

#21 Making the Word a Question (Instead of an Assertion)

1 Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we realize more than ever how your Word stands forth in this end time, there are those that are cold, utterly. They're dead. They're back there. They have no inkling, no understanding, and there are there's [those] who caught a little bit of a glimpse but are only luke-warm, and evidently they're playing something down Lord, that shouldn't be played down. And then there's the red hot ones, fervent, white-hot past the stage of red hot because this is everything to them. They have caught something of the major Lord, where they make It entirely major and they are not subjugating It to anything but making it the subject.

Help us to be that people Lord, if it does indeed have to do with Your Presence, as You Yourself said in that same chapter, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man open the door, and you open that door to Me, I'll come in." Evidently this is the place Lord, where they're not red hot, and Father, we pray that this church shall be and everyone that names the Name of Jesus Christ entering these doors will be in that beautiful position, the fervency of the revelation Father. Help us today to understand this and everything that comes against It, and put it to one side, and making ourselves more and more Lord, of the fuel of God, just that Word of God, true revealed Word of God burning within us and giving us that fervency. We commend ourselves unto You in Jesus' Christ holy and wonderful Name. Amen. You may be seated.

2 Now we are on, I think, number 21 of Satan's Eden, and we won't take too many more on this because I think I'm going to begin to synopsise what he has said, rather than perhaps take it word by word or if I do take it word by word, then we'll read it a little more rapidly.

Now last Wednesday we made note that one of the great deceptions, perhaps the greatest deception, of this hour that has been perpetrated upon Christianity by Satan is that Satan has erected a scarecrow in the form of a cult worship of himself that actually tries to induce Satan to work with them by ceremonies and immoral acts. And thereby Satan actually is turning Christianity away from the fact that the church will be fooled into worshipping him through perverted word all the while believing they're worshipping God. Now that is the big thing you're looking at, the complete deception.

3 Remember, Bro. Branham spoke of the scarecrows of being a holy-roller. The fanaticism of certain Pentecostal people turned off the reality of the Pentecostal movement. The true latter rain, now it wasn't the former rain, it was the latter rain which means the Holy Spirit manifesting and coming in that age. Then there would be with it a former rain which would be the original teaching which people don't even know about. They don't even have a clue to it. It sits there in the Bible and they say, "Well, that's wonderful." And they just walk right on which is too bad. So they're scarecrows.

And the scarecrow, of course, in this hour is what you're hearing all the time in churches; Wilkerson with his 'Switchblade and the Cross', and Dr. Dobson and the Minirth Meier Clinic and everywhere you go, book after book after book, and even in schools they're deploring the fact that there is something somewhere, even the police are into it and it's this terrible thing called satanic worship where they have not yet found one real human sacrifice but they found animals and they go through ceremonial rites. They have certain drugs like, you know, pioti, that...the same that the Indians now can't use over there in Oregon, and because it's outlawed. But don't worry, they'll get it.

4 And everything is relative to something which is thoroughly heathenistic in its concept, orgiastic and plumb

out of the world of any sane religion or the adaptation of anything which would be spiritual. So Satan rattles this, this skeleton, and everybody says, "That's it. That's it. That's it." And they're looking down the road and they got fooled with atheism when Communism. Oh, they got plumb fooled on that one, absolutely, the Jew baiters said, "Well, what you see it is the Jews believe in one God, and hallelujah, we're Trinitarians, and they're going to make us all atheists. And then we'll all be atheists. Now look, there's one God, we're going to bring you right back and we're going to run you." Now where's that gone to? Kenny Goff, the Gerald B. Smith, the Winrods(?), and some of you know what all I'm talking about and if you haven't you can learn it. Where's it gone to? Satan used a lot of tricks, and he's got everybody fooled but a couple little people.

