

#6 Revelation or Insanity pt1

- 1** This evening I would like to continue in our study on Faith, and this evening we will look at the subject of Faith or insanity, because these are the two end time conditions that the entire world will come under before the Rapture of the Elect.
- 2** Let's turn to Luke 6:11 to see the condition of those who opposed Jesus Christ in the Alpha ministry of Christ in order to better understand the condition of the world that has turned down the Omega ministry of Christ in this hour.
- 3** "And they were filled with madness; (raging insanity) and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus."
- 4** And then let's also read from Luke 18:8 for our text "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"
- 5** And one more Scripture for our text, where we will read of just one of the curses that is to come upon all who will not hearken to the voice of God. And to hearken means to heed and pay close attention to. In other words, not only hearing, but recognizing and acting upon the Voice of the Lord our God. And His voice is His prophets bringing His Word.
- 6** Deuteronomy 28:28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:
- 7** So before we go to prayer, look at the contrast when Jesus Christ comes, between those who hearken to His Word and will have Faith which is revelation, and those who will not hearken to His Voice, His Word who will come into a condition of madness which is insanity, blindness and astonishment of heart.
- 8** Let 's bow our hearts in prayer....
- 9** To begin our study this evening let's read from brother Branham's sermon, Influence 63-0803E P:14 where he says, "And if our American people are setting the pace today before our children of smoking cigarettes, the women and the men drinking, and cards in the house, and dice, what kind of a people will we have in the next generation that is to come? It'll be a bunch of neurotics. And which I think the whole world is just about in that condition now. Then if this race, or this generation, rather, is like this, what will the next one produce? Then if there would be another, why, the whole human race, if it keeps going in the way it is, will become extinct altogether, because we're killing ourselves and setting examples for others.
- 10** Now, what brother Branham was seeing in his day was neurosis which if not dealt with will lead to insanity. The word neurosis is defined as a relatively mild personality disorder typified by excessive anxiety or indecision and a degree of social or interpersonal maladjustment.
- 11** Neurosis according to Webster is defined as: Any of various Psychic, or mental, functional disorders characterized by one or several of the following reactions: anxiety, compulsion, obsession, phobia, depression, disassociation and conversion.

12 Notice that there are 7 of these attributes, and that is the number of completion. Brother Branham said in his sermon, 18 Christ Revealed In His Own Word I was just talking to a young minister and his wife in the room just a few moments ago. And both of them are nervous just like the rest of the world, rest of the human beings on earth. I said, "Remember, Satan's got a punch coming at you." I don't care who you are, God... He's got a right to that one punch. Which had you rather be, that punch, be blind, or be an arthritic setting in a chair, or be nervous? See? He's got somewhere he could punch you. He's got a right to that open place. Now, that's the spot you got to keep covered all the time. 19 And to see this nervous age that we're living in... And last week's tapes, I think, will reveal to you the great hideous things that we're going to speak on one of these days when we can get a place sufficient, of the opening of those last plagues to be poured out upon the earth--those Vials, rather, pouring out of the Vials, and the Seven Thunders... And those hideous sights that's coming upon the earth... 20 Men now and people today are in such a neurotic condition, the whole world... , Men now and people today are in such a neurotic condition, the whole world.

13 So we see that this neurotic condition is a world-wide mental condition that has come upon mankind like a trap. Just as we see the Laodicean condition of being naked, blind and miserable is a universal condition as well.

14 From his sermon, Letting off the pressure 62-0513E P:15 We are living in a neurotic age, nervous tension. Everybody's racing here and going there, and going nowhere. It's just at that kind of an age. And I know this church would be plagued with it as every where's plagued with it. Tabernacle's plagued with it, everywhere, the whole world. It's a day of pressure. Hurry, hurry; hurry, hurry; hurry up and wait. Drive ninety miles an hour and then to get home for supper and wait two hours till it gets ready. That's right. It's the time. And in that rushing and speeding it gets you to a nervous tension; the wife say something a little contrary, you want to fly off: temper. Husband say something, you'll pat your foot and tell him to get in the room. See? "Well, now husband, I don't want no words with you; go out there." "Wife, oh, I'm so nervous." See? Why? What's the matter? See?

