#21 Where is Your Faith Focused

1 This evening I would like to read something from brother Branham´s sermon on the THE MASTERPIECE paragraph 10 where he said, Now, we got to place our faith somewhere. And if I, or any of us in life tried to make a success in life and become many times a multimillionaire... But what are we going to do with that? We got to come down at the end of the road and what good is it to us then? See? And money is a scrip; it's an exchange; but you can't exchange it for Life. Only God has Life.

2 Now, that is the real question we should be asking ourselves this evening. He said, "we got to place our faith somewhere." So the question I ask you this evening is, "where are you placing your Faith."

3 We miss God so many times by missing what He is doing in the little things in our lives. We focus to much on the large things, the grand things, the super things, but we know that God hides Himself in simplicity, and we even testify to that and yet when it comes to our own lives we seem to have our thoughts elsewhere than the little things. But it is the little foxes that spoil the vine, and it is the little things that are left undone that will undo us. And it is the little things that God makes Himself known in.

4 This day this scripture 65-0125 P:5 I watch little things. Just every little thing has a meaning to me. I don't believe that anything happens to a Christian by chance. I think it's ordained of God, 'cause Jesus said He'd make all things work together for good to them that loved Him.

5 And again he said from God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:46 Every little jot, everything, you must be faithful in. It's always the little foxes spoils the vine. Sometimes you leave... It's not the big things you do; it's the little things you leave undone. Remember, a chain is only its strongest at its weakest link. "Blessed are they that do all the commandments of God, that they might have a right to enter in." Do all God said, if it said for women to have long hair, you say...A man told me not long ago, said, "I don't preach a clothes-line religion." I said, "Then you're not preaching the Gospel." That's right. God laid it out there; He said what to do. And you either do it... That's your natural, reasonable thing. What little thing, the little insignificant. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that would take all the little things, do the little thing." And a woman to let her hair grow, that's just a, why, it's just something she can do, and she won't even do that. She won't even do that." Oh, teach us the great things." How can you teach the great things, when you won't do the simple, common things? Because, you see, your motive and your objective is wrong.

6 Brother Branham said from his sermon, Influence 64-0315 P:40 Here's a good example. Always be conscious of your littleness, not your bigness. Today we Americans so much... That we try to think that we're a big somebody, we belong to something big, some big organization. Some great big something's got... All great big, big, big is all we see. One time in the Bible we have an example of that. There was a prophet went back in the cave, and Elijah... And God was trying to attract his attention to come out. And there come the fire, and smoke, and blusterous winds across the mountain, and thunder, and earthquakes, and shakings and everything else. The prophet never even moved. God wasn't even in it. But when that still small voice spoke, he covered his face and come forward. When the still, small voice of God's Word speaks, not a racket, not our big denominations, not our big something, but that still, small voice of the Word that's looked over, that should call a man to repentance. God in His Word. Yet he covered his feet and become conscious of his, our littleness before God.

7 Evening messenger 63-0116 P:93 Notice, big noises, but it didn't attract the prophet. The prophet didn't care

about the big noises. But when he heard that still small Voice, he knew that was the Word; he veiled his face and come walking out. You know, the sun can draw more water in fifteen minutes, without any noise at all, And we make more noise drawing a gallon of water than the sun does a million barrels. That's right. We're always looking for something that's got big and a lot of "hurrah," and a lot of racket to it.

8 Now, as I said earlier in this message, brother Branham said, "we got to place our faith somewhere." So the question is where do we place our Faith, and we know that faith is a revelation.

9 Hebrews 11:4 tells us By faith (by refelation) Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

10 Now, notice that Abel´s sacrifice was a more excellent sacrifice than Cain´s sacrifice. So then Cain´s sacrifice had to be an excellent sacrifice if Abel´s sacrifice was a more excellent sacrifice than Cain´s. And in order to be "more excellent", the other must be excellent. And Cain´s sacrifice was an excellent sacrifice because it was Deuteronomy 26 the "first fruit offering". So Cain´s sacrifice was very Bible based. Therefore, Cain was a fundamentalist believer.

