

#40 Faith in a finished Work

1 Let us remain standing as we open God's Word to Hebrews 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

2 Let us bow our heads and our hearts for a word of prayer. Dear Father we are so thankful to have this Privilege to once again gather this day to worship you in spirit and Truth. And we are so thankful that Your great presence has come among us in this hour to declare a Message to us. And we are thankful that Your great Message is none other than your own Word and it made manifest among us bringing us in and getting us ready for the next phase of your Parousia Presence, that of the resurrection and change of the body.

3 Be with us this morning Father as we once again look to your Word for our daily bread and for our change of the inner man that we might receive of the outer man as well, for we ask it in the precious name of your Loving Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. amen.

4 You may be seated.

5 This morning we read for our text from God's Word where we are told that God is not a man that he would lie. And we have this truth as an anchor not only for our soul but for our rest as well.

6 If we are to ever come to the place of a rapturing Faith it will be a faith that has to be much greater to receive a body change than to just receive healing in our body. That is what brother Branham said in his sermon Spiritual Food in Due season.

7 Spiritual food in due season 65-0718E P:2 But we are dedicating this service tonight for prayer for the sick. And I want you to get built up now in the holy Oracles of God, in the faith, the faith of this hour. The faith, it's going to take more faith than ever was in any age, for this has to be rapturing faith, be taken up. And so we want you to believe tonight in all that you have seen, heard, the Word that you have heard preached, the signs and wonders that you've seen done. We want you to accumulate all that together in your heart and consider it whether if that be God or not. It's like Elisha of old said, "If God be God then serve Him." And if Jesus is the Center of all things to the Christian, then I think we ought to let loose of everything else and cleave to Him. Remember, He is the Center; He is the North Star; He is the Ultimate; He is the Absolute. And if He is the North Star... There's only one thing that'll point to the north star; that's your compass that you're sailing with. And the Compass that I'm trying you to sail with is the Word, and the Word always points to Him.

8 So we are approaching His Word this morning with sincerity and in total reverence because it is not just Truth, but The Truth.

9 From his sermon The Spoken Word is the Original Seed 40 brother Branham said, "If God contradicts Himself, He's not no more than I am or no more than you are, for He can contradict Himself. The Word's there,

but It's hid from the eyes of the wise and prudent. That's why someone says that Matthew 28:19, where: "Go ye, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost"; Acts 2:38 said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus." they say... they're contradictory... It isn't a contradictory.

10 41 Everybody that's ever baptized has to be baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost. And if you're not baptized using the Name of Jesus Christ, you're not baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost. You're baptized in some titles that pertains to a Name. If that isn't the right revelation, then the Bible would be wrong when It went ahead, and everybody baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. But if the Bible baptized, every one of the apostles all down through the age baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ after Jesus commissioned them to baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, then the Bible absolutely contradicts Itself. But if you look at it, it isn't. They did just what He said: Not titles, but name. So there's no contradiction.

Where brother Branham is speaking about God's Word, and the will of God is found only in His Word. 42 "How many more could I pull out here that I've even got wrote down, that where people say It contradict Itself. I've asked for twenty-five years (almost thirty now) for someone to show me. It isn't there. No, sir. It's there, the Truth, all the Truth, and nothing but the Truth, and our faith rests right there, right there on what God said. Don't try to interpret It; just say it the way It says it." (he's talking about saying it the way the Bible says it, or the way God wrote it. then he adds,) "Don't put any private interpretation, and I believe that there's not anything else..."

11 So this morning we are looking at our faith finding rest in a vindicated word, which is a finished work.

12 Look what we read in God's Word from Hebrews 11:6 "without faith it is impossible to please God: So if you can not even please God without Faith then how do you expect to walk right on up and out of here in a rapture without having a Faith for that rapture. And Paul tells us two things that are necessary in our approach to God, he says, "for he that cometh to God" must believe two things (no1) must believe that he is, and (no 2) that he (God) is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

13 So having faith is essential to a Christian if he is going to please God. Not only that but we are told that "without faith we can not please God." Therefore if we are to receive anything from God we must first have faith and believe God for what we seek.

Hope is expecting a blessing that is sometime in the future, but Faith is believing that God hears our prayers even before they have come forth from our lips. Faith is believing and accepting as a finished work what you are yet praying in your mind and heart to God for.

