

## #4 Aaron's Rod and Prayer cloths

**1** This morning we'll read Brother Branham's opening prayer from his sermon "The Spoken Word is the Original Seed. We will begin at paragraph 5. where brother Branham is speaking yet to the audience right before the prayer begins.

**2** 5. And I had the privilege a few moments ago of talking to an old man and woman which we know them as Brother and Sister Kidd who have been very faithful down through the years. And they stopped a few moments ago. I told them to come by; I wanted to see them a minute; and what a privilege it was to talk to old people that'd been preaching the Gospel when I was yet a baby. And the glorious old Gospel gets better all the time as we near the end of the road.

**3** 6. And now, there's some prayer cloths laying here and I want to pray over them after a bit. And now, let us just bow our heads a moment for a word of prayer.

**4** Now, before we go any further and begin brother Branham's opening prayer, I hope you noticed that he spoke of how he was going to pray over some prayer cloths.

**5** You know, I have some prayer cloths that brother Branham prayed over. In fact I have a sheet that brother Branham laid hands on and we have given away many pieces of this sheet for prayer cloths. I can recall one time when brother Howard Davis lay dying in bed with cancer, I went to pray for him, and brought this prayer cloth I had received from br. Billy Paul perhaps 20 years before.

**6** I laid the prayer cloth on the center of His chest and laid my hands over it, and while praying, I began to feel a vibration or pulsation between his chest and my hand. After praying, I asked brother Howard if he had felt that, and he said he did. I said, brother I don't know what that was, but I believe you are healed.

**7** The next day he went to the hospital for more x-rays and to his astonishment, the x-ray showed only three dots on this lungs. Before that the pervious x-ray showed his lung was completely full of white marks on the x-ray. But this time the x-ray only showed three dots. Well, after about six weeks he went for another x-ray and this time there were no white marks on the x-ray, and he was pronounced totally healed.

**8** Then after about 6 months of good health, one day Br. Howard came to me before service one Wednesday evening, and said it took him about 2 hours to get out of bed that morning, because he could not move (I believe he said it was his right side.) I told him, I believed he had a brain tumor, and it was pressing down on a nerve. Now, I do not know what caused me to say that but we later come to find out that what I said was exactly what he had. That night I prayed for him, and when I did I felt led to lay my five fingers of my right hand across his forehead, and then I prayed for his healing and rebuked that tumor spirit to leave. I told him I believed the Holy Spirit answered our prayer, but I told him that when he goes to the hospital to get it checked, they will find the tumors, and they will want to give him radiation or chemo therapy. I told him if he just waits it out, the tumor will dissolve because the life has left it. I told him it could take months but they will dissolve through his blood stream, but he may have another occurrence of that paralysis because until they are completely dissolved a sudden jolt could cause them to do what they did before, pres against a nerve and cause paralysis on the right side. But, I also told him, if he goes through the chemo-therapy it will kill him. I told him he was too old to undergo chemo and he wouldn't last two weeks.

**9** The next day brother Howard went to the hospital for a brain scan and sure enough he had some tumors in his brain. They placed red circles across his forehead, 5 red circles to be exact. The location of those circles was exactly in the same locations where each of my fingers had pressed upon his forehead, where I touched his forehead, and the largest tumor was where my largest finger had touched, exactly in the same place on his forehead.

**10** Now, you may call that coincidence, but I call that God. And yes, they told him he needed chemotherapy, and instead of waiting for the tumors to be dissolved by his blood stream, he took the chemo and died within a very short period of time after that. I do not recall the exact amount of time that he lasted after taking that chemo-therapy, but I believe it was only a couple weeks to my recollection.

**11** I talked to brother Vayle and said, you know brother Vayle, God had totally healed this brother of cancer of the lungs, but then 6 months later he died of this chemo because of the tumor in his brain.

**12** I will never forget his answer, he said, I was in meetings with brother Branham where people that were blind received their eye site, and by the time they left those meetings they were totally blind again. It's all based on faith, and I if they allow unbelief to enter in then whatever God healed them of will return.