15 Confirmation of the commission 62-0122 P:108 All the world quivering and shaking, little nations everywhere with missiles that'll blow a hole in the ground a hundred and fifty feet deep for two hundred and fifty and three hundred miles square... Three of them at one time would sink the whole earth. The whole world's in neurotic condition. The churches has gone away from the Word;

16 Now, the question is what has produced this neurotic condition and what does it ordained to produce in the people?

17 Well to begin with let's see what causes this condition to begin with. If we turn to the book of Deuteronomy we will find out that this condition of neurosis which leads to total insanity is caused when people lack faith in the voice of the Lord God and will no longer pay close attention to it. And remember we read for our text this morning that Jesus said, Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

18 Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, (So he is talking about a future time, some day it will come to pass...) if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: (which over take means to take over) 16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. 17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, (that speaks of your children) and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. 19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. (that's upon your travel) And who is going to do this to you? 20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, (this word means: confusion or uproar:--destruction, discomfiture, trouble, tumult), and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. (So God is a jealous God whether you think that is right or not, it doesn't change who He is.) 21 The LORD shall make the

pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. 22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away. 27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, (that's burning inflammation and boils) and with the emerods, (inflammation of the ..., hemorrhoids) and with the scab, (from incessant itching as he adds next) and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. (He is talking about incurable irritating conditions here. Now the next verse is where I want to get to this morning in our study, because these conditions have to do with the mental state of the people.) 28 The LORD shall smite thee with (1)madness, and (2)blindness, and (3)astonishment of heart: 29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee. And that includes Donald Trump.

19 Now, this word "madness" was translated from the Hebrew word "shigga'own" and was translated as "madness" having its root from the word "shagga" which means "to rave through insanity". So we see the curse will result in the people becoming raving lunatics, completely insane in their ranting. And we are seeing that condition everyday in the news.

20 Now, let's combine that with the other words he uses here which was "blindness and astonishment of heart." The Hebrew word "timmahown" which speaks of consternation which means a sudden, alarming amazement or dread that results in utter confusion; dismay. And the English word the translators used was "astonishment" which means overpowering wonder or surprise; amazement: Stupify.

21 This shows the people will lose their mental capabilities of knowing right from wrong, and will as a result come to the place where they cannot even take responsibility for their own actions because they have become blinded to the link between their own actions and the penalty for such actions they will incur.

22 As an example all we have to do is to look at the mental breakdown of that woman who just this past week got a lot of publicity for holding a fake bloody head of the President of the United States. When the President's wife said this disturbed her 11 year old son who was watching the news and saw the picture, and he ran to her side crying because he thought they had killed his daddy. The woman responded by saying those were bullying words.

23 This woman did this intentionally to hurt the President's 11 year old boy. That's insanity.

24 Here is what she said before doing that stunt.

25 "I'm happy to deliver beat down to Donald Trump - and also to Barron. You know a lot of comics are going to go hard for Donald, my edge is that I'll go direct for Barron. I'm going to get in ahead of the game." (link)

26 The USA TODAY reported the reaction of the trump family which I thought was a very good reply to such a wicked stunt as what this woman did.

27 "As a mother, a wife, and a human being, that photo is very disturbing," the first lady said in a statement issued by her press secretary, Stephanie Grisham, in response to a reporter's question late Wednesday morning. "When you consider some of the atrocities happening in the world today, a photo opportunity like this is simply

wrong and makes you wonder about the mental health of the person who did it."

28 And the President tweeted: "Kathy Griffin should be ashamed of herself. My children, especially my 11-year-old son, Barron, are having a hard time with this. Sick!"

Now, to me that was a mild response to such a sick display of wicked behavior, So how did this woman react to the President and his family's responses to her evil?

29 She hired a lawyer to sue them for "Bullying her" from BREITBART NEWS we read:

30 Kathy Griffin has hired high-powered attorney Lisa Bloom and will hold a press conference Friday to address the firestorm surrounding the viral image of herself holding the bloody, decapitated head of President Donald Trump and the "bullying" she claims she has endured at the hands of the Trump family as a result.

31 From TRUNews a Christian publication we read, "Does Kathy Griffin's meltdown following her decapitation stunt show that a collective insanity has taken over the Leftist elite?"

32 Listen, most of these so-called celebrities today grew up in a Christian Home or at least a God fearing home, where the parents were very devoted to church. Kathy Griffin said "My parents sent me to Catholic school, which only made me the vehement militant atheist that I am today," she told L.A. Magazine in 2005."

33 Brad Pitt said, "Many people find religion to be very inspiring," he said. "Myself, I found it very stifling. I grew up with Christianity and I remember questioning it greatly.