14 If we truly have researched what the word of God tells us concerning His manifold blessings He so freely has given us, then when we enter into prayer concerning such blessings, we should be already armed in our minds and heart with a mind set that takes possession of that promise, and our hearing the promise, recognizing it and then acting upon it, is an affirmation to God of our faith in His promise. In other words, When we have thoroughly studied God's position concerning any of His Divine Promises He has given to us in His Word, then we can enter into prayer with a positive resolution that He will not only hear our request but that he has already heard our request even before we actually pray concerning His promise.

15 When Jesus said it if finished, he meant that the work was already done. In other words, when God thought it before the foundations of the world, and then spoke it, at that point it has become a finished work as God sees it, therefore in God's eyes it is already a completed finished work. And God relies upon this finished work with

confident expectancy, and requires of us to see as done what Jesus said was done. For that is what God Himself had to wait upon His Son Jesus to make up his mind what he wanted to do in the garden of Gethsemane.

16 From his sermon, Souls in prison now 63-1110M P:94 brother Branham said, "Jesus even prayed to dodge the cross. "Is it possible that the cup should pass," said, "nevertheless, not My will, Thine."

17 Therefore, as brother Branham said in his sermon, Conference 60-1125 P:45 God's waiting to hear what your decision is. You're the one has to make it. He's done made His. He's proved that He made His. Now, you got to make yours. I got to make mine. This church has got to make his. We've all got to make our decisions. What will you do about it? Gethsemane...

18 So let's see what else he said about Jesus decision in Gethsemane.

19 From his sermon, Communion 57-0418 P: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 stood 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 Messiahship, 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.

20 And notice that Jesus victory was even before he went to the cross. It was the decision he made in Gethsemane. And your decision to say what God said about you will be your greatest victory the same as his decision became his greatest victory.

21 Too many of us still want to think there is some great feat we must perform, or some great trial we must endure and that will be our greatest victory. But that kind of thinking is all wrong, because the Bible says,

22 God said in Isaiah 40:29 He (God) giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He (God) increaseth strength.

23 And in Zechariah 4:6 We read, "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

24 And from his sermon, Taking sides with Jesus COD 62-0601 P:112 Like that blind boy, said, "This was done that the works of God might be made manifest." See, see? He knowed what was going to take place. Sure He did. All right. Now, the predestinated, when they seen His Scriptural Signs, knowed that the Word vindicated the works, or the works vindicated the Word, that the Word was right, they were predestinated to see it, and they were right in line to see it, and they got it. Then they said, after they'd seen they couldn't get nowhere, because the people that's predestinated to Eternal Life, they was going to find it, that's all. "All the Father's given me will come to Me. And all that comes to Me I'll give Eternal Life and will raise him up at the last day. There'll not be one of them lost." Amen. I'm holding right to that. See? "Not by works, not by deeds, not by power, not by might, by My Spirit, saith God". Not what I done, what I am, or what I will be, but what He is, and I am in Him. And whatever He is, I'm part of Him. Amen. I'm saved because I'm part of Him, and He is God, and I'm part of Him, being His son. That's right. So it ain't what I done, what I will do, it's what He has done. That's my trust, right

there.

25 Now, with that said, then it is not some great thing you can work yourself up into, but what God has already said about you and your decision to accept what God has said.

God's Word speaks in a past tense reckoning and all He has spoken is already a finished work and is just waiting to put skin on it. and that is your decision, do I accept what God said about me or do I not accept that God is more than able to make me what he said I am to be.

26 God had His plan from before the very foundations of the world, and when Jesus acknowledged what God's plan was for Him, then he was able to go forward and put skin on that plan, and it was finished. Finished first in God's mind, then accepted in ours, and when we yield our Spirit to His Spirit and acknowledge in our prayer that His work in you is already a finished work then what was past tense in God become present tense in us.

27 God's word told us in Ecclesiastes 3:15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

28 Let me break that down for you to make it a little simpler to understand.

29 Ecclesiastes 3:15 That which hath been (in God's mind) is now; and that which is to be hath already been;(in God's mind) and God requireth that which is past that was in His mind He requires it, demands that, ordains that it come to pass.

30 In Galatians 3 Paul spoke to us telling us that what Christ did for us is past tense finished.

31 6 Even as Abraham believed God, (that was his decision) and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

32 In other words if Abraham did not have to work himself up into some great feat to please God, then we his children will not have to do so either. The Bible tells us "Abraham believed God." That's all there was to it, he believed God and proved his belief by just stepping into the promise of God and claiming it for Himself and his wife.

33 8 And the scripture, foreseeing (future tense) that God would (future tense) justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (that's you and me he's talking about right there, and if you don't see that you need to ask God for a revelation.)