**13** So we are talking about healing this morning, and about the prayer cloths that brother Branham prayed over.

**14** Did you ever wonder what the origin of the prayer cloth was? I hope you know that it was a biblical practice.

**15** In the new testament of course we see in the book of Luke that a woman with an infirmity touched the hem of Jesus garment and received her healing. Luke 8: 40-48 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him. 41And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: 42For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. 43And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 44Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. 45And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 46And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. 47And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. 48And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

**16** And we also see in the book of Acts that people were healed by taking from the Apostle Paul pieces of his clothing that he wore and they were healed. Acts 19: 11- 12 "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them."

**17** But did you know that this practice was not confined to the new Testament? We actually see the first time anything like this took place in Scripture is when Israel had sinned by doubting God, so God sent fiery serpents to bite them and the poison killed many of them that sinned.

**18** Numbers 21: 4And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. 5And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. 6And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the

people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. 7Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. 8And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. 9And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

**19** Now, even before this story we see that Moses had a rod and Aaron had a rod which they carried with them, and God performed many miracles using those two rods. Now, the rod was part of their attire, so you could say it was a part of their clothing, because they took it everywhere as a walking stick to make their walk a little easier, I guess and also as a weapon in their hands for safety from wild animals and wild men.

**20** Exodus 4:1And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. 2And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

**21** Now, from what I read in the Scriptures both Moses and Aaron had a rod that they used in their ministries. Because Moses threw down his rod and it became a serpent, and we know that Aaron's rod though just a dried out stick, it blossomed with new leaves on it showing that God had chosen him above the other tribes to lead in the worship.

**22** God has a provided way 62-0728 P:46 But when Moses threw his rod down, and these fellows standing there with supersensory perception threw their rods down, done the same thing that Moses done... Only, Moses was following the line of God. And what happened? There's nothing the man could do. He'd fulfilled his duty. When you do everything that you can do in the line of duty, then it's God's business to provide a way to...?... God will provide for Himself a sacrifice. See? And Moses threw his rod down, and Aaron threw his down; and they turned into serpents. And here come the supersensory perceptionists, and throwed down their rods, and they turned. And then Moses could do nothing else. Then God provided a way. Their rod eat up the others. What happened to the rods? Did the snake get bigger, or what happened? Oh, God still has a provided way, and He's able to make a way when there's no other way. He is the way.

**23** Church dedication 59-0708M P:19 No wonder the church natural today can't believe in miracles. They've never come into the miracle working place where they're at rest with God. There's where Aaron's rod budded, something that was dead. An old dry stick off the desert in that holiest of holies took new life, and bloomed blooms, and sprouted out, and brought leaves. How? It was laying in the holiest of holies. You can take a dead sinner, rotten, carnal in his mind and in his thinking a criticizer of the power of God, and bring him into the Presence of the Holy Ghost, there'll be something happen to him. Sure. Entering into that lonely place with God... "He dwells," says Moses in the next chapter, "in the thickness of the darkness." That's where God dwells. That's where life stays. Is in the midst of the rotten corruption. Where does the life stay? In the seed after it's rotten. When it dies to itself it brings forth a new life. Where does God stay? He will stay with you if you're ready to die out to yourself and give Him a chance: service: body. intellectual: spirit, thoughts; and soul, your faith in God: three room house.

**24** Notice the following times we see Moses use his rod in service before God.

**25** Exodus 10:13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

**26** Exodus 9:23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

**27** Exodus 8:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

**28** Exodus 7:19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

**29** Exodus 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**30** Exodus 8:5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

**31** Exodus 7:20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

**32** Exodus 17: 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

**33** Exodus 17:5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

**34** Exodus 7:10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

**35** Numbers 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

**36** We see how many times God performed miracles using only a stick or rod as it was called. And in fact the rod of each man was to be identified with his name written on it. That is how God wanted to show Israel who he had chosen to lead his people. And he chose the tribe of Levi, using Aaron's rod which God took this dried out stick and caused it to blossom.

