#146 Using the antidote to overcome

1 Now, this morning I would like to read from brother Branham´s sermon The Spoken Word is the Original Seed and we will read from paragraph 154What if God said, "Take off your shoes, Moses"? He said, "You know I tied them a little tight this morning, Lord. I'll show more respect; I'll take off my hat." That wouldn't have worked. He never said hat; He said shoes. And that's the devil that tries to whitewash that like he did with mother Eve. It's every Word the Truth just the way God's got it wrote there. That's the way I believe it. Now, you can go ahead; you say, "Well, we got the truth." Well you go ahead then. That's all right. If you're that blind, you go right ahead, staggering in darkness. This is the Word that's going to judge you, brother, not your creed. Oh, it looks good, yes, sir, looks good.

2 And then for our text let´s just read from Mark 7:17And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. 18And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; 19Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? 20And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. 24And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. 25For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: 26The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. 27But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. 28And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. 30And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

3 Notice Jesus said, for this saying, for this what you have said, so we see the response that she gave to Jesus was not that of a typical person who felt insulted, but rather, She had Faith in Jesus and didn´t care how he personally felt about her, but she had a real need for her daughter and she knew this was the one man who could do something about her daughters condition, so she said the right thing to Jesus when he rebuked her for who she was. The story is also told in Matthew 15 where we are given a little further detail as to what Jesus saw in this woman, as he answers her in verse 28 where it says: 28Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

4 So you see our approach makes all the difference in what we will receive. And look how Jesus treated the woman. Most people would have walked away from that insult and said something to him, but she didn´t. She knew that this was her only hope for her daughter so she was going to take whatever abuse it took to get the job done, and that is faith. God tests our faith as we spoke on not so long ago, and he will certainly put you to the test to make sure what your Faith is seeking is what you really want.

5 From his sermon, Elijah and meal offering 60-0310 P:24 You know, God has a way of answering prayer. This little woman had lived true. She had not remarried again; she was staying single to meet her husband in glory. She was an honorable woman. And for weeks the barrel had been going down, down, and her continually praying, and still looked like there was no hope in sight nowhere. You know, there we could get a lesson from that, that if you

have prayed and met all the requirements that God requires you to meet, and still He's silent, He doesn't say anything, and yet you've met the requirements, now what happens then? If you know that you have met His requirements and you've done all that you know to do, then faith doesn't waver; it just sets still and thinks positive. Faith takes its everlasting grip around the Rock of Ages, and doesn't move. That great fellow called faith... I've often said, "Faith's got hair on the chest." When he speaks, everything else shuts up. When faith says, "Shut up," then everything stops, 'cause he's the boss.

6 25 And she had met every requirement. She'd lived clean; she'd lived decent; she'd lived honorable, and she had met all of God's requirements. But, looked like He was silent. God does that sometime to test you to see what kind of a reaction you'll have. Don't forget it.If you pass over the platform, you're prayed for, and hands laid on you, and it seems like nothing happens, that doesn't stop faith one bit; you have met God's requirements. Now, if you have met them... Now, if you're holding back on God, you know your heart condemns you. And we know, "If our heart condemns us not, then we have..." Now, but if our heart condemns us, there's no need of coming across the platform; there's no need of asking God for anything, because you don't have faith to receive it. But when you have met every requirement that God requires, then faith steps out there and said, "God is God. I've met the requirements."

7 26 The Scripture says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as an eagle; they shall run and not be weary, walk and not faint." As the song says, "Teach me, Lord. Oh, teach me, Lord, how to wait." Get my soul washed in the Blood of Calvary, meet every requirement, burn all the bridges around, and say, "Now, Lord, nothing in my arms I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling. You promised it, Lord." That's the kind of condition, the reason people think that I am an isolationist. But in the room, or over on the side of the desert, that's the condition you've got to get into before you walk into this pulpit here. 'Cause Satan's always dropping in little "imps" to try to upset something. And you must be right holding onto the cross, not trusting your own ability, your own thoughts, just leaning on the everlasting arms. Claiming no intelligence, claiming no mind of your own, you're just opening yourself and let the Holy Spirit speak. That's the condition God wants His Church in. Get in that condition.