34 Therefore it is not some great big work that we must do, that is not what John 14:12 is all about. John 14:12 is about having the same nature by the same Spirit as Jesus and therefore you can just expect the same life, the same walk, the same thinking, the same speaking to take place in you as it did in him, because "by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body."

35 Jesus said to the Pharisees, "if Abraham were your father you would do the works of abraham." And what were the works of Abraham? He believed God and God imputed to him righteousness.

36 O how God, our Father just wants His children to believe him. That's what Faith is all about, just believing what God said, the way he said it.

37 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: See, that's what He's already done for us. On the cross he cried out "it is finished". 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

38 Now, what Paul is telling us here is that if two men make a covenant between them and it has been confirmed in writing with signatures or in a hand shake, then no man can take away or add to that covenant. And if that is the way it is between men, the how much greater when our Father who is God has made a covenant with our Father Abraham that the just shall live by Faith, by revelation.

39 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. 19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

40 Therefore when Jesus Christ was adopted and given 50% of the Fathers kingdom, and then he immediately went to Calvary to die that we might become joint heirs with him, then nothing can separate you from the Love of God.

41 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

42 O brothers and sisters, go home today and read Romans 8 over and over again until you see God's plan for you as a son or daughter of God, and until you can see that it is a finished work, already ordained and predestined to its completion. And Paul lays out for us in Romans 8 step by step what that finished work is and how it will become manifested in you.

43 The Apostle Peter told us in 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

44 So if God is not slack concerning His promise, then why are we slacking to accept it? Why are we so slow to accept what God has for us?

45 But that is the problem we see even in this Message. I showed you 84 signs, events, attributes and characteristics of the promised Parousia of Christ for this day and God has already confirmed 79 of them, that's 94% of what He promised concerning his Parousia has already taken place. And yet why can't people believe that.

46 Well, brother Branham gives us our answer in his sermon, Palmerworm locust caterpillar 59-0823 P:38 The other day I was talking, and we were thinking of Scripture. I said, "Why can't people see that?" I said, "There it is," and I happened to think. I don't care how clear it is, how much the Scripture teaches it, you'll never be able to see it until God Himself shows it to you. I don't care how clear it is. And the whole Bible is built, and the whole Church of the living God is built upon a spiritual revelation of the Word. Why did Abel offer a more excellent sacrifice than Cain? Why didn't Abel follow Cain? He had the most beautiful church? But it was revealed to him.

47 And in his sermon, God in simplicity 63-0317M P:187 he said, Now, why can't people believe the simple simplicity of a humble bunch of people (See?) and the voice of the signs of God? Why can't they believe it? Just like it always been. The true Word of God being made manifest, They're too smart and too educated to believe the simple form of the written Word. They want to put their own interpretation to it. "It don't mean this. It don't mean that." See? It does mean that. Listen. May I say this right quick now? Even the visions that God gives here at the place, it's so misunderstood. That's the reason you hear me on the tapes say, "Say what the tapes say. Say what the visions say."

48 But will they? No they won't. O, they say, "Say what's on the tapes, but then they don't way what's on the tapes. they say what they have already decided they want to hear.

49 And in his sermon, Speak to this mountain 57-1215 P:36 brother Branham said, "I said to some of my brethren the other day, "I can't understand." Now, this is a little personal. I don't believe I've ever made it public, but I'm going to say it now. I've never said it before in public in my life. See? To make it just... I'll make it plain that you'll understand. The other day I was wondering, "What's going to happen, Lord?" How do I know these things. That picture alone ought to have shook the whole world, but not even a newspaper packed it. Why? Look at these great things that's took place, the simplicity of God through these healings and miracles. Why did it happen? How did it come to pass? Why can't people see that?

50 Why can't they go to their Bibles and see that Christ Himself spoke of 50 things that would take place at His end Time Parousia Presence and of the things He spoke of almost all have come to pass. And what about what Paul said, and Peter said and John and James? Why can't people see what God said through His Son and the apostles what was to take place in this hour, when 94% of those things prophesied by the Scriptures has already come to pass, and they want to call it a false doctrine. And didn't brother Branham Himself say, "This is my ministry, see, to declare Him, that He is here." did he not say that? Then why don't they say what he said on those tapes and all what he said. Because if they did they would have to admit that the Parousia is almost over and they have spent their entire life with a wrong revelation and a wrong understanding of this Message.