34 "Katy Perry recently told Vanity Fair that as a child, her parents, both evangelical pastors, wouldn't read any book to her other than the Bible and refused to let her listen to non-religious music." "I didn't have a childhood," she said. "Growing up, seeing Planned Parenthood, it was considered like the abortion clinic." She questioned Christianity from an early age. "In my faith, you're just supposed to have faith," she said."

35 And that is the very problem, because they called religion Faith when Faith is a Revelation, and they had none. Remember Jesus said, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

36 That is why the Lord says, "I will smite thee with a condition of madness that will cause a blindness that that they will have no understanding of the ramifications of even their own actions."

37 Deuteronomy 28 The LORD shall smite thee with (1)madness, and (2) blindness, and (3) astonishment of heart:

38 Notice God's prophets taught us that this condition of insanity will be world-wide.

39 In Jeremiah 51:7 we read, Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. And he is not speaking of the nation of Babylon, because Babylon means confusion, and he is speaking of the end time condition of confusion and insanity brought about at the end time by the Catholic Church and her daughter churches that is spoken in prophesy in the book of Revelations chapter 17 and 18.

40 Revelations 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:(and never forget a woman represents in the Bible a church, always, either a bride or a whore who is unfaithful to her vows.)

41 From his sermon, Lord just once more 63-0628A P:29 brother Branham taught us, "Woman, in the Bible, represents "church."

42 Mark of the beast 54-0513 P:45 What does a woman represent? The church.

43 It wasn't so from the beginning 61-0411 P:47 Eve was the first one to pervert the human race. She was the one, the Eve which represents a church. A woman in the Bible always represents the church. Christ is coming for an espoused virgin. The old prostitute of the Bible was called "the church setting on the seven hills," the Roman church. Oh, church... And she had daughters, which was the others that followed her and come out of her, was born from her in their same denominational barriers and same thing, same kind of a system. In them churches, there are fine people. But it's the system that binds them. It's not the church itself; it's the people in the church. It's the system behind it that binds them, puts them into a place, breaks out fellowship, won't let them go on with God. And it's a pitiful thing. But that's what does... That's what God hates. Not the people in there, but the system that's binding them is what He hates, is that organization that tells them if they go to another church they're going to be excommunicated. And the people don't know what to do. They'll pay for it someday.

44 Recognizing your day 64-0726M P:72 Did you notice the fall of the world begin with the immorality of a woman? Do you know it's to end the same way, immorality of the woman? And the church represents, is by the woman? The church is a woman, spiritually speaking. So is the Bride a woman, spiritually speaking. The immorality of the church, how it's done... Look at the visions, look at the things. See the visions, even that God gives... And that vision is true. I have my Bible over my heart, to you people on tape, and the audience can see it. I saw that. God Almighty knows that's the truth. Never known it till just now. There she is naked and don't know it. She was just having her a great time. There you are. But that little Bride come in view, it was different, the Alpha and Omega.

So notice this church John is writing about says in verse 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. (notice drunkenness is a mental disorder brought on by excessive alcohol that perverts judgment.) 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken (intoxicated, mentally disoriented) with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns....9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. ...18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

45 Now, is woman is a church and she is also a city that reigns over the kings of the earth, there is only one city state that is also a church and that is the Vatican city. And it says he brings on this mental disorder by her idolatrous relationship with the kings of the earth.

46 From his sermon, Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:51 Brother branham warned, "The complete total insanity this world will go into right away. It's almost there now. Why, you can see the footsteps of it. There it is. It's marching right out on the street, right down the church pew: total insanity, do things that a human being wouldn't think of doing and being civilized. Look what Hollywood's done to the woman. Look how it's robbed the sacred virtues of the woman. On and on we could go. See, all this she lost. How did she do it? Because there was

a subtle instrument called the church, like there was in the garden of Eden. A subtle person, the devil, walked into the church just like he did in the garden of Eden and deceived her into it. She's deceived. The woman thinks... She don't mean to be wrong. Eve didn't mean to do wrong. It wasn't willfully. but she... The Bible said in I Timothy 3, she was deceived. And deceived is not when you willfully do it, it's when you are deceived into doing it."

47 Now, notice that when the Lord comes, he will be looking for faith, Revelation, but what he will see is a condition of insanity instead, and this insanity is caused because the church has left the Word of God.

