

#23 The Intellectual Church

1 Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: (In other words, the golden rule, do unto others as you would like for them to do unto you. Don't have two standards, one for yourself and one for others. Don't be a hypocrite) for this is the law and the prophets. What the law and prophets teach.

2 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: (that's the gate that is narrow or constricted) for wide (spread out) is the gate, and broad (spacious) is the way (or road, or journey) that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait (constricted) is the gate, and narrow (and full of afflictions and suffering) is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

3 So he is telling us that the way that the majority go is always the wrong way to go. If you see too many going that way, then avoid it, because that is a sign that you are on the wrong road. The way of the Lord is always the way of the despised few.

4 We sing that song. "I'm going through, yes, I'm going through, I'll pay the price, whatever others do; I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few; I've started in with Jesus, and I'm going through."

5 Let us bow our heads in prayer....

6 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits.

7 Now, he said you shall know them by their fruits. We always say, if he looks like a duck, and he walks like a duck, and he flies like a duck and he talks like a duck, then it's most likely a duck.

8 So if he is talking about Wolves dressing up in sheep's clothing, and then he talks about fruits, you know that there are certain things you must look for to identify that wolf that is masquerading in the clothing of a sheep.

9 Now, you know that a wolf would put on sheep's clothing to look like a sheep, but his sole purpose is to get close enough to the sheep by looking like them to take a bit out of them. and so he says when you run across a person who dresses like a Christian, you had better look at all their fruits, because by their fruits you shall know them.

10 As I ravel around the world, and come into contact with many people who profess to believe the Message, it amazes me to see so many who profess to be sheep but in actuality they are wolves only dressed in the letter of the Message.

11 And just because someone comes to you and says they believe the Message, doesn't mean that you are obligated to believe them. Why else would John warn us to try every spirit to see whether it is even in The Faith.

12 1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (test, examine, discern, prove for yourself) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets (may imposters) are gone out into the world.

13 Then Jesus continues, Do men gather grapes off of thorns, or figs off of thistles?

14 Look at the plant you are picking your fruit from? Are they prickly, do they sting you or cut you every time you take fruit from them? Then you better watch out my brothers and sisters. Because, although the Word is corrective, yet it doesn't lash out and grab you and tear you apart every time you eat from it. So watch the fruits it's bearing.

15 Then Jesus says, **17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

16 Now, here we come to an allegory, a metaphor where Jesus is speaking about in nature fruit bearing trees are not thorny. You don't eat a rose from a thorny rose bush. And you do not eat the leaves of a briar patch. And neither does apples and oranges, and mangos and bananas have thorns to guard you from partaking of their fruit. But notice how he teaches us here that good trees do not bring forth evil fruit, they bring forth good fruit. And then he is going to give us a hint as to what this fruit is.

17 He says, **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

18 Now, if you catch what he is telling you here that what they say is the fruit. Many will say this, and many will say that. But what they say are lies because they do not do what they say. In other words, Jesus is telling us that words are fruit, what we say is fruit. He's speaking of the fruit of the lips.

19 Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

20 So there is a fruit of the lips, and whether it is true or whether it is a lie determines what kind of a tree is bring it forth. And notice further, the ones that say it and don't produce what they say, are to be cut down and cast into the fire. That is exactly what Jesus is telling us.

21 And we know that in the message "Anointed Ones at the end Time", William Branham taught us that the fruit is the teaching for the season., what they are teaching for the season. In other words, the fruit is what they are teaching. The fruit of their ministry.

22 And he tells us that if you are a good tree, then you can not teach error. Your teaching will be right smack on target. For the word sin means to miss the mark. But the word righteous means to be rightly wise. And how could you be a righteous man if you are not right in our thinking.

23 **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: (Built his home upon revelation) **25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. **26** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: **27** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

24 Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; (now remember the heart represents the understanding,) and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Now in the light of what Jesus is saying here he is saying if your understanding is good you will bring forth good things, and if your understanding is evil then you will bring forth evil things.

25 If you recall, in our series on the garden of your mind I showed that the mind is a garden, and in it are planted many seeds, and the seed that are planted in your mind are those things that become manifested in your life. Therefore whatsoever you sow, you will surely reap. And therefore what things you are feeding your mind will become manifest in your life. Now, this is the end time and people must manifest what seed they are. And we know that whatsoever doth make manifest is manifested by the light. That's Ephesians 5:13. So then, we must understand that all seeds here on earth must come into a manifestation of what they are and the nature of the seed that they are will manifest itself openly once that Light strike the seed.

