

#5 God testing His Children for their reactions

1 Let's open our Bibles this morning to:

2 Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

3 Let us pray, Dear Heavenly Father we thank Thee for the reading of Thy Word this morning, and we recognize Father that every son that comes to Thee must first be tried and tested. So we ask that you would go before us and prepare our way and prepare our hearts that when we are tested, we might also be found to be in Thy Grace and very careful in our own responses, that our responses would echo the response Your eldest Son Jesus had, for we ask it in Jesus Christ's name, amen.

4 Now, this morning we will pick up where we left off in our study of "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed". This morning we have several pages to read of pre-text comments by br. Branham, so without delay we shall begin reading from paragraph 12 "Now, I know it's hot today and looks like it's hard for me to call you people together for a service where you set jammed in like this, but yet, I thought by the grace of God that I would have another service before I had to leave you all for a short season, I trust. And I've got to go now tomorrow night to Chicago to begin Wednesday. I thought I would get there a little early, if possible, and rest up a little before beginning a series of service. And I believe they've got it... Here, I was looking at it right here. It's advertised up there. It's called the Marigold Arena, it's where it's to be held, beginning Wednesday night through Sunday. And the Full Gospel Business Men has a breakfast also on Saturday morning. And I don't know just exactly where they got that advertised where. No. Then Saturday evening's at the Lane Tech; I see here it's advertised.

13 Now, if you're around in that area or up there... It's just a regular evangelistic service like we have at any time; most of the Messages will be primarily on something that's been taught here, 'cause here's where we make our tapes. You see? Out there they can fuss, but if they get tapes made from here, that's up to them if they want to listen to any tapes. It comes right from here; this is our own pulpit. So out there, usually I try to pick around on something not very deep, because many of them are shallow in experience and what comes in... But here, I feel I have a right to say whatever God puts upon my heart to say from right here. So our tapes are all made from right here. See? And they're right in the room there now; you can see their heads up over the clouded glass in there, where they're setting with their recorders.

14 Now, and if you want to come to the meeting, we'd be most happy to have you. Just, If you get there, don't just know where to go, why, just contact any of the Full Gospel people, or Brother Carlson, and He can advise you. Or the Philadelphia Church or any of them, they can tell you right how to get to the place.

15 Then I come back next Monday evening sometime afternoon or evening. And Tuesday we go back to

Arizona for our, to put the children in school and so forth. And then I don't know just exactly when to be back again, because the Lord... I want Him to lead me on just what to do. A very strange thing happened... I might as well... I know that this is taped, and I might as well place it on here. And right while visions and leadings of the Holy Spirit is moving, I like to strike just exactly while It's moving. That's... Now, in the last year it's been right along with one of the most highest time for visions that I've ever had in all my ministry, has been this last year of things that has taken place, that you people know that is foretold before it happens, and it happens just the way it said.

16 Now, we come back here to visit. The climate in this place I certainly don't like 'cause it... I'm... Just breaks me down as soon as I get here. And I just... I can cross the top of the knobs up there and come down in this valley, and then I'm here about ten minutes and I've got hives, get sick (weather), swimmy-headed; everything looks spooky, dark, and I--I just have to get out of it. See?

17 And the other day I was talking to the wife... But what brings me in first... What brings me in here is you people (See?), this church. I tell you, of all the places I went in life, this is my favorite place to come preach the Gospel. And looks like that we can make a tape from here; it's ten times better than anywhere else. See? See, that's the reason I say, "Where God's a-doing something, then stay right with that." But I think where the great thing is, that was me failing to go out at the first time when He called me; and therefore, He makes it kind of rough on me when I come in. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

18 And then I'll be coming back and forth all the time, preaching in the Tabernacle. And you people that's from out of town, you'll be notified. Billy Paul will be here, right in the office, and he can be reached at any time through him. And we'll be coming back here to hold... And then the Seven Trumpets is coming up right away, the Lord willing, Seven Last Plagues and the Vials, and so forth, just as we can, get a little cooler weather or maybe or something, however the Lord leads...

19 And now, the other day coming in, there was a question brought up about, something about someone had given me a check and said personally, exactly, just to me and me only, tax paid, free, everything else. Well, we went and... Billy knew that I kinda had need of that check, and He went and asked the attorneys if we could cash it. He said, "Why, he's an American citizen; why can't he cash it?" See? Says "'Tax paid and everything else--free.' Any citizen can do that."