48 Revelations 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: (in other words they are just indifferent, they could take it or leave it and it wouldn't matter to them which way they go. But God says,) I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. (and His Mouth is the Word, where Faith comes by hearing what? The word. So when God spews them out of His Word, that means the light is taken from them, and they must go into darkness, which is insanity. Their minds are darkened.) 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

49 Brother Branham taught that is a condition of insanity. It is a condition of the mind, or mental deficiency, it is "madness". And he tells us it is because they have left the Word of God and the delusion they have been received by brings on madness or insanity.

50 Satan's Eden 65-0829 P:15 Now, remember, He's speaking to the church of this age: wretched, blind, naked, and don't know it. That last phrase, that last word is what makes it so striking. They think that they are well filled with the Spirit. They're all ready... The Laodicean Church Age is the Pentecostal church age, 'cause it is the last church age.

51 Now, notice he said That last phrase, that last word is what makes it so striking. It's not the fact that they are wretched, blind, naked, but the last part said, and don't know it.

52 Laodicean church age 60-1211E P:93 All right, I noticed another thing, said, "They are naked, naked, and don't know it. Sure. Oh, naked and don't know it? Now, that person is in a miserable fix. If a man is wretched, blind, miserable, naked, now, if he knows it, he'll help himself; but if he don't know it, the poor fellow's mentally gone. Is that right? Whew. That was kinda strong. Mentally gone, he doesn't know enough to help himself. If you seen somebody coming down the street, poor, miserable, blind, wretched, and naked, and you say, "Brother, you are naked. "Oh, am I? Oh, oh, brother, help me in somewhere; help me to get clothed."

53 But notice the condition of Laodicea, it is miserable, blind and naked, yet he doesn't even know what condition they are in. That's insanity. That's the story of "the emperors new clothes". He was insane and everyone was afraid to tell him, and he walked around undressed thinking he had some great fashion that made him so proud, but one day and little boy blurted out the question, Why is the emperor naked?

54 And that is the condition not only of the world but the Laodicean Church Age itself. And notice that brother Branham brings to our attention that this world wide insanity will be brought on by the deception that Satan has brought to and thorough the church. But God has combated this deception with his Word and with a faithful ministry to handle the word of God.

55 Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, (that means for the equipping and maturing of the saints.) for the

work of the ministry, for the edifying (building up) of the body of Christ:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, (That's the revelation of Jesus Christ) and of the knowledge of the Son of God, (And you can not have a unity of The Faith without understanding the relationship that the son of God had to His Father, God. And this unifying of The Faith, The Revelation of Christ, and the knowledge of the son of God is supposed to bring us to the place) unto a perfect man, (a fully mature stable son of God) unto the measure of the stature of Christ, the stature of the fullness of Christ: (In other words this ministry by handling the Word of God with an anointing upon them is to bring the people into the very stature of Christ, which is the very character of Christ. and that for the purpose) 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

56 So right there Paul is speaking of twins. You have a God ordained True Five-Fold ministry and then you have a false ministry endowed by Satan to deceive. And he says of them they lie in wait to deceive, so their entire purpose is deception.

57 From his sermon, Fellowship 62-0519 P:49 brother Branham said, "At a certain big Bible college the other day, we was coming up, going fishing, and went down to a place for afternoon fishing. Come back up, I never heard such a noise in my life: young girls out of this famous college, and young boys, shorts on down there. Oh, my, and talk you never heard, letting off the steam. And I guess they thought that was the way to do it. What's the ministers there hatch out? What's the next generation going to be? If it's full of Rickys and Elvises now, what in the world would it be in another generation? What's it going to be? There you are. Oh, brother, that just, something gets in me; I can't help it.

58 Notice he blames it on the ministers and so he should. That is why america has fallen, because they forsook the Message, when God visited this nation and did what he did, and the churches and pulpits fall away from that? No wonder this millennial generation is so lost in sin.

59 As I mentioned in number 3 in this series on Faith, In this hour you will either receive Faith or you will receive a delusion, You will either receive and enter into the Revelation of Jesus Christ or you will enter into a deception. And it all depends on whether you hear, recognize and act upon the Word of God or not.

60 Then Paul says of the true Five-Fold ministry and what they are to produce in the children of God, 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Not growing up unto as though he is one and you are next to him, but he said that you may grow up into Him. This word into was translated as such from the Greek word eis which (indicates the point reached or entered into), of place, time.

61 In other words we enter into Christ by putting on Christ as He also said in Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

62 And again in Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

63 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

64 Let's continue with what Paul was teaching us because he points out that there are a true five-fold ministry and a false ministry as we read a little further on.

