing. You know, after all if you had a guy that could lift eight hundred pounds, you know, what would you care if he had five guys that could lift only five hundred? So what l'm trying to show you there that the Protestant church, they've got little guys running around that lift a lot of weight, but the Catholic Church is the one that really has the great weight.

But you know as long as you got something going for you, nobody worries. So you got the Protestants in the same boat the Catholics are, because they think, "We're doing some great thing,― and so they just go along. They just go along. "Well, we can carry our weight, we can do this, we can do that,― but it's not going to count before God.

Now listen, William Branham says:

[72-1] May I say this. As His Spirit calls unto you, "whited walls, you hypocrites, calling yourself something when you take the intellectual conception of men and leave the Word go instead of becoming impregnated with the Seed of God, the Word in you. You've taken every other hybridized seed instead.―

68 Now that's what William Branham said of this hour. You say,

"Well, I don't think William Branham should have said that.―

Well, if it's the same Spirit of Christ in this hour, working through a man, that was when Jesus was on earth; he has to say it, or he sure couldn't be that prophet. If he's the same stature of caliber of Moses and Paul, there's only one place he can take exception, and that's with the Word. No other place. See, he doesn't care about anything else.

[72-1] No wonder she sat as a whore, because she commits spiritual fornication, teaching the people the things of men and not the things ofâ€lGod. But He said, "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.― That's right. Certainly. There we have it. (Then how's he going to get it completely restored? By the Word of God.)

[72-3] The Bible in Revelations said this great city reigned over all the kings of the earth, said she was a whore. What is that? A woman that claims to be a lady and commits fornication. She had a cup in her hand of toast to the worldâ€!

69 Now, what does it mean she's got a cup in her hand and a toast? It means she's celebrating something, and they're admiring her. She's celebrating. She says, "l've got it.― Rome controls the gold. What they don't control, they soon will. See? All right:

â€lfilled with the filthiness of the abominations of her fornications. (In other words, wrong doctrines, and the wrong ways of going.)

She's got the world endorsement. Right now America says, "We're going to channel the money for the people around the world that are in need, through the Catholic Church and the Protestants can help.― That's maybe why Regan went to Rome to make sure he's going to get a cut from the pope or something. I don't know.

"Pope, l'll take care of you; you take care of me.―

70 Well, tells you why the Bible said that's the way to do things. If you haven't got God, that's the way to do things. Remember the unjust steward, that defrauded his master, he was careless and all, and he got people owing his master money, money, money.

So the guy that owed five hundred gallons of oil, he said, "Hey,― he said, "l'II tell you what,― he said, "write down a hundred and fifty,― he said, "write that.― They came by, he said, "What's happening,― he said, "boys, I take care of you, you take care of me. Scratch my back, l'II scratch yours.― (I don't know what they're doing. But you better believe something like that's going on.)

[72-3] And she had daughters: the Protestant churches. (And) every one came out with her â€lout of her with their same false doctrines, â€lbaptisms, and shaking hands instead of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and false doctrine of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost all of that instead of taking the Name of the Bridegroom and so forth... You say, "That doesn't make any difference.― It does.

[72-4] (Listen, he said,) If I put my name on a check and say, "the Reverend,― or "the Minister,― or so forth, that won't cash anything. That's right. It's turned down at the bank.

[72-5] Notice, All right. But all this mystery is revealed only as He promised to His Bride. Hell is against this truth of the revelation of this mystery. But the Bride is standing on it. That's Her stand. (What is that great mystery now?)

71 Christ – is the mystery of God revealed – the presentation of revelation. Preeminence – proving it is the correct revelation, knowing this is going to get you back to where you started and should have ended up as the Seed of God—right back to the heart and mind of God—one with Him; right to New Jerusalem. It's going to get you there. Now I said nothing else is going to get you there. You see why I cannot condone what many people believe,

"Bro. Branham's going to come back, and do this and do that.―

Sure, he'II come back and do certain things. What it is, don't ask me, and l'm not interested. This is what it's all about.

It will be a furtherance of a revelation, as Jesus came back from the dead and He revealed to them the things of the kingdom, if it was necessary. But by that time I can tell you this, brother/sister, whatever comes by the time the dead come out of the ground.

72 You better believe the next thing is going to be all in the supernatural, because it's all over. So whatever comes, let it come. I don't understand some things but this I do know: this is where we stand today. You receive this; don't look forward to tomorrow. Don't worry about the Voice that raises the deadâ€"you worry about the Shout.

Now, all right. That's her stand.

[72-6] Why do you hunger, Church? Why do you thirst? It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you, (Now watch! Here's the warning I wanted to give you.) but you let so many things get it out of you. You let your job, you let your wife, you let your husband, you let your children, you let the cares of the world, you let some pastor, you let somebody else get that out of you, when you know that way down in your heart you're a-thirsting, hungry. It's God trying to reveal it to you,… the revelation. The last day is here.