**37** Numbers 17:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. 3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. 4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. 5 And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. 6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. 8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded

almonds. 9And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. 10And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not. 11And Moses did so: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

**38** 2 Kings 2: 1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. 3And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. 9 And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. 15And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

**39** God has a provided lamb 64-0620E P:21 And then how that she come up and fell down at Elijah's feet, and Gehazi jerked her up; that wasn't becoming around his master. And she revealed what was wrong. And Elijah went down and raised up the little boy, by laying his body upon the little fellow. And I want you to notice the mother's faith too. She laid the baby upon the bed that Elijah had been laying on. I want you to...I want to clear up Paul's idea here to my way of thinking. You know, Paul put handkerchiefs upon the sick and the afflicted, and aprons. I don't believe Paul was unscriptural. I think here's where he got it. You remember what the first thing Elijah said to the Gehazi? "Take my staff and go lay it upon the baby." He knowed everything he touched was blessed. And so, you remember, Paul didn't pray over the handkerchiefs. They just took off of his body. That was the people's faith. So, you see, he said, "Take my staff and (if anybody salutes you, don't salute back) lay it on the baby." But the woman's faith wasn't in the staff; it was in the prophet. And she said, "I'll not leave you till... Sure as your soul lives, I'm not going to leave you." So Elijah, to get rid of her, had to go with her. So he went in and laid his body upon the little, dead baby, and it sneezed seven times and come to life.

**40** Now, we know that Elisha received a double portion of the spirit that had been on Elijah, and in the book of 2 Kings 13: 21 we read, And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.



**41** So we see that quickening power was still on those old bones of Elisha down in that sepulchre.

**42** Why are people so tossed about 56-0101 P:63 And now, after they left that second court, sanctification, they entered into this consecrated life, entered into the Presence of God. And while they were in there, there's where they had all these glorious things. What a very beautiful type that in there, anything dead come in, lived again. Did you ever think of that? They took Aaron's rod and laid Aaron's rod in the presence of this holy place; and when they did, in one night's time it budded, blossomed, and yielded almonds: in one night's time. Think of it. In the Presence of God this old dead rod, lying there in the Presence of God budded, blossomed, and yielded almonds in one night. What was it then? What kind of a rod was it? It was an almond tree rod. That's what he taken it from; the stick was off of an almond tree. And you are a stick some kind; and you was taken off the branch of humanity, which was God's created son in the beginning. You may be fallen, dead, alienated from God; but by that in creation, you were created to be a son of God. You may bounce around, and be respected and honored out here in the courts, but if you ever get into that glorious place and hid away with God, you'll yield what you're supposed to do.

**43** Listen, I haven't told this story for a long, long time, because I have kept this kind of personal, and close to this church only. But I believe that God is the same and changes not. And I believe in studying for this message last night I learned something about an experience I had a number of year ago.

**44** It all took place back before brother Kash moved from Tennessee to Texas. I believe it might have been 14 or 15 years ago. Anyway, Brother Kash was still living near Knoxville, Tennessee at the time, and he had a grove of trees next to his house there. I do not know what kind of a tree it was, but they grew very tall, but the trunk was very thin, only a few inches across. Anyway, there was a brother that helped out around the place and he had cut come pieces to make as walking sticks. He gave me a couple of them, and when I got home I shaved off the bark so that it could really dry out more quickly. It made a very nice walking stick, very light and hollow up the middle.

**45** Anyway, I had gotten it somewhere around early fall, and I left it in the garage. Well, I think it was a few months later, some time around October or November that I had to go away to Long Island New York on a business trip, and during the time that I was away, the police had found a dead man's body down the road a couple miles from our home.

**46** Well, my wife went out to the garage and got her a stick to keep in the bedroom in case some one tried to break into our home. She put it under our bed under where I usually sleep. She forgot all about that stick once I got home, and I slept on it for the next few months, and sometime in March, right around Easter time, I was doing some Spring cleaning and as I was cleaning under the bed, I noticed this stick laying there.