20 So then, he couldn't be satisfied with that (Billy), so he goes to the public accountant, and he said, "Why certainly, he can cash that." Said, "He's a citizen of the United States." So well, he couldn't think good about that, so he called Merle Miller (that's the head of the tax association at Indianapolis that was our attorneys), and so (Issen, Miller)--and so, "Sure, it's all right. (See?) Sure he can have that check. It's made out to him, endorse only." I'm the only one can endorse it and so forth, and it couldn't be stamped with our...

21 See, I don't cash no checks. That's what they got me for the other time. Somebody'd bring in a bunch of checks, and say, "Here, Brother Branham..." at the meeting. I'd say, "William Branham, William Branham..." Well, the government was taking care of all of that all the time. And I was signing them to myself and was paying the debts out there, but they said I owed delinquent taxes on all of it, anyhow: \$300,000.00. So then, that's where the fuss came. So then, as soon as I put this check in, whammy! here come the agent right back. Said, "We'll reopen the case for him now." So it made it kind of rough.

22 And Brother Lee Vayle setting here (I guess it is all right to say it,) we just... He come down, and this fine scholared Baptist here (I baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ here in the pool the other day.)--Brother Lee Vayle. And so, he's really a fine man, a brother in Christ; he's preached for us here before, highly intellectually educated, and besides that, a Spirit-led man. When the Light flashed across him, he said he tried to get away, but just couldn't do it. So I baptized him right here the other morning. Couldn't stand it any longer, so we just come down here, put on our clothes, went in, and was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

23 Well, I thought being he had taken that fine spiritual food, maybe to talk a little bit, we'd take some natural food. So we goes over to the Blue Boar, sets down, was talking. And the subject come up, "How do you let people talk about you like that?" Now, Brother Vayle is one of the finest men I ever knew, but he's just a little too quick on the trigger, I always told him, you know. And so I said... (I hope that's all right, Brother Vayle.) So he--I said, "Don't fly loose all at once; set still. God's the One that's a-doing it." He said, "Aw, it might be all right for you,"

he said, "but, well, he..." I believe he's so smart till that's what he's been meeting (those smart intellectual people), so he just knows how to pour it in there, and they ain't got no place to stand. That's all.

24 So I said, "Look, Brother Vayle..." We was sitting at the Blue Boar. I said, "David, one day after being thrown from the throne by his own son, run off the throne, mutiny, Israel divided, and David took off the throne by his own son, and was going out of the city, weeping... And a guy that didn't like his last day Message, you know; he didn't care for him, little old fellow, kind of crippled up, going along there making fun of him, and he spit on David. And that guard drew that sword, said, 'I'll let the head of that dog stay on him and spit on my king?' David said, 'Let him alone; the Lord told him to do that.' See? Spit on him; making fun of him and then spit on him. Said, 'The Lord told him to do that.' Well, we know the story, how it returned back." Brother Vayle thought that took a whole lot of grace to do that.

25 So no more than coming back and entering the office, the public accountant called Billy Paul and told him about this. So Brother Vayle went up the house with me, and I walked in; I said to the wife (long about sometime in the afternoon)... We went in a room. I said, "I got something to tell you, honey." We had just been talking before I left. She said, "Bill, I know that God sent you out there; we all know that; but He never told you to come back." She said, "Now, that's where I'm worried about." I said, "Well, I think it's for you and the children. Don't matter for me. I'm going to serve Him, Lord willing, wherever I go."

26 And so, walked back, and I told her about it like that. So I just turned around, laid my hat up, and somebody said something about, "Oh, this tax collector..." Just kind of raved it out, something like that... Not thinking of what I had told of Brother Vayle, I said, "Let him alone. Maybe the Lord told him to do that." I no more than said that, till a Light flashed on the wall and wrote across there (Brother Vayle and my wife setting there), "Come on back to Arizona." With letters wrote across the wall, "Come on back to Arizona." That's right. So, here I go (Amen!) back to Arizona.

5 Now, I realize we have read quite a bit of pre text comments this morning, but there is an important message in all of this talk that took place before he actually got to his Message and sermon text, and that is this story of David, where the crippled man spat on him, and David reacted by saying, "the Lord told him to do that". So let's read from the Book of 2 Samuel 16 to see first hand the account of this story that brother Branham was referring to.