And so Jesus continues as we read from verse 46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? And how can you say you believe this message if you are not living it? How can you say you have believe that token if you do not apply it in your life?

Now, we began by showing you in Mathew 7 about the man who build his house upon Revelation. Well, we see the same thing taught here in Luke 6:47. Whosoever cometh to me, and hears my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: (now remember that a rock represent revelation, so this man built his house upon revelation) and when the flood arose, (And remember the Bible tells us that the devil will come in like a flood) the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

26 Now, notice the only difference between the house that stood and the house that was swept away, is that one heard and acted upon what he heard while the other also heard but did not act upon what he heard. Thus the revelation that the one had was to do and the revelation the other had was that he did not have to do. Now, which one's house was saved? I ask the question because there are some who say, "I don't care what a man does, I'm only interested in what he says." Now, that man did not speak according to Scripture.

What saved Noah and his household? His believing God that it was going to rain? Or His actions which came as a result of his believing God? In other words, his doing what God had instructed him to do and that was to build the ark.

27 Now, we have been commanded to apply the token, and I don't understand how people can think that to apply the token simply means to believe it. If I told you to apply the paint you would find a roller or a paint brush and something to open the can if you are going to apply it. And brother Branham said we must apply it.

The Token 63-0901M 34-9 You should love one another. Believers should separate themselves from the world.

Don't just take it now, lightly. And then, you people that's listening to this on tape, you women, you men, you listen a minute. If you ever believed me, you believe it now. It's time to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible. Believe Jesus Christ; and love, and honor, and respect one another. Men respect your wives; you respect your home. Bring your home together, because, you remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one. The whole home too had to be brought; everything had to be brought in. We should love each other, and believers should separate themselves from the world.

28 You know it seems odd to me that those who claim to follow William Branham prophet of God, separate themselves more from each other than they separate themselves from the world. Have you ever noticed that?

29 35-3 Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do. Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and the Token must be applied. Without it, you're going to perish; you must perish. That is the only thing. Oh, don't come together, say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? He was not responsible for any out from beneath it.

Now, in getting back to Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

30 Now, if we want to apply the symbols in this parable we must know what they mean first to understand what this is all about.

Notice, he said the rain would descend, and we know according to Deuteronomy 32:2 God said "My Doctrine shall descend as the rain". So we see here that the rain must come before the floods. Now, we know that Satan comes in like a flood, but we also know that a flood represents judgment by the Word, "as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be when the Son of Man is Revealed". And as the doctrine begins to pour forth upon the face of the earth, then the judgments that the doctrine bring with it begin to take apart every house that is not founded on the rock of revelation.

31 You see the flood is the waters of separation, and we know the waters of separation is caused by the Word itself.

32 In his sermon, Water of separation 55-0121 P:23 Brother Branham said, "Notice, now what was the water of separation type of? The water of separation was the type of the Word of God: the Word. Now, I believe it's over in Ephesians here, at the 5th chapter, it said, "That he might sanctify and cleanse us with the washing of the water by the word," (See?), washing of the water of separation by the Word. And in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us, and became (You see it?) the water of separation. Amen. And everything that Christ died for and promised in His Word is yours as freely as the water runs. For if you have a sin, apply the Word. It's the water of separation.

33 Notice the rains come first, then the flood which is the waters of separation which will take away any house that has not been build upon a rock which Is Revelation. And not just any revelation will do for Christ is that Rock. And therefore there is one Faith or one Revelation and that is the revelation of Jesus Christ. And building your house upon that rock which is Christ will weather any storms that will come.

So he says the rains will come, that's the doctrine, and then the floods will rise which is the waters of separation that will come as a result of that Word, and then the winds will blow, which speaks of every wind of doctrine, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. And will beat upon that house, and if it was not founded upon the Rock of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, then it will not last.