8 27 God tries you. Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, chastened, to see if he can stand chastisement. If we walk up and say, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died for my sins and rose again the third day. He was wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities. The chastisement of my peace was upon Him, and with His stripes I am healed." When you say that with a confessed--all your sins and your iniquities, and your abilities, and all that you have, lay on the altar... Then there with nothing in your arm, Satan's going to shoot every dart at you he can. But then if you turn aside from that and say, "Well, maybe I didn't get saved; maybe I didn't get healed," then turn away from that, the Bible said you are illegitimate children and not the children of God.

9 28 God tests every son of Abraham like He did Abraham, for we are Abraham's seed. By being dead in Christ, we are Abraham's seed and are heirs according to the promise. Abraham's seed, that's the spirit that Abraham had. He had the promise given. And if our father trusted God and took a promise, an impossibility, and held on to it for twenty-five years before it was ever manifested, getting stronger all the time, his seed's just like the father. No matter what happens, when we're prayed for, it's settled. When we get everything out of the way, met all requirements, get everything out of the way, then ask God, and stand there knowing you're going to receive it.

10 29 God tested Job like that. When Job asked for mercy, offered a sacrifice for his children, the only thing that that prophet had was a burnt-offering, but that was all God required. God doesn't require an education and a lot of nonsense; He requires a surrendered heart to His will. He doesn't ask you to dress in a certain way, or go to certain things, or out of certain colleges, or degrees. He asks for a humble, contrite, broken spirit, and a willing

heart to receive Him. He tried Job, and see what kind of a reaction He would find in him. But when He took his sheep and took his ox, and took his camels, and took his children, "I'll see what Job says now." And he said, "The Lord gave and the Lord taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord." He found what He had told Satan He had in Job: "None like him, on the earth." Then the thunders begin to roar, the lightnings begin to flash. The Spirit come upon the prophet, and he screamed, "I know my Redeemer liveth, and at the last days He´ll stand on the earth. Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God; Whom I shall see for myself, mine eyes shall behold, and not another."

11 And from his sermon, Be certain of God 59-0125 P:21 You know, He loves to test us. He loves to see the reaction of your faith. Did you know that? God likes to see how you'll react. When you say, "Oh, Lord, I believe You; Thou art my Saviour. I believe that You are the Healer; I believe that You are the One Who gives the Holy Spirit; and the things that I am requiring, You are the God Who gives that." And then when you confess all your sins and promise God what you'll do if He'll let you get well, and then because it don't happen, you run off like a coward somewhere, God can't use that. There's no way for Him to use you. There's no way for Him to answer you, because He only answers by faith. Then all of a sudden you go away and He can't answer. But real true faith stands there, being sure that God is. Be certain that He is. And if God asks this thing to be done, to confess your sins and so forth, and you've done it, faith says that He is; it's certain that it's going to happen. Your request has to be granted. Oh, I hope you don't miss that. If you're sure of God, God's sure of His Word. He's only waiting to test you.

12 From another sermon he preached with the same title, Be certain of God 59-0412A P:20, brother Branham said, One morning there was some Hebrew children was going to be burnt up. And they knew that they had done God's will. And they said, "We're not afraid of the king's commandments. Our God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace. Nevertheless, we'll not bow to his image." Now, God was going to give them a test to see what their reaction to their action would be. And He let them walk right straight to the fiery furnace before He ever moved. But when all of God's requirements has been met, and you're certain of God, that God will do it, stand still then, and God will do it. If you set in these meetings, and you seen the Lord God move out over the audience, healing the sick and afflicted, and yet, you seem to still have your disease... And when I ask for them to put hands on each other, and you've made your wrongs right before Him; you've accepted Him, and you've been baptized in Christian faith, and your heart's clean before Him, then sometime when God delays His answer He's only wanting to see what you'll react by. Just be sure that you believe that it's God and then hold on to it. Don't you move.

13 Many times we look at our life and some circumstances come up that put us to the test, to see how we will stand or react as a Christian?, or as just a mortal man? In his Questions and answers COD 59-1223 P:22 brother Branham told us that we should not look on people that perhaps do not look like we would like them to look, or those who do not act as we would have them to act. And so he spoke of that man who was filled with demonic power up in Oregon, and had gone up onto the platform to try to kill him. And brother Branham said that if he would have reacted differently the outcome would not have been the same. But he said, It's not the man. When you see a person like that, don't never think that it's the man; it's the devil that's in the man. Now, that maniac on the platform that night was going to kill me up in Oregon... That man, when he come to me, instead of him spitting in my face and calling me a snake in the grass before nearly ten thousand people; well, it wasn't the man. He's a man that eats, drinks, sleeps, perhaps with a family, and loves, and just like I am or you are. But it was that devil in him that was doing that. See?