65 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the

vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

66 Notice the progression Paul speaks of that zaps the life right out of the people. He calls it the vanity of their minds. Now, these word the vanity of their minds that Paul speaks of here comes from a Greek word "mataiotes" which speaks of emptiness and moral depravity. And this is cause he says because of "Having the understanding darkened, and that is caused because of their being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

67 So it all comes down to the condition of the heart or mind. and in the blindness of their heart, they are ignorant of the life of God and thus become alienated or separated from the life of God which comes from His Word.

68 Now, the apostle Peter says tells us how that the Word of God is what brings us into the very nature of God Life. 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power (and the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 1:18 that the power of God is the Word of God. So we read on) 3 According as his divine power (The Word of God) hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, (that means God-Likeness) through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

69 Notice, "through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory (Doxa, God's opinions, values, and judgments) and virtue: (which is fully grown manhood. That's adoption talk).

70 Then Peter continues, 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith (add to your revelation of Jesus Christy) virtue;(Fully grown manhood, adoption readiness) and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to god-like-ness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten (Has lost his mind) that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

71 So in all these cases, and in all these quotes and Scriptures we see an end time condition where your either receiving the Word will bring you into the revelation of Jesus Christ where you will put on Christ, or by not receiving the Word of God, you will enter into deception blindness and completely enter into a state of insanity. And we are looking at the last church age and the fact that Jesus said, "When the Son of Man shall come, shall he find Faith?

72 From his sermon Trial a 64-0427 P:76 brother Branham said, "But bear me record. The seventh church age, which is the Laodicea church age... Will we admit that this is the Laodicea age? Remember, He, the Word, was put out of the church. Is that right? Put out of the church, and He was on the outside trying to get back in: "I stand and knock at the door."And you say that "I'm rich and have need of nothing and..."And knowest thou not that you're miserable, blind, naked, wretched, and don't know it?" He was on the outside, the Word. What is it? Our traditions. Our Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal tradition has rejected the Word, and it can have no

cooperation nowhere. Everybody's hands off of it, and want to call it an evil spirit. And do you understand that Jesus said in the last days before the coming of the end time, that He would be revealed again as "Son of man," not "Son of God?" And that fulfills Malachi 4, and all these other promises of Abraham? The last sign that Abraham received, he was waiting for a coming son, and the last sign that he was to receive was God revealed in a human being. And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Lot and Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

73 And from his sermon Jehovah Jireh 3 60-0803 P:44a The first half of that paragraph he says, "Look to things that you don't see with your eyes. You don't see with your eye any how, you see with your heart, and you look with your eye. So then, standing in that door of faith. Look what Jesus said, here. Let me read here: "Because thou sayest I am rich, and increased in goods." Look at our churches. We used to be down on the alley. We used to be on the corner with a tambourine. But now, we've got some of the best buildings there is in the country, sometimes, some of the best polished scholars in the pulpits. "Because thou sayest, that I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest thou not that you are poor, wretched, naked, blind, and don't know it?" Now, if I seen a man on the street that was poor, and he didn't even have any clothes on, and he was blind, and if I could go to him, and talk to him about, and say, "Sir, do you realize that you're naked?"... "Oh, am I sir?" "Yes, come in here; I'll give you some clothes." But what if that man is naked, miserable, poor, and blind, and don't know it? That's a delinquent person. That's a mental deficiency. And the church has become a spiritual deficiency. They don't realize that God is shaking every gift before the church, and they don't recognize it: blind, and don't know it. Think of it: naked, a naked person, a blind person, poor and miserable and wretched, and don't know it; that's pathetic. And Jesus said, "The church would be that way in this Laodicean age, and it's here." I'm so-and-so. I belong to this denomination. I'm as good as you are."... Now, I will finish reading the rest of this paragraph in just a minute...

74 But first, from his sermon, Christ revealed in His own Word 65-0822M P:22 brother Branham said, "That Laodicean church age, naked, blind, miserable, don't even know it... See, it's not, not anointed, "anointed with the real Spirit". See that Holy Spirit can fall upon a man in his spirit, but his soul is his germ. That germ is the Word. See? And how... I don't care how much you preach, how well you do this, and how much you love... That's one of the inlets the spirit. You can't love with your body; you love with your spirit. That's one of the inlets. And you can love and even love God, and still not be right. You can cast out devils, and preach, and do these things, still not be right. Jesus said so; said many would come in that day. That Word settles it. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us,...