51 But didn't Jesus say, "If the blind lead the blind won't they all fall into the ditch?"

52 But the answer is in what brother Branham said in his sermon, God's provided way 59-0415A P:42 He come up man's way. He come up some way, the church's way. He come in some other way. See? But God has a Way provided. And that Way is Jesus. And when you come by Jesus, you take on Jesus by a spiritual baptism. And you're dead and take on Christ by the new birth. And you're born again and filled with His Spirit. And how you know? Because that your life would compare with those of the Bible, those apostles who was robed in His

righteousness. Then why can't people, who claim to be Christians, believe in signs and wonders, Divine healing, the working of the Holy Spirit? Why, they should do it. The thing of it is, they've come in some other way besides the Door. If they come the Door, they'd be robed with the same kind of a Spirit; they'd have the same kind of a life; they'd have the same kind of testimony. They would be the same people.

53 But instead of believing the promise of the age, Peter told us in their blind condition the people would say...2 Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his parousia? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

54 All things continue? You have to be spiritually blind to not see that 94% of the signs and events Jesus said would take place at his great Parousia Presence have already taken place.

55 Look, brothers and sisters the word of God is so very clear in light of His Presence that we can see Matthew 25 so perfectly clear for this day. The wise virgins had oil in their lamps, they had an anointing in their vessels, the Holy Ghost to understand the light of their Lamp, (the the Word of God).

56 Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

57 When they heard the midnight Cry which is the Shout of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, "He's here, come out to meet him" they walked out from their churches, into His Presence but the foolish virgins also heard the same midnight cry, and came out to investigate what was going on because of what they heard, but when they got out having no oil in their vessel to give light to the Word of God, they went out and saw nothing, No Presence, no Parousia, No Appearing, nothing. And so Jesus says they were diverted away from the one Who was standing in their midst by the instructions, " If you want to see what we are seeing, go to them who sell and buy for yourselves."

58 Matthew 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And so they went to buy, as the Scripture tells us they did. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. (The Door is the Word, Jesus said so. And God shut his word off from them. then notice,)

59 Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:78 411. Dear Brother Branham, please explain St. Matthew chapter 22, verse, when... (We got that one. See? Remember the other day? I'll show it to you. I was... See it right here?) 22... How did this guest get in at the wedding supper, who had on a garment, but didn't have on one of the wedding garment? Remember, I said... I kinda pulled a little joke; I said, "A denominational brother who came by the window and not by the Door." The Door is the Word. up here. See?

60 Now, let's go back to what Jesus was telling us...11 Afterward Now, how long was this? We don't know, the scripture doesn't say, it just says, Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

61 Open up what? Open up to us the door, your Word. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Dr. Hoyer one of the greatest Greek authorities this nation ever had said in the original language this says, "I used to know you as my wife but I know you as my wife any more". 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

62 There's the warning, but listen! There is only one place you can go and buy to be able to see this One who has come down with a Shout, and we all know what this Scripture refers to in this hour. Is that Right? But while they were busy buying and selling the bride went into the very Parousia Presence of the Bride Groom. Why?

Because she had a revelation of Who had come down, and Whose Presence had called them to come out.

63 Now, I can't make that any more plain than I've already done without starting a war, but when the Gospel trumpet blasts, brother Branham said it always brings a war. And I pray that it is not too late for those who are going to the place that sells. But the handwriting is on the wall, my friends, and God is interpreting His word by bringing it to pass. This day this scripture is being fulfilled.

64 Look, I have no apologies for what I am telling you, because I can only tell you what He shows me in this Word and I would be a hypocrite to say anything else, or a respecter of persons to do so. So when I see the great gathering taking place where they sell, I ask myself, Lord is the door already being shut? "Sirs, is this the sign of the end"?

65 Now, look, Paul said the inheritance is not by the works of the law, but it is a promise of God. And that pertains to the adoption. And you cannot work yourself into inheritance no more than you can work yourself into being a son or daughter of God.

66 The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

67 And all God wants from us is to believe what he said, and then have patience to wait for what He said. Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

68 Again in Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

69 And remember that promise of eternal inheritance is only for sons and daughters that have come into the image of the first born son, adoptable sons and daughters. And the promise of adoption and conforming to the image of the first born son, and then manifesting as a son was only given to be manifested in the bride age as we showed you about a month ago in Faith no 22.