14 Now, I would like to interject here that we need to look at this attitude that brother Branham had. He did not see this man as a threat to his personal safety. He saw him as a man, one who perhaps had a family, and ones that he loved, but he saw also that his man, this mortal, was filled with a demon that was so troubling him that he was willing to fight, and brawl, and overpower those who would oppose him. And what I want you to see this morning, is that had brother Branham not had the right mental attitude himself, the story may have had a quite

different ending.

15 So brother Branham continues telling us "And you never cast a devil out by the wrong attitude. It takes love to do that. And love is the most powerful force that there is in the world. Now, if you notice, a devil is always hate . Hate is of the devil. And when people hate someone, remember it is a terrible devil to despise or dislike. You mustn't do that."

16 Now I´ll tell you first hand, that´s where I´ve fallen short myself. That´s the test I keep flunking, over and over and over again. You´d think I would smarten up, but I haven´t yet.

17 Someone says something belittling to me, or in a nasty sort of talking down to me, and my mouth is too quick to give them back their own medicine, and that is wrong for me to do that. We must never do that, for it only adds fuel to the fire. Brother Branham said you never cast a devil out by the wrong attitude, it takes love to do it.

18 You see, when Brother Branham was given his commission, the angel said to him, Who is this 59-1122 P:4 " Just keep humble; keep away from money and all the things of the world. Don't never try to be big; just stay humble; and there'd be something else greater." And he stayed true to that commission and God blessed him so much that when this maniac tried to spit in his face and call him names he just let him do it, but when that man came forward to break every bone in brother Branham´s body, God stepped in and would not let it happen, and that man suddenly dropped to the floor and slid like a snake, and was not able to lift a hand against God´s servant. That´s the way we ought to be, not heady or high-minded in return, but in humility, take the rebuke, and ask God to forgive the person and deliver them from a life of insults and personal diatribe.

19 Look at Moses. His first test to see what he was going to do to help save his people, and he took it into his own hands. He saw one of his brethren being beaten, and he stepped in with his anger and killed the man. That was not the response God wanted in His Messenger. And that is not the response he wants in you and me either.

20 Exodus 2:11And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. 13And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? 14And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. 15Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

21 God doesn´t want his children to fight fire with fire! He doesn´t wish for us to take things into our own hands and do unto our neighbor as they are doing unto us! That´s not what our child training is all about! God wants us to stay humble and obedient, and not get riled up when we are stricken. He doesn´t want our big mouths to revile back when we are reviled upon. He wants us to stay humble and be at peace.

22 In fact our blessing come from being able to take it and not hand it back where it came from.

23 Matthew 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

24 Jesus said in Matthew 5:38Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39But I say unto you, That ye resist not against evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. 44But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?48Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

25 So God our father wants us to be like Him, and not like man. And if he is going to use you, he will not take you if you are puffed up in our own conceit.

26 From his sermon, Questions and answers COD 59-0628E P:42 And isn't that just the way that people get today? Let God just bless a fellow and put a little confidence in him, and he gets to be a know-it-all. He's got to start an organization, or he's got to do something that's different. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer." God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, that'll stay humble, and meek, and stay in the place until God calls him to do something (you believe that? See?), a man that God can bless and he'll still keep himself a man, not be an angel or a god. As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god; he wants to become a angel. He wants to become some great person. "What I do, what Me, and me and mine..." all that. That's the wrong attitude. God's hunting for somebody who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and the more He blessed, the littler the man will become. And you'll never get more of God until you become nothing. You've got to belittle yourself. He that will exalt himself, God will bring abase. He that will humble himself, God will exalt. You've got to get little before you can get big. And you'll never be big in your own self; you'll only be as big as God will be big in you. See?

27 Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:43 389. When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this? ... Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever, just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything is an antidote.

28 Not dog bite me I´ll bite dog back, no, not at all. Dog bite me once, shame on dog, but dog bite me twice, shame on me. Why?, Because I should know better than to get myself into a situation where I let a dog bite me twice. That´s not learning from your trials. So how do we avoid that situation? Simple, just stay away from the dog, or get the dog to love you. One of the other. From brother Branham´s sermon, Blind Bartimaeus 57-0809 P:22 I can think of the story when the Shunammite woman had been kind to that man of God. She didn't do it to receive anything, but you just can't not help from receiving a reward when you're good to God's children. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if you shall give one of these little ones as much as a cup of water, you will in no wise lose your reward." So be kind to one another. If the meal barrel's empty over to that house, take them something over there. Be kind. If the widow needs some coal, buy her some. God will bless you for it.