If you just come to church because you know you should, watch out? The rain is falling, and the next thing will come is the waters of separation! Then you will find out where your home was built upon. And if you have received the revelation of Jesus Christ you will be tested to see whether you have it or not. That's the trial of your faith, according to 1 Peter 1:7 which is the trial of your revelation.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, (that's the doctrine) and the floods came, (that's the waters of separation) and the winds blew, (that's every other wind of doctrine) and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Now the King James version uses the word astonished here but the word astonished is not a good translation of the word ekplesso that Jesus used here in the original, because it gives you a wrong idea of what was taking place. The Greek word used here is ekplesso and it means to strike out, to expel by a blow, to drive out or away; to cast off by a blow, or to drive out. In others words, they didn't want His doctrine. They wanted to expel him to get him to go away, for his doctrine was too hard for them to hear. And they didn't want it. Why? Because they all liked to talk about the Lord, and to talk about the Word but he said with their mouth they draw near Me but in their hearts they were far from God.

34 Isaiah 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

And that is what Jesus quoted to them in Matthew 15:7 where he said, Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Jehovah Jireh PT 1 62-0705 13 You can't go by emotions. See, your life that you live testifies what you are. See? No matter what kind of a sensation, you cannot base Christianity on any sensation. It's a life. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." Not by their profession, not by what they say. And Jesus also said, "You draw nigh unto Me with your lips, but your heart is far from Me." That's their profession. See, your life tells what. And if a man says that he believes God, and denies one Word of this Bible, or changes It in any way, why it's got to be wrong. 14 You say, "It doesn't make any difference about these little things." It certainly does. One little word is what taken us in all this trouble; not disbelieve it, but just misplace it. ... 15 The Devil won the battle over the human race by reasoning with the human race. Just reason, "Why, it stands to reason this would be? It stands to reason." If the reasoning is contrary to the Word, then the reason is wrong. The Word is right, just the way It's written. Don't put any private interpretation. Just say It the way It's written, and believe It like that. See? God's took care of It. It's just exactly the way It's supposed to be, so let's just believe It that way. Now, it's the Word,

every Word! Every... The Holy Spirit in a man; every sentence of the Bible, the Holy Spirit in you will punctuate with a "amen," because the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. And if He's in you, how can He say, "Well, That was for another age. That was for this, or that was for that"? How can He say that and be the Holy Spirit in you? Can't do it. He has to say "amen" to It.

Now, back to LUKE 6:47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Luke 21: 34-36 NIV 34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with (1) dissipation, (2) drunkenness and (3) the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Now, let's stop here for a moment to see just exactly what this means. He told us to be careful about three things that could weigh and close in on us like a trap.

Dissipation: which means Wasteful expenditure or consumption. 3. Dissolute indulgence in sensual pleasure; intemperance. 4. An amusement; a diversion. So we are warned to be careful not to become too weighed down by these things which are rampant in our society today. That's laodicea full speed ahead. And then he said,

Drunkenness: which implies a losing of ones ability to rightly reason. And to be resolute in our minds.

Anxieties of this Life: And we are told by jesu to be anxious for nothing. You see, God is not pushy, and he does not want us to get pushy about anything. He said we need to lay in the presence of the Son to ripen. Not run, run, run, but lay in His presence until we get mellow in our spirit and ripe in our soul.

Now, this scripture tells us that if we are not focused on Christ when that day comes, we are going to miss Him, and yet these three things are what the entire world are focused on and they have missed Him altogether. Notice he said, if you are caught up in these things, that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

So we are looking at the condition at the end time, and we know that we must be focused. If the eye be single, that means focused, then the body is full of light.

35 Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it].

36 And so we will pick up with What the Holy Ghost was Given for and pp. 57 "Well now, what degree did you have?" What, where, what school did you come from?" "That don't make any difference right now." Oh, he begin to pouring in the Scripture. "David foresaw Him, 'The Lord always before me... Will not be moved. Moreover my heart rejoiced because--and my tongue was made glad. He'll not leave My soul in hell, neither will He suffer His holy One to see corruption.' Let me freely speak to you. The patriarch David, he's both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us this day. But by a prophet, he foresaw the coming of the Just One. And let it be known unto you, that God has made this same Jesus, Who you crucified by wicked hands, both Lord and Christ." Amen. "Men and brethren, what can we do to be saved?" Said, "Repent every one of you and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God will ever call." Amen.

37 58 As long as God's got a people, God's got a church, God's got the Holy Ghost marching with It. That's what God gave the Holy Ghost for. Intellectuals will rise, always have. But God's got a minority somewhere. God's got a little church that'll move right on with the baptism of the Holy Ghost to claim in the Light. And they'll be the ones that through their testimony, will judge the world. Don't the Bible say, Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God," and the other one say that the just, the saints shall judge the earth? Sure, your testimony today will bring judgment against this city. Our testimony of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the power of God, a holy life, will bring judgment against this city. When this...