70 From his sermon Hear ye Him 60-0313 P:30 brother Branham said, "And then if that child (that son) did not obey and was not obedient child, it never was no more than a son; it remained a son, but yet it had no inheritance. Now, we don't want to stay in that place. The church ought to be a thousand miles up the road farther than it is tonight. The Pentecostal blessings has been falling on the people here in America for fifty years; and if anything, we're dwindling instead of going on. "What are you preaching such as this for, Brother Branham?" I want to see the church of God in deep sincerity; I want to see the old fashioned prayer meetings. I want to see them times when they can't leave church; they just stay all night, and pray, and fast, and call out till God answers. Instead of that, it seem like love has dwindled away from us. The love of God... just love...Why, a real Christian can hardly wait: when the bell rings, he's got the front seat, and there ready with the song book in his hand.

71 Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

72 Look, God not only gave us His word concerning our inheritance but he confirmed it by His own oath, and he promised it to us.

73 And 94% of what he promised concerning His Parousia Presence has already been confirmed and vindicated that what he said to be is the truth.

74 In fact those things just didn't happen by coincidence, God Himself made them come to pass because it was God that promised them in the first place. That is what Br. Branham taught us.

75 From his sermon, All things 62-1124E P:66 brother Branham said, "I believe Him. Let's say it together. I believe Him. I accept Him. Now, call your name. By His stripes... Say it with me. By His stripes (now your name) William Branham was healed. It's over. It's finished. The God that made the promise is here to confirm the promise. Jesus said, "As the Father sent Me, so send I you." And the God that sent Him was with Him and in Him. He said, "If I don't do His works, don't believe Me." And if I'm not telling you the truth, He won't back it up. But the God that sent forth His disciples, has sent this move of God into the land. He's with it to prove that He's with it. The very signs that was promised are vindicating His Presence. We're in the Presence of Jesus Christ."

76 And again from his sermon, Patriarch Abraham the 64-0207 P:34 brother Branham said, "Why? He is the mighty Conqueror. If you're in Him, you're in the Word. He said, "If ye abide in Me, ask what you will." What you will, for every gate has already been conquered. Then we can say, For every promise in the Book is mine, Every chapter, every verse is mine. I'm trusting in His Word Divine, For every promise in the Book is mine." Friends, do you realize what that means? Every promise that God made Abraham, every promise that was spoke by the prophet, every promise that Jesus Christ promised for this day, He's here to confirm it, and to show that He lives forevermore. "Thy seed shall possess the enemy's gate."

77 And also from his sermon, Token the 64-0208 P:76 brother Branham said, "Lord Jesus, they're in Your hands now. May the Token, the Token that Jesus is not dead, the Token that Jesus raised up from the dead, and is here tonight... He's the Token of His resurrection. He Himself is the Word. He is here to confirm everything He said. He's here to confirm every promise that He made. If the people could just only see it once, Lord, that it isn't something that we could guess about; it's something we must know, Lord. There's no try over. You can't go back and try again. It must be done now."

78 And in his sermon, Perseverant 64-0305 P:78 Brother Branham said, "Lord, we know a Word from You will mean more than a millions that anyone else could speak. Come, Lord, and a-vindicate this, that I've told the truth. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. You are the Word. You was the Word that was in Noah. You're the Word that was in Moses. You was the Word that was in Elijah. You was the Word that was in David. You are the Word made flesh and is among us tonight. You're here to vindicate every promise that You made for this hour. "As it was in the days of Sodom," all these promises that You made, You're here to confirm it. Grant it, tonight, Father. We'll watch to see You here. And then may the church reach up by faith and take ahold, and say, "I'm perseverant, Lord. I'll stay here like the unjust judge that the widow had ahold of." And if that unjust judge, to get rid of the woman, gave her her desire, how much more will the heavenly Father give those that He's expecting to hold to Him tonight? Grant it, in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. The Lord be blessed.

79 Now, this sermon has been quite long so let me close by just reading a dozen or so more Scriptures concerning God's promises to us.

80 Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

81 Hebrews 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

82 Hebrews 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should

seem to come short of it.

83 Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

84 So the God who made the promise, comes down to seal you into that promise, thus confirming the promise is for you.

85 Galatians 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

86 Galatians 4:23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

87 Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

88 Romans 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

89 Romans 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; Giving doxa to God, giving God his own opinions, values, and judgments. In other words, what God gave him by promise he gave back to God in that he believed God and stepped into what God had promised.

90 Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

91 Romans 4:14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

92 Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, (that's all you need to know right there, so make your decision today, "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord") and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

93 Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

94 Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

95 Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

96 Notice how it is over and over said "the promise of the Father", "the promise of the Father", "the promise of the Father", and your Father is not a man that he could lie, he is God.

97 The next few sermons in this Faith series we will be dealing with "a Perfect Faith by a Perfect Word", and then "Rapturing Faith, what it is and how it will come".