**47** Now, this stick had been cut down for more than 7 or 8 months, and I had completely debarked it so it was smooth and had not a limb, nor any leaves on it. Just a dried out stick. But when I pulled it out from under my bed, it had grown two limbs which were two little leaves that were growing out of this dried out old stick, and I new something special had taken place but I didn't have a clue. But you know how we are, we are so afraid to tell others about what the Lord does, because we are afraid that they will think we are trying to make something out of it. But I took that stick down to church and I showed it to the church that next service, and I still have that stick. And I didn't claim anything by it, but thought it was quite strange because the only time I had heard of that happening was with the rod of Aaron that bloomed in the presence of the Lord.

**48** After I took it out from under my bed, and showed it to the church, I left it stand in the corner of the room in the basement, and in a few weeks the leaves dried up and fell off. I wish I would have taken a picture of it, but I am sure several of you out there can still remember when that happened.

**49** Now, what does that mean? I don't know, but I believe that the same God that caused Aaron's rod to bud is the same God that caused this rod to bud. You know it is strange how God works, but after that, the doors begin to open up around the world to minister "the Doctrine of Christ" and since then, the Lord has taken me around the world time and time again teaching the doctrine of Christ to any and all who will listen.

**50** Hidden life in Christ 55-1110 P:35 Watch. There's where they put Aaron's rod. Not out there in the outer courts, they put it in here on the inside to select who would be what priesthood. I know that speaks directly of Christ, but it also types of the sinner. You take a man that's diddle-dotted along in church all of his life, and still dead in sin and trespasses...But when that man was on the outside, that old rod, it was just an ordinary stick, and it would be carried along in Aaron's hand till it was dried up; there was no life in it. That's the man that's cut off from God. That's the man that's without Christ. That's the man may be a member of a church, but knows no more about God than a Hottentot would know about a Egyptian knight; walking on. "Oh, I belong to church." It was in Aaron's hand. Yeah, he was used, but dead. And when that rod was put into the holiest of holies, into the consecrated place of God, in the Presence of the Holy Spirit, you know what happened? It budded and blossomed, and yielded almonds, all in one night. Hallelujah.

**51** Now, I am sure that some will say that I am trying to make something of myself by what took place. And if you might think that, then you are no different than Joseph's brothers who thought Joseph was trying to make something of himself because he had those dreams.

**52** Look, you can't make yourself anything more or less than what God has made you. And if we are true steward's of His Doctrine and walk in His love and Grace, then we will never make anything more of ourselves than he will make of us. But if we lift Him up He said he would draw all men unto himself. So that's the main theme that we should have in our lives. To see what we can do to lift Up the name of Christ to all men.

**53** I didn't ask to go to all these places. In fact I would rather have a church large enough that I couldn't get away from it, but that is not what He has called me to do, and that is not what He has chosen for me in this life. At least not yet, anyway. That's still my hope, that someday this little work will grow to the place that I will be very busy with the local work of the ministry. But right now, my ministry is most effective on the road.

**54** I know one thing for sure, if you get puffed up God will never use you. But that doesn't mean that you should shut up about what God has done for you either. Seems to me if brother Branham had not shared with us what God did for him in his ministry we would never have known most of what we do know about the working of the Holy Spirit in this hour. But you see, His ministry was to declare Him that He is here. And I guess you just can't get me to shut up either. I have seen too much evidence that he is still here with us.

**55** I've seen storm abated in an instant just Like brother did. I've seen record heat wave turn cool within hours of praying for it to drop by 30 degree. I've seen a miracle after miracle and healing after healing, and you all know that a man can not do those things. God is still on the scene and he is still here in the form of the Pillar of Fire and he is still leading us to the Millennium. And yes, I have seen with my own eyes a dead dried out stick come to life again. Why? Because God changes not. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

**56** So does that make me somebody? No, Aaron was still Aaron. He wasn't Moses and never claimed to be. He was just a minister of Moses. He was not the prophet of the hour. But he did serve the same Living God that Moses served. He never tried to take Moses place. He knew his own weaknesses and never professed to be anything other than one of God's ministers.