38 Now, in this next paragraph brother Branham quotes from Luke 13:29 about the order of the resurrection. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

39 Notice brother Branham quotes this and then notice what he says after it. 59 Them that are first will be last; them that are last will be first. I won't know nothing about Sankey, Moody in their resurrection. They'll not know nothing about me in this one, but I'll stand in this one to give testimony. So will you.

40 And from the Seven church ages 54-0512 P:37 he is more clear on this and calls it the order of the resurrection. "His great, glorious Presence shall strike the earth. "He cometh in clouds." Oh, I love that. "Clouds," there will be wave after wave of His glory will come across the earth, and the resurrection of the saints shall come. When that blessed Holy Spirit that's lived in their hearts, and they died with their corpses laying there, and the tear stains over their cheeks, and things like that, they're placed out here in a graveyard. A great wave of that same Spirit, and a "whoossh," wave after wave. "He that was last will be first, and he that was first will be last." How can it be that way? That's the order of the resurrection. I won't know nobody in the generation before me or the generation after me. I'll know those in the generation of this. And every generation will come successfully, right as it went down. "They which were last will be first." Sure, it has to be. See? I'll know my people. The next fellow, my dad will know his people; his grandfather, his people, on down like that. Wave after wave, after wave, after wave, and the saints arising from everywhere, won't that be wonderful. Amen. That makes the old people feel young again. Yes. Now, notice closely. All right.... comes in the clouds; and every eye shall see him... (No matter how far back they died; they'll still see him.)...

41 Now, let's read pp. 59 again. Them that are first will be last; them that are last will be first. I won't know nothing about Sankey, Moody in their resurrection. They'll not know nothing about me in this one, but I'll stand in this one to give testimony. So will you. And through that, by the scattering of your light, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and by the lives that you live, and the things that God has done to prove that He's moving here; and with their intellectuals, walked away from it, they'll be judged by the saints. They're already judged; they've already passed it.

42 Now, listen? They will be judged then because they are judged now. By their fruits you know them.

43 60 Oh, my. I was talking on power of prayer, power of speech, power for a holy life. Amen. That's what the Holy Ghost is to do. Some of you people walking along, saying, "Well, I just can't quit drinking. I just can't quit this." The Holy Ghost comes to live in you to make all these "can'ts" get away from you (That's right.): make women stop cutting their hair, make them quit wearing shorts and slacks (no excuses), make them quit tattling. Oh, yes. That's what It's for, to make you a holy life. It'll follow the instructions of the Bible every time. Woman say, "It's just too hot. I just have to wear these. Gives me a headache if I let my hair grow." But there's no excuses with the Holy Ghost. It's there to make it so. It'll follow the Word just exactly right. That's what the Holy Ghost is to do. It's to make you man turn your head from them half naked women and quit lusting after them. Yeah, church members... That's what It's to do.

44 61 It's to quit making you smoke, and drink, and want to be a big shot. It'll take that out of you. It'll humble you when you do that. That's what the Holy Ghost is for. It's for a holy life (That's right.): make you quit gossiping; make you quit playing cards, shooting craps, and all these other things that you do around the corner. It'll make you quit your carrying on the way you're doing, living untrue to your wife. That's what It'll do. That's right. It'll quit making you want to marry somebody else's wife. That's exactly right. That's what It is. It's to make you live a holy life. That's what the Holy Ghost is power for, to set your affections on things above where God stands at the...?... The mind of Christ in you. You can't help from seeing those things. When you look at them, you turn your head. That's right. It's to make you... You say, "I can't do it. Oh, I just can't do it." Sure, you can't. But the Holy Spirit come for that purpose. That's what It did. It come to take it out of you, all of them old habits and things that you're doing. That old back biting, separating yourself, saying, "Bless God, I'm a Methodist. I won't have nothing to do with them old holy-rollers." The Holy Ghost come to take that out of you.

45 62 "I'm a Baptist." "I'm Presbyterian; I wouldn't go to that little old holy-roller bunch." The Holy Ghost come to take all that starch out of you. That's what It is. It washes you in the Blood, irons you out. That's what It come to do. It come to straighten you up. He said, "Make the crooked places straight." That's what It come to do, straighten it up, make the high places low, make all the mountains look like they're all dancing like little rams, and all the leaves are clapping [Brother Branham claps his hands--Ed.] their hands to you. The birds sing different. Joybells a-ringing. There's no excuses. That's what It come to do. That's the purpose of God send the Holy Ghost, so you would do these things. That you would work, walk after Him.