6 2 Samuel 16:1 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink. 3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. 4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. 5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. 6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: 8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man. 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. 10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? 11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold,

my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. 13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. 14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there. 15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. 17 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? 18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. 19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. 20 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do. 21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. 22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

7 Now, we can see by this story, that God is showing us a part of Christ that seems to be very difficult for us as humans to just let go, and let God. You see, the only way we can do what David did, and what Jesus did when they spat on him, and blindfolded him and slapped him on the face, is to say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

8 Now, we know that the children of God have always had to endure these kind of trials and testing's from God, but as always it was not God directly inflicting the children, but He allowing them to be afflicted to build character and humility into His children. And that is the problem we have with this generation of people today. It is rare today to see a young person with real developed character, and the reason is because their parents have unwittingly destroyed their children by giving to them everything they didn't have for themselves while growing up. Instead of making the children work for what they have the parents worked while their children played.

9 But God develops our character through trials and tests. And that is the way to develop anything properly. The best athletes must stand up against the best competition they can find, in order to perform better themselves, and God told us that His own children have always been tried and tested to develop their faith.

10 Hebrews 11:36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

11 We look at Abraham as the father of our faith and we see that God put him to the test just like He tries and tests every son that cometh to Him. Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

12 So don't think it is a strange thing when you seem to be under a conditions where you are seeing all kinds of trials and tests coming your way, be thankful that God thinks enough of you to be testing you.

13 That's what we are told by the apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

14 And James points out that our tests are to produce in us a crown of Life. James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

15 James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers testings; 3 Knowing [this], that the trying of your faith worketh patience 4 But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

16 1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

17 VICTORY DAY 63-0421 When it looks like everything's gone wrong, God's giving you a trial. He's got confidence in you. He don't have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid. You're a real Christian. God's giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, count it a joy. It's more precious to you than gold." And many times we hum and haw, "Oh, well. If I just..." Well, that's something God give you to overcome. He knows you'll do it. He's put his trust in you.

18 And that is what Wuest translation tells us as well. "In which last season you are to be constantly rejoicing with a joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance, although for a while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings in order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that the approval being much more precious than the approval of gold which perishes.

19 The NIV says "these trials are necessary so that your faith may be proved genuine and may result in praise, then Glory and finally Honor."

20 I CORINTHIANS 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: (In other words, there are certain kinds of trials and temptations we receive just because of our human nature, but the key is the next thing he says here... but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].

21 End time evangelism 62-0603 P:52 Noah had a terrible time, but finally one day he had a trial. And all that go with God has trials; your faith is tried. When you start to live for Him, then every neighbor's going to talk about you; everything's going to go wrong for you. Just remember that; for it's God trying you. The Bible said, "Every son that cometh to God must be first proven, chastened, child-trained." Like my daddy trained me when I done wrong, they had the ten commandments hanging up over the door; it was a limb about this long; and Mr. Branham was a pretty good man in his arm, and he took us out and he trained us. And that's the way God does. He tries, child-trains you, brings you up, because you're His child; there's something in the future for you, home in glory. And He trains you. Now, every son coming must be tried.

22 1 Corinthians 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

23 Well, what work have we got but our Faith. Right? Our actions are only an expression of our faith. By Faith Noah believed God and built the ark. The building of the ark was the active faith of Noah in expressing the passive Faith that God gave to Him.

24 Elijah and meal offering 60-0310 P: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.

25 Brother Branham said that the cross was not the victory for Jesus, but the battle in Gethsemane is where Jesus received his greatest victory. For had it not been for the Faith He received from the Father, there could very well have not been a Calvary experience. For after wrestling with his own mind, and his own will that night, he obediently declared, Father it is my will that you take this cup from me, but nevertheless, not my will, but Thy will be done." And that is the Victory right there. When Jesus gave over his own will to the will of the Father.

26 COMMUNION 57-0418 14 Now, if God did not spare His Own Son from the cruel testing, then He will not spare you or I from the cruel testing. And Jesus was here confronting the greatest test that He had ever had. Gethsemane laid just before Him, where that once and final all-sufficient test must come, when the burdens of the entire world laid upon His blessed shoulder. There was no one in all heavens or earth could ever stand it but Him. And to know that all of the sins, of past sins, and present sins, and future sins, rested upon this decision. And it was one of the most greatest victories that Christ ever won or proved His great Messiah-ship, as when He said to God, "Not My will; Thine be done." That was the greatest victory He had ever won. All the demons of torment was around to tempt Him and try Him. And when we get right with God, when our hearts become pure and the Holy Spirit has taken Its place in our heart, it's the most glorious thing to have testing. The Bible tells us that our testings and trials are more precious to us than silver and gold of this world. So we should be thankful.