75 And from his sermon Presence of God unrecognized 64-0618 P:80 brother Branham said, "But when you don't know you're wrong, the Bible said, "Thou art wretched." In this age, the church would be wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, and not know it. Just think if a man or woman was on the street, wretched, blind, poor, miserable, and naked, and you could tell them that they were naked, and they would listen to you, but what if they are naked and they don't believe it? What a mental condition that is. Well, now, that's what kind of a spiritual condition it is. People are spiritually blind, wretched, miserable, naked before God, sinners trying to cover themselves behind fig leaves of some denomination, and don't know it."

76 And in his sermon Jehovah Jireh 2 64-0403 P:74 he said, "And that's the way we've done the church. We've made it pretty and decorated it with denominational tinsel. But it ain't got no life in it. It can't produce that Bible evidence again: can't produce the evidence of the resurrection of Christ. It's a hybrid affair: better-dressed people, better paid, bigger denominations, richer of the Laodicean age, exactly. "Rich, have need of nothing, know not that you're miserable, wretched, blind, and poor, naked, and don't know it." If a man knowed he was naked, you could talk to him. But when he don't know it, that's a miserable shape, pitiful. Don't scorn the people, but have mercy. What if that was you in that condition? What if the Word wasn't revealed to you? What would you do? What else would matter if your eyes was so blind you couldn't see it? That's a miserable sight. And just exactly

positionally, you can't lay a finger on it. There it sets, just what He said would take place; these signs would be in the last days. See where they're setting, just exactly."

77 So you see how brother Branham places this condition for the end time, the last days, and he shows us right here that the difference between having revelation and no revelation is the difference of being miserable blind and naked and not even knowing it. Revelation produces Christ in you, and true holiness and a lack of revelation brings blindness to your own wretched, miserable blind and naked condition. In other words, you will either have revelation or insanity. That is the end time conditions he is speaking of here.

78 Notice the remedy in Revelations 3:18 for this end time condition of the church. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold "Deity-God Life" tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, (White raiment? Because we are told to put on Christ, we are told also that we are to be dressed in the Word, for Christ the one we must put on is The Word.)

79 Now, the rest of that quote I promised to read from Jehovah Jireh 3 60-0803 P:44b But brother, He said, "Counsel Me, and buy white raiment." White raiment in the Bible is called the righteousness of saints. "Buy of Me white raiment. Buy of Me gold tried in the fire," the fire of Calvary. "Buy of Me gold," the holy oil of God poured out, buy that kind of gold. Buy the righteousness of the saints, that thou may be hid.

80 And we know righteousness is right-wise-ness, which means you are rightly wise, which can only come via Revelation.

81 So we see in the end time Laodicean Church Age you are either dressed in white being rightly wise or you are blind and naked and don't even know it.

82 Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

83 Again back to Revelations 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold "Deity-God Life" tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; (in other words, it is covered, "for we are dead and lives are hid with Christ in God") and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, (that is Oil which represents the Holy Ghost) that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

84 So we see the condition of the Laodicean Church Age is very grim. For it is either blind miserable and naked, and doesn't know it or it has its heart anointed with the Revelation of Jesus Christ and has become the very righteousness of God.

85 Power of transformation 65-1031M P:115 And the women have to dress themselves so immoral to get out amongst people. And they say, "I'm a good woman." Well, what's she putting herself out there like that for? She's blinded. "Well, If one of these sisters here of little age, if your mother or my mother would've walked out on the street way one of these women, they'd have put her in the insane institution; she didn't even have enough mind to know to put on her clothes. Well, if it was insanity then, it's insanity now. It's still the same type of woman. See? But they've lost all their decency, all their understanding. They've lost their... And with modern understanding, with culture and education, "It's healthier to be it." It's sinful and death. Notice. They are, oh, not like they used to be. When the...

86 Uncertain sound 61-0415E P:35 it's insanity. And any young people that can stand in a building with their hands up and all this carrying on of rock-and-roll and stuff, and beatniks, it's insanity. It's dangerous. They've gone; the mental faculties has broke down. Remember, the tree of knowledge only goes so far and it swings backward.

87 Now, listen, either the Holy Ghost is leading you or the devil is deceiving you and the two spirits will be so close that if possible it would deceive even the very elect.

88 Tomorrow morning we will go into some of the deceptions that have led to the end-time insanity, and we will show you what you need to be careful concerning your own life that you don't end up in the end-time insanity condition that has already pulled millions of young Millennial's into it's death hold..

89 Let us pray...