11 Deuteronomy 26: 1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; 2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

12 Now, notice that Cain offered unto God a first fruit offering which is a harvest offering or Resurrection offering, because the harvest represents the resurrection time when the reapers shall come and harvest the crop. But his revelation was out of season, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, and there will be no resurrection to life without the once for all blood sacrifice.

13 So Cain´s sacrifice although an excellent one, was out of season. And when Cain had a son He called Him Enoch. But this Enoch was not the Enoch from Adam that would be taken in the first Rapture. But Cain was a fundamentalist and he believed the Scriptures and could read them in the stars as could Adam and all those who lived back then were taught to do so.

14 But John said he killed his brother because his deeds were evil.

15 1 John 3: 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

16 Now, it does not say here that the slaying of his brother was the evil deed, but he slew his brother because his deeds were evil. And what was his evil deed? The same Apostle who wrote this epistle wrote also the Gospel according to John, and said, John 3: 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because why? Because their deeds were evil.

17 They won´t come to the light because they think they have a better understanding of the Word.

18 So he offered unto God an excellent sacrifice, and yet it was called evil by the Apostle John. And this same John said the evidence of God seed is Love and Cain is not an example of Love. In fact if you look at the spirit upon him, you would see that because God did not accept his sacrifice he got angry and killed his brother. That is not Love, and that is exactly what the apostle John pointed out that Cain is not to be an example of this love of the

brethren that will manifest who is God seed and who is not.

19 The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13, "there remains Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love." Therefore it begins with Faith but must come up from faith into hope which is an earnest expectation, and then that earnest expectation comes forth in an expression of giving which Paul calls love. The first thing is faith which is a revelation, and then if that Faith is a genuine revelation it will build up an earnest expectation from it. For if you truly believe something then you earnestly expect that something to bring forth and the bringing forth is what is called Love. Love is always characterized in the scriptures as giving. For God so loved the world that He gave.

20 If a man has a revelation about a woman to be his bride, it will build up an earnest expectation within him that will bring forth a giving. So in fact the giving expresses the revelation. And so does your sacrifice express your revelation.

21 You see, your sacrifice is a result of what is revealed to you. And you become your revelation. Abel offered up to God a bleeding dying lamb, and he became just that.

22 From the Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:68 brother Branham said, What is a revelation? Jesus said, "Upon this Rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." Faith is a revelation, because faith has been revealed to you. Abel, by faith offered by revelation (faith) offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain. Cain thought they eat apples. They still got that idea, but it wasn't. It was adultery: serpent's seed. And there, when the Seven Seals opened, it declared it and proved it. (My book's just out on it. I think we have got a thousand here now. See?) Notice, that's Scripturally from Genesis to Revelations. At the end-time both trees are coming to the seed and proving themselves.

23 Now, if something is truly revealed to you then it will produce within you an earnest expectation which is hope, and if so then it will end in an expression of love. And so if our sacrifices to God do not come from an expression of Love then they are of no use to us or God.

24 Paul said, "Though I give my body to be burned and I do not have Love, what does it profit me?" And notice that Cain´s works were not an expression of Love, for when given an opportunity to do right he rejected it and killed his brother to get him out of the competition for God´s attention. And how many preachers have done the same thing in this hour. When they know they don´t have the full truth they attack the man and try to kill his influence. Now, that will never get you closer to God!, So why do something that stupid?

25 Works is faith expressed 65-1126 P:50 In a audience of people, where a prayer line comes through, you'll find some... And they were all good people, we'll say. There's some that's trying hard to believe it, trying to work themselves into it. Some just can't do it at all. And others, it's just by grace; it's just given to them. Now, there is the difference. See? That does it. That's the real revelation, because faith is a revelation from God. It must be revealed first.

26 And from The Rapture 65-1204 P:40 Brother Branham said, But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It's revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture .Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn't so. Now, faith... That's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body.

27 Now, brother Branham said in this sermon "The Masterpiece" "we got to place our faith somewhere." So the question I want you to consider this evening is where are you placing your Faith. What do you place your faith in? Because, that will tell you where you are going to.

28 You see, if you have a faith, then there must be an earnest expectation, and if so then what are you earnestly expecting? What is your hope? And if there is a hope then that hope will manifest itself I what you do.