27 Now we know that Faith is a mystery revealed. Brother Branham said Faith is a Revelation, something that has been revealed and it comes by hearing the Word of God. Therefore Faith is God's Word revealed to us. And if it is God's Word revealed to us then it is no longer a mysterious thing, but rather it is something that has been revealed and opened up to us.

28 Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

29 Now, if it is revealed to us then it becomes ours. For as long as it remains hidden or secret it belongs unto God, but once God reveals it to us, then it becomes ours. So once it becomes yours, then God wants to know what you are going to do with it.

30 From his sermon, CONFERENCE 60-1125 43 Brother Branham said, "Now, Moses cried to the Lord and

the Lord said, "Rise up and go forward." And when Moses went right straight and stepped his foot into the water, when that taken place, the Red Sea opened back, and Israel crossed over to a great victory. They had a conference. That's the way we always have to do, is have conferences. Now, I want to speak of another one right quick. There was a conference. There's many of them we could speak of, but let's just not pass this one by. There was a Gethsemane conference one time. When it had to be brought after a victorious life had defeated sickness, defeated everything in the world, He came to Gethsemane, and Father had to check up to see if He really wanted to go through it or not."

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Notice that brother Branham is letting us know that if Moses would have just spoke it, nothing would have happened, but he had to enter into the revelation for that revelation to become materialized as the manifested Word. Because God said, "Speak and go forward", and had he spoken but not stepped his foot into the water, nothing would have happened. And too many Christians today can talk the Word but are afraid to walk it, to live it. But how in the world can you become conformed to the image of the first born son if you don't step into it.

Notice, Brother Branham let us know that God had revealed it first to Moses, but Moses was expected to move on it before it became into materialization, for without him moving forward that portion of the Word could not have materialize. So Faith has to do with the unseen being seen by that sixth sense we call Faith. Yes, the sixth sense is called Faith. And that sense can see what the eyes can not see. And God revealed it to Jesus what he must do, but until Jesus acted upon it, it was not yet a reality. So Faith has to do with the unseen Word, being revealed and then acted upon which the action becomes the revelation expressed and when that Happens, the word is dressed or clothed for all to see.

32 Therefore, Faith does not come by seeing but Faith comes by hearing, not by seeing, because after it has been heard then it may be seen once we act upon it. And that is what the Scriptures teach us.

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Galatians 3: 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

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Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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So then it is not just hearing, but hearing the Word of God that brings faith or releases the Faith of God to us. 2 Corinthians 4: 13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; So when God believed in Himself, His plan, He spoke and then His Faith became manifested into materiality or reality.

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Now, if Faith is something that was hidden, but has been revealed, then Faith is like setting out on a journey not

knowing where you are going, but knowing who you are going with.

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Hebrews 11: 8 tells us "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

38 And if you walk in the light as He is in that Light, then you are walking with Him, and it should not make any difference where you are going. That is what Faith is all about. Walking with Him, and trusting Him. In fact the very evidence that you are believing what He has revealed to you is your walking in that revelation. Especially when no one else knows that you are obeying the hidden voice of God to you. Not hidden to you, but revealed to you what is hidden to them.

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And we know that there is only One Lord and Thus One Faith. That's Ephesians 4:5 therefore Faith is the Substance of Someone, not something.

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We see in Hebrews 11: 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. So we see that Faith is both a substance and an evidence. Now, the substance is not the evidence, but the Substance is the Person, God Himself who has revealed to you His plan for you, and the evidence is your stepping forward into that plan, that which God has revealed to you by His Personal Presence.

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Notice that Paul said Faith is not a substance but is The Substance. And that word the is the article the which changes it from a thing to a person, God Himself. In Scripture when it speaks of The Spirit it is speaking of the person of God Himself, but when it speaks of spirit it speaks of the essence or life. SO the article The is very important in understanding what or who it is speaking of. So Paul is not speaking of faith as a substance but THE SUBSTANCE.

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And this word substance was translated from the Greek word hupostasis which was also translated in Hebrews 1:3 as the very person of God. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, (person, hupostasis, the very substance which is God) and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

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And again we see this word hupostasis translated as confidence. Not confidence as an adverb but confidence as a person. Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

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Not hold our own confidence in ourselves, but our confidence in Him and what he has done. That is the confidence this is speaking of. Confidence in a person, Christ.