**57** Hidden life 55-1006A P:41 In this same place... We don't have much time, 'cause I got to hurry, but just for another thought. In this same place they put Aaron's rod, to make a decision who God had chosen and who he

hadn't. And that rod that was a dead stick, in one night's time come to life, brought buds, brought flowers, and brought almonds. It both come to life, brought blossoms, and yielded fruits, a very typical pattern of the sinner being brought to God into the holy place. Remember that rod passed over every one of those other elements, and it got inside the holy place still dead. But to abide... It never come to life when they first brought it in there. That's the reason the Holy Spirit's watched you since you received the Holy Ghost, see you're attitude towards His Kingdom. If it's been selfish motive, if the things that you've thought of has been in-farther a denomination, or if it's doing farther, better you, your position, if it's to make you a man looked up to in the world, if it's to build you a big church some where, or some popularity, or some other thing outside of increasing or in-bettering the Kingdom of God, brother, something's wrong. Amen.

**58** Church dedication 59-0708M P:19 No wonder the church natural today can't believe in miracles. They've never come into the miracle working place where they're at rest with God. There's where Aaron's rod budded, something that was dead. An old dry stick off the desert in that holiest of holies took new life, and bloomed blooms, and sprouted out, and brought leaves. How? It was laying in the holiest of holies. You can take a dead sinner, rotten, carnal in his mind and in his thinking a criticizer of the power of God, and bring him into the Presence of the Holy Ghost, there'll be something happen to him. Sure. Entering into that lonely place with God... "He dwells," says Moses in the next chapter, "in the thickness of the darkness." That's where God dwells. That's where life stays. Is in the midst of the rotten corruption. Where does the life stay? In the seed after it's rotten. When it dies to itself it brings forth a new life. Where does God stay? He will stay with you if you're ready to die out to yourself and give Him a chance: service: body. intellectual: spirit, thoughts; and soul, your faith in God: three room house.

**59** Supernatural the 56-0129 P:31 Look, the people who eat the manna out here on the ground was eating the same manna that the high priest eat in under the Shekinah Glory. But this manna withered away out on the ground, but that in the hidden place never did wither away. It lasted through the spans of years. And a man who walked in there, when the high priest went in beyond that veil, that veil that separated the holiest from the holiest of holies, when he walked in there, the veil dropped behind him, that man, he... It was even sound proof. He didn't... He was shut off from all the world and the surroundings. He knowed nothing in there but the living in the Presence of God. And a man or woman that ever walked into that Shekinah Glory of God, the whole world's shut off behind him. No matter what the devil says, you don't pay any attention to it. And He's living in a different atmosphere. He lived in there where they put Aaron's rod. And it was nothing but an old dead stick off of an olive tree. But once laid in the Presence of God, it yielded what it was supposed to be in the beginning. In one night's time it budded, blossoms, and brought almonds.

**60** Ark the 55-0522 P:51 Aaron's rod was put in there and budded; an old rod that was dead, a staff, a stick, no more than that piece of wood right there that all life is gone from it. It's dry as it can be. But once put into that holy place, it lived again. Every sinner, I don't care how dull, how black, what your life has been; in the Presence of Christ you'll live again, and bloom, and bring forth blossoms, nourished of the Spirit. How sick you are, that doesn't matter, you'll live yet in the presence of the atonement. What a marvel. What a thing we have under consideration. What a Scripture. What a God. What perfect... What a sure foundation. All other grounds is sinking sand. All other grounds is sinking sand.

**61** Now, do you suppose that God would do the same thing today? I know that He is the same yesterday today and forever, and I have seen the rod bud forth with two leaves which is a witness. God witnessing with two leaves that have bud forth from a dried old stick that he is the same yesterday, today and forever.