29 From Spiritual inspiration 56-0128 P:38 brother Branham said, "The woman, she realized that Elijah was a servant of God. And when they would come by that way she'd always trying to do him a little favor, try to be kind to him. And if there's anything that we ought to be, is kind to one another. When you see a brother or sister in fault, don't never breathe it to nobody. Keep it to yourself and pray for that person. Be kind to them. And if the Spirit of God is in you, then you will be kind to one another. Jesus said, "I come to do Thy will, Father." And we are about the Master's business as He was about the Father's business. And the same Spirit that He had to begin

the works of the Father and to finish the atonement, to make a way that we could carry the message, if that Spirit's in you, you'll have that same attitude towards people: trying to do what you can to help them, no matter who they are or where they are. You'll try to help people. Amen. That's kind a strong, but that's truth. That's right. It... Rather, friends, it's the time has come where we're nearing the end. And something's got to be done.

30 And from his sermon, Seal of the antichrist 55-0311 P:54 Brother Branham said, "God's going to hold me responsible if I don't tell the truth. You ought to go home, everybody, get down around the bed tonight, or else bring the mother and kiddies, all of them get around the bed, say, "Mother, let's pray right here, till God really makes things different around here." Pastors, you ought to call your congregations together on Sunday morning now, and say, "Let's start anew." You'll be kind to one another. Pentecostal preachers, sometimes, and men, will go downtown. You see them on the street sometime, will just jump into traffic, and consider your friends. If you see him fixing to get a ticket; I don't care who he is, put a nickel in the, don't let him be fined. Even in everything, it will grow on you. Try to be good to one another. Try to shake hands and be friendly and nice. Tear down all the walls of partition around you, that's malice, and different, ungodly, tear it down. Keep doing good to one another. Every time you meet one another, make yourself be good to one another. And the first thing you know, it'll grow around you, till a bundle of love will wrap you up. Hallelujah. That's the marking of God.

31 Questions and answers COD 61-1015M P:121 Now, we are all going to make mistakes. Just remember. And when you're looking at one another, don't look at the other person's mistake. See, don't do that, because, remember, you make mistakes too. But look to Christ Who is guiding this person. And if they need some help, then you pray for them. That's the way we get along (See?), pray. And remember, when you are praying for somebody else in that kind of a fix, God will honor and heal you when you're praying for somebody else. That's right. That's what Christianity is based upon, to help one another, do for one another, be kind to one another, understanding to one another. Now, if you see your neighbor's mistake, you see where they've went wrong, don't go wrong with them, but just pray for them. Just keep praying, and God will understand that. He'll make everything right.

32 The Apostle John said, "1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

33 Seed not heir with shuck 65-0218 P:82 How will you know, how will the world know that you love Jesus? When we love one another. That's how the world... See, God sees your faith; the world sees your actions. Love one another now; be kind to one another. Talk with one another. Be patient with one another.

34 Word become flesh India trip 54-1003M P:115 But to think that it's true, one time those men were as we are here this morning. They had their opportunity, and we've got ours. What are you going to do with it? Oh, make every ounce of it count for the Lord Jesus. Have no time for things of the world. "Lay aside every weight does easily beset you. Let's run this race with patience, that's set before us." Let's love the Lord Jesus. Be kind to one another. Be kind to your enemies. Love everybody. No matter what they done, love them, anyhow. And if you can't do that, brother, sister, if there ever was a time then you need a trip to the altar, it's then. When you can come back, create... 116 And I recognized the other day, a selfish spirit coming up in me of saying, "This man's wrong. I ought to tell him about it." That's wrong. God's the One to tell him about it. It's none of my business. But my business is preach the Gospel and love everybody, and move on and love my enemies, as Jesus Christ loved me when I was His enemy. That's right. When I was unlovely, He loved me to His bosom. And anybody that's unlovely, let me love them the same. Let the Spirit that was in Christ, be in us. Amen. I love Him. I love Him. Oh, my. Covet not this world's vain riches,

35 Let us pray...