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Now as I said before, Faith then is having a confidence in The person, not a thing. Abraham by faith started walking because God told him to walk. We walk in the light from day to day and from week to week not knowing exactly where we are going but knowing with Whom we are going. And that is what Abraham did, and that is what Enoch did. He walked with God. And does it really matter where He is leading you if you fully trust Him? I

do not think so.

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Jesus said we must be like little children to enter into the Kingdom of God. And little Children have complete trust in their Parents as long as their parents are with them.

Faithful Abraham 61-0312 P:70 Now, here He is among His church today, made flesh in His church, certainly, Elohim. Now, oh, if you could only realize that you men, you were made to be an amateur god. You're a son of God. You're an heir of God, and you have a domain. Genesis 1:26, He give him dominion over everything in the earth. He made him a god over the earth. That's right. He give him a domain. He's a king, god. And where he got his fall. He could speak to the trees, "Be changed, be plucked up and set over here," to the winds and waves, "Be still," and it'd stopped. He was god, a amateur god, a son of God, like you're a son of your father. And all the world is groaning, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, waiting for the church to get back in its place again, sons of God to be made manifest, waiting for that hour. Hope that don't hurt, but I just had to say it. See? The church is so far away from its place. It needs to be back to be sons of God again: rulers, governors of the earth, under the spiritual reign it will be someday, when the chief One comes, Jesus Christ, the great millennium. Nature's groaning for that day.

47 Hear ye Him 60-0806 P:46 God put people on the earth, man to control the earth. The Bible said that a man is a god. Did you know that? He sure is. Jesus said, "Is it not written in your laws, that you are gods?" And if they're gods, the prophets, who in the Word God came to, how can you condemn Me when I say, 'I'm the Son of God?'" See? They're gods, fallen gods. They get a domain, the world. They're supposed to take care of it. The trees and the animal life, everything's waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, when'll they'll be manifested on the earth. Oh come, Lord Jesus, is my prayer. Oh, for the great millennium when they'll be manifested. We're getting ready now for this time to come. The church has got to get ready.

48 What do you think I have been trying to do for the past few years. I am trying to by God's grace get you people away from churchianity, and from looking at each other, to looking at the image of the first born son that you are to be conformed to. Because in the millennium it will be too late for you to change then, you've got to change now, get ready now for that time.

49 Position in Christ 60-0522M P:86 What's everything waiting on? What's the whole creation waiting for? The manifestations of the sons of God. It's waiting for the church to become into its position. Who was the son of God, when Adam, where was His domain? The earth. He had domain on earth. Is that right? He wasn't Elah, Elah, Elohim then; He was Jehovah. See? That is, "I am God, and I've made some lesser ones under Me. And I've give them a dominion. And in their domain, the dominion under them is the earth." Man had dominion over the earth. And all the whole creation is waiting for the sons of God to be manifested. Oh. We're watching for the coming of that glad millennium day, When our blessed Lord shall come and catch His waiting Bride away; Oh, the earth is groaning, crying for that day of sweet release When our Saviour shall come back to earth again.

50 Expectation 61-0207 P:27 Now, if God has promised a revival here, we're going to have it. Let's make ready for it. If God promised to heal, let's make ready for it. If Jesus said, "The works that I do, shall you do also," let's make ready for it. Move out everything; get ready. We're right in time. So just... Now, it'll seem foolish. Now, you say, "Well, how's it going to happen in a day like this and when all this..." I don't care what anything contrary is to that, it's wrong. We can't see it; I see no hope of it, look like. But if God said so, let's do it anyhow, 'cause God

said so; it'll happen anyhow. I'm expecting it. I believe Jesus is coming. Science is proving they can take a little pollen from something and some mucus, and put something in it and so forth like this, and they can almost make human life, they claim. Oh, they're so smart they got a sputnik up in the sky and a human heart beating in it. That don't bother me a bit. They say, "Well, one of these days you'll find out all the religion you're talking about is crazy." No, I won't. Jesus will be here. We'll have a millennium. We'll go home to glory. I'm expecting it, so I'm preparing for it; I'm waiting for it every day being ready. "When will He come?" I don't know, but if He isn't here today, I'll be looking tomorrow. I'm expecting it, just 'cause He said so, and I live daily under those expectations. That's right. You must have expectation, certainly. Noah did.