73 Now, he said, "What you're looking for.― l'm going to close in saying this about Bro. Branham. Went to Bro. Moore; the man that wrote The Herald of Hope, the best magazine ever written in America for many, many years on the things of the Lord. And all the time his magazine screamed, "Oh God, send the prophet.―

I know because I had them for years. "Oh God, send the prophet. Oh God, send the prophet.― And the prophet was right in the man's house, talked with the man and his wife. In the next edition,

"Oh God, send the prophet.―

"Well, I sent you one.―

"But not that one, Lord.―

74 You know, they did the same thing about Jesus. Spiritually speaking, they could not have known if a baloney was growing on their nose. It's true. If I make you laugh, it's okay. You laugh at yourself, too, it's good for you. He didn't know. Brother, they could have bumped into a wall which they were bumping into a wall, didn't even know it.

It's just like the fellow one day going down the street paying no attention, he bumped into a telephone pole, and he began swearing and he looked and saw the telephone pole, "Oh, excuse me.― Yeah, he'd cuss a man out but he wouldn't cuss the telephone pole out.

And they'Il cuss the prophet out and apologize to a church system. They'Il turn their back on a prophet, with all kinds of terrible expressions of disdain and rejection, and turn right around and embrace the harlot systemâ€"the telephone poleâ€"bumped right into it and turned down the things of God.

Bro. Branham said, "People are hungry for the Elijah ministry.―

75 They're hungering for this thing, the same as Bro. Moore was. I believe the man has passed on, poor fellow. He might have belonged to another age, I don't know. But I know one thing, brother/sister, it's a pretty strong statement concerning the times, when a man can pray and in this prayer, literally around the world, "Oh God, send us a prophet,― as Israel cried for a Messiah; and then crucify him.

William Branham was not crucified. There was no need for it because the Bible said, "They'II crucify to themselves Christ.― And Bro. Branham was not Christ except in a very, very, limited sense of the wordâ€"that he brought that Word. See?

And they turned down that Word. They crucified to themselves the Word of God afreshâ€"Christâ€"and put Him out entirely; and that's what they did. And this is what the gates of hell are againstâ€"this very basic purely simple thing â€" the Elijah ministry â€" God and His prophet. And that prophet so inextricability linked to Almighty God, that there could not be revelation based upon preeminence; or manifestation bringing us restoration, except for that.

And yet men say, "No, I can't take it.―

76 They couldn't take one-man in Jesus' day; they couldn't take one-man in Paul's day, they couldn't take that one-man in Moses' day. They can never take one-man. They can't take him now. Now l'm standing here and telling you, this is where I stand in this pulpit. I cannot tell you how to standâ€"but I hope you stand a hundred percent and listen to the warning hereâ€"don't let anything get this out of you. Don't let anybody take this from you.

l've now preached twenty-three sermons on it, to bring you to that thought—don't let anybody get it out of you—one man. That truth based upon the knowledge that He is here with His prophet, and It's the same yesterday and today and forever.

It hasn't changed and it's not going to change; that this is it. You're not looking at a pipe-dream anymore. You're looking at reality. And if this isn't it, live or die, sink or swim, what do you want anyway?

Let's rise,

77 Kind, heavenly Father, we close again today thanking You for the time we've had in fellowship, Lord. And I pray, Father, as the thing gets simpler and simpler, we might realize as never before how simple it all is. Just like, Father, we realize that if the blood of bulls and goats could look forward to the death and sacrifice of the blood of Jesus Christ, the washing of a pot and pan could absolve people, Lord, to know that they would stand there, having believed in that first Resurrection. How much more then, Lord, will there be a people who simply under no condition can miss out at this end-time, where they're going to walk right into immortality.

Right up to a Wedding Supper, right up to the New Jerusalem, never having lost one breath, or one heartbeat so to speak or one wink of the eye, whatever, Lord, not one second of consciousness, not one moment, Lord, but walking right into it. Right where You wanted them and where You want them now. We know this is the most wonderful thing that people could contemplate and this has been laid out in Your way. Help us, Father, to begin to receive Your way as never before, in order that we may receive the full results of it.

Now, Father, we commend every single person in this building unto You and to Your care. And, Father in heaven, I don't believe I said one thing that was remiss, one thing out of line, I don't believe I did but if I did, Father, I pray You'II give grace to correct it and help us so that we might correct anything that's a little bit misunderstood in any way, shape, and form; because we want the people to have all the help they possibly can have to grow up in the strength of this Message for this hour. And Father, we know it all lies in it because that's where it's got to be; transformation even lies in it.

We believe that, Father, today, we thank You for it. You've showed it unto us, declare it unto us and we believe it. Now unto the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God be all power and honor and glory through Jesus Christ our blessed Savior,

78 Amen

The Lord bless you