46 63 Now, I don't want to hurt you, but I've told you I'm here with the deepest of sincerity. To keep from pinching you, once in a while I jump off on a line somewhere (and just stay with the Truth.), but staying there and make it in such a way it won't pinch you too hard. But I want to tell you something. If the Bible says that it's wrong for a woman to cut her hair, and you say you've got the Holy Ghost and then cut your hair, I wonder if you have. Don't get mad. If it does, that still shows there's another mark against you.

47 64 If the Bible says it's wrong for a woman to put on a garment that pertain to a man, and you wear these little old overalls and slacks out here on the road... You grown women... I guess a little baby would be all, think if they're play with little boys and things. But look, when you grown women fifteen, sixteen, eighteen years old, and up to grandma, out here on the road... And the Bible says it's an abomination in the sight of God for a woman to wear those things, and you wear them anyhow, and say you got the Holy Ghost? I wonder sometimes. The Holy Ghost will follow God's Word to the letter. And a preacher behind the pulpit that ain't got grace enough to preach it, I doubt he's got It. Well, that's what the Holy Ghost is for.

48 65 It's to give unction to the preacher. It's to give holiness to the group. It's to set the church in order. It's to bring a unity of spirit. It's to unite us together with power. It's to unite us together with love, brotherly love. I don't care if you're Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, whatever you are, if we've all been by one Holy Spirit

baptized into one Body and become members of the Body of Jesus Christ and not... There's nothing present, nothing future, hunger, starvation; nothing can separate us from the love of God that's in Christ, because we are borned of His Spirit, washed in His Blood. We are a new creature. That's what God came to do. That's what the Holy Spirit's for. Yes, sir. That's what...

49 66 Now, people. Look at me in the face. A lot of hands went up you had the Holy Ghost. See? Sure, there was. Oh. Now, I'm just going to bounce just a little bit here. This is taped. But we're going to get more to it tomorrow night. If you say you've got It and are guilty of these, I wonder what's a-leading you. God will never lead you off the Word. He'll keep you with the Word, 'cause that's God's own laws of His church for His people, for women, and for men. Well, you say, "It don't harm me to do this or that." It doesn't? The Word says it does. And if the Holy Spirit is in you, It'll lead you right to the Word. There'll be no excuses. God don't make alterations or excuses. He makes the mark and you toe it. That's all. That's what it is with everyone. You come the same way. Peter said, "Repent every one of you, be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, then you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." See? That's it. We've got to hit that line.

50 67 Now, I don't mean to hurt you. I love you too much. But, brother, sister, do you realize what? that I know that I've got to stand in the last days at that resurrection with this generation of people and give an account for this Word? And the Holy Spirit showing this and me preaching out yonder, where you going to stand? How you going to get by with it? You can't do it, friend. Don't... Now, stop that. Whatever you're doing that's wrong, stop it. You say, "I can't." Then you haven't got the "Can'ter" in you yet. When the Holy Spirit comes, He gives you power over the world. And if you... Listen what He said: "If you love the world or the things of the world, it's because the love of God isn't in you." Now, there's no excuses. He makes it plain, and we got to come up to that mark. I know you think I'm awful. But I'm just awful full right now. See? Listen. That is true.

51 68 Now, come up to it, brother, sister. Don't let some of these intellectual colleges around here tell you, "Oh, that's old-fogy stuff." If it's old-fogy stuff, then God's old-fogy. And if God's old-fogy, then I am too. Amen. I want to be like Him. Why? His Spirit is in me that hungers and thirst, calling everything contrary to the Word...If the people say, "It's all right for, oh, if a man plays a little cards for fun and just gambles a nickel or two, it's all right." God says it's not." Oh, if you just take a good sociable drink, just get on a little drunk once in a while..." But God said, "Woe unto him." Oh, you say, "It's all right, Brother Branham. I cut my hair because of a real thing; a woman, you know--the rest of the women are doing it." I don't care what the rest of the women doing. They're not your example, or they're not your boss. If you've got the Holy Ghost in you, you'll follow His instructions regardless of what people say about you. "Well, Brother Branham, it's just so hot, and I just have to put these little so-and-so clothes on." Hell's hotter than that, sister dear. Let me tell you that. And don't... You remember that.