29 Now the Apostle Paul said, Romans 8: 24 For we are saved by hope: But I thought he said, Ephesians 2: 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

30 So you see it actually is by Grace that we are saved, because it is not what we have done but what He has done for us, and the grace given to us is by His Faith in the Father to keep His Word, and if we have His Faith and if it is truly genuine, then out of that faith comes forth a hope or earnest expectation, and out of that earnest expectation comes forth an expression resulting in an act of love. And that is why this Same Apostle could say in Romans 8: 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

31 Martin Luther said, "Hope denotes an expectation that is most intense. Hope that grows out of the ardent longing for that which is greatly desired, makes love ever greater by the very distance that separates it. Through such high tensioned hope there is created so to speak, a unity between the one who hopes and that which he hopes for." And Paul said if you se it then you no longer hope for it. If you see it you no longer earnestly are expecting it as though it is not there. That is why hope is that which is not seen, and yet it is earnestly expecting for that which is not yet arrived. But when it comes to that place then Love takes over and the giving begins. And as Brother Branham said, your faith has to have a place where it is focused in on. "we got to place our faith somewhere." For where you place your faith is where you are earnestly expecting from.

32 Questions and answers COD 54-0103M P:32 Now, notice then when they were captured and carried away into Babylon because they tried to impersonate the nations of the world... What a beautiful picture today of the church trying to impersonate the world out yonder, and carried away, carried away with their--their living. The church lives just the same as the world does, carries on, acts just like it, and everything else, and claiming to be the church. You can't do that. No, sir. Your very life proves what you are. What you are... As I said in the beginning, what you are somewhere else is what you reflect here. What you are, what your celestial or terrestrial body is up yonder, what your celestial body is somewhere else is what you're reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here. If you're still vulgar minded and so forth in the spirit land, you're vulgar minded here. If you still got malice, envy, and strife, you're in the spirit land with that, it reflects back here. But if your whole innermost being has become cleansed and purged, it shows that you've got a body out yonder waiting, that's been cleansed and purged, and it's reacting back in the flesh. Don't you see? See, there it is. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See?

33 Explaining healing and Jairus 54-0216 P:37 The devil's just trying to scare you out of something. He's trying to put something off somewhere else, say, "Some of these days you'll be this." You are now. Now, we're sons of God. Now, we're seated together in heavenly places. Now, we have all powers in heavens and the earth. See? Now, we have it. Not in the millennium, we won't need it then. We got it now. We're... Right now we are the sons of God. "It does not appear what we shall be, but we know we'll be like Him." What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified." Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are there, is a reflection. Here, what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else. So if your deeds are evil, you know where it comes from. You know where your

other body's a waiting.

34 Questions and answers COD 54-0103E P:97 What you are here... Get this in your mind now. I'm going to close. But what you are here is a sign that you are something else somewhere. You've always wanted to be in perfection, you Christians. There is a perfection, and that perfection is not in this life. But every man and woman here that is a Christian, every person that is a Christian here now is already glorified in the Presence of Jesus Christ. And you've got another body. You won't have some other time; you have right now. Right now there's another body waiting for you if this one should perish. Could you think of that. Study that just a minute. Do you know every one of us may be in eternity before sun rises tomorrow morning? Now, if you're not a Christian, my friend, there's only one thing left for you. You've got to go that way. If you're on that road, you have to go that road. If you're a grain of corn, you'll produce corn. If you're a cocklebur, you produce cocklebur life. Now, if you've been belonging to a church somewhere that doesn't know and doesn't teach, and just lets you come to church and be a member of the church... You say, "Well, Brother Branham, my church teaches that we must accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. If we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we are saved." If your life doesn't compare with that, you haven't made it yet.

35 Therefore if you are earnestly expecting from what our faith or revelation has told you then your life will reflect it, and your focus will be on that and your expectation will be focused on that one thing. And thus your life will be given over to that which has been revealed to you. And that is the sacrifice. For no greater love has a man than he lay down his life for a friend. That is the ultimate sacrifice and expression of Love.

36 Where is your faith today? Is it in storing up treasures on earth where the moth doth devour and the rust does corrupt? Or are you storing up your treasure in Heaven where neither moth nor rust can destroy. Where is your Faith today, where is your revelation? It reflects in the life you live.

37 Let us bow our heads and our hearts in prayer.