52 69 And the Holy Spirit will always lead you to Truth, and His Truth is the Word. "My Word is the Truth. Let every man's word be a lie, but let Mine be true." And just think, an abomination. Could you think? This is an awful word for a minister to say, but I've went into restrooms in places where it would just... You'd have to walk back out nearly. It was just so... And dirty things on the wall. I thought, "How in the world can people be so lowdown?" And stink... When I walk into those places, I've often thought, "What a stink." I'd have to hold my nose like this to wash my hands. I'd be afraid that when I took ahold of the doorknob again, there'd be germs from venereal and things. And I thought, "Oh..." One day standing at a airport, one of them places I walked in, or was a railroad place. I walked into that, and I thought, "Oh, mercy..." And Something said to me, "That's the way the world smells to God." It's an abomination.

53 70 And I thought when I see a woman walk down the street with herself all carried out like that and man's clothes on, that's what it looks like to God; it's an abomination, something that's filthy and stinking before God. Yet, she'll go to church on Sunday and decorate up. There'll go a man down there, and drink, and cheat, and love money, and cheat his neighbor, and everything else to get a little extra money, and do these things, and gamble,

and smoke, and drink, and lie, and then goes to church and testify: abomination, filthiness. That's the intellectual church. Say, "Well, I belong to the church." Yes. And have to let the church out fifteen minutes so all the deacons and all of them can smoke, and the pastor too, 'fore you can go back to have church. Tell me... Separate yourself from every unclean thing. "Defile a body, I'll destroy it." God said He'd do it.

54 71 And today cancer is causing... Ninety something per cent of the deaths of throat and lung cancer is caused by smoking cigarettes. "Defile the body, I'll destroy it." But they're so hell bound, rolling on like that, they don't know. And some preacher standing in the pulpit with four degrees out of college, smoking himself. Let me tell you something, brother. The Holy Ghost was sent to call men and women out of that thing. Separate yourself. The word "church" means to be "separated." "Come out from among them," said the Bible. "Touch not their unclean, and I'll receive you; and you be sons and daughters to Me, and I'll be God to you." Oh, my. I don't mean to be mean, but I mean to be honest and to be truthful. Yes, sir. Oh, what a horrible thing.

55 72 Men and women, where do we stand today? Where we at? Let's stop. The other night, across a little old seat there in the room (Now, I must close.), a little old Duo fold seat, after praying for three or four days, so I got in such a place, going around and thinking, "Oh, God..." And I got in such a place till I didn't know what to do. I said, "God, we're at the end of the road. And I realize that I've neglected. I've had calls to go on, and be tired, and wouldn't do it." I thought then, "I could see my Lord staggering through the dark yonder when He was so tired He could hardly raise one foot after the other one, but He wasn't too stopped for the woman than for the boy brought out there that was dead, till He could go over and touch the bier, and use what little strength was in Him to raise that boy. Well, how do I get tired? What's the matter with me, Lord?" Here I think, "Well, I'm getting old. I can't do it."

56 73 There was Moses (the same God that I serve), stood yonder at a hundred and twenty years old. There was Caleb, stood at the age of ninety with a sword in his hand and said, "Joshua, put this sword in my hand forty years ago." He was eighty then. Said, "I'm just as good a man today as I was then." Amen. I said, "God, be merciful to me." I said, "Oh, looky here. I'm always..." And I took my wife (back there) by the hand, across this Bible and her little Bible, and I said, "Honey, I've been too negative. The Holy Spirit condemns me within me." I said, "I think of them squirrels out yonder. I think of Hattie Wright back there and the little boys. I think of what God did, showing that He was God that could create." Hallelujah. I thought, "He's told me that years ago, 'I'll not leave you; I'll never forsake you. No man will stand before you all the days of your life. I'll be with you. And from this hand of discernment, it'll come till you'll know the secret of the heart. After that, it'll raise higher and higher.'" A year after that proved perfect the world around. Here comes this other great ministry far beyond it. I said, "Honey, I take your hand. By God's help and God's grace, never let me be negative again. Let me walk forth to this revival here to preach like never before. Let me go here to first sanctify myself and make a way for the people, that my own sins, my own neglecting be under the Blood, my own shortcomings be under the Blood, that I might walk out and say, 'Follow me, people.'" That's right. I hate to see a guy say, "You go do it." I like to see somebody that'll lead the way to do it. Yes, sir.

57 Let us pray