5 There's a guy down there, I like, I used to be very concerned about him because I thought he had a lot on the ball. He's from America here, he's been down in Mexico, he's down in Venezuela, and of course, he ran across the Branham cult because he got around the wrong bunch of them, made him Jesus Christ. His wife wrote a letter and she said that's the worst cult in all the world. Now he sounds like a pretty good egg because he fights heathenism in the form of Catholicism. Then he turns right around and denies Sonship by paternity. He throws out the fact of the seed of God. He's become entirely humanistic with the divine revelation and a divine measure which is the true family of God. So where does he stand? And he sees all kinds of Satanism. Now he knows that the Roman church is the old harlot, but from there on he's been completely bean bagged. He's off.

6 What is the big thing Satan is doing? He is getting people thoroughly confused, and the confusion is this, and the truth is this, that he's trying to confuse, that Satan is being actually worshipped in the church system through creeds and dogmas. And it boggles the mind but either you believe or you don't believe. And the simplicity lies in the Garden of Eden where one Word off changed this woman's allegiance.

7 Now, let's say you men married lovely wives, and I think, that's the standard evidence here in this church. So you run around with other women, great, that's real allegiance, you lousy scudball. And women, you married a man that's true to you. And listen, if you want some good stories, listen around one o'clock; the Minirth Meir. And you know how women will tell you how they had an affair for years, and finally poor John can't take it and he's gone.

And Bro. Branham before it happened, categorically said, "The man stays home now weeping because the woman has left him and the children," and I used to go, "Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, what a laugh." It's exactly true, today's pictures. A skuzzy woman running after men. Where's your allegiance? Then where's the marriage to Christ outside of His Word? Who are you married to? Because the Bible distinctly said, "If you lay with a whore you become one flesh." So go ahead and do it. I'm not embarrassed to tell you, or hit you with a four by four to wake you up; I'm not at all embarrassed. You know why? Because I struggle with a lot of things in this pulpit and in this Word I emphasize because I know where the hardship lies, it is difficult to know what we've all been into and to clear our minds and see the reality. When you leave the Word, you leave God, that Rhema and Logos is one and the same. You can't change because God has definition, and the definition is God and it's living definition because it's living God.

8 A few people engaged in what is attempted to be an actual worship of Satan is not end time antichrist worship. There's only one case of actual human sacrifice and that's by that crazed Mexican who killed people in order to have an oath bound by Satan, and it doesn't work. So there are some people engaged in an attempt to actually worship Satan and to get him to work with them. It is not atheism either. It's not the rejection. It is antichrist as set forth in the Word which means 'instead of Christ'. There is now a vicar of Christ who takes the place of the Holy Spirit. And since anybody knows who knows anything about anything there is no such thing as a voice in the wind, every voice has to come through a being of some description whether it be an animal, or a human being. Witness the fact that a little donkey that Balaam sat upon, seemed to speak.

9 But when you go to the Bible there's only one way that God will talk to people, that's through a prophet, absolutely, through the prophet. And he will be the voice of God to them. But the Roman Catholic church glommed onto it. They're the first ones who said, "I..." The pope said, "I am the vicar of Christ. I am here instead of Christ. I got here by a vote which is simply politics. I got here by my knowledge, my ability, my personality, my aggrandizement of a situation. I've been voted in by my colleagues. I'm the vicar of Christ."

Why that liar from the pit of hell, you can tell right by his words he's the serpent race. He hasn't got a thing to do with God. He hasn't got one sign. He hasn't got one thing to back him up. Yet the people fall for it, and the tragic thing is that now through Pentecost and Pentecostalism the Roman Catholic church has the Bible for the first time open to everybody and there is the movement of the Neo-Pentecostals within them. So now the Pentecost and Jews are everywhere and the Catholics are everywhere. The Roman Catholic church is the Pentecostal church that can say what they want because their hierarchy cannot come against it. So what have you got?

10 It's like it was in the time of Christ. It was the ecumenical Sanhedrin by pressure and politics that organized and produced a canon of doctrine that took the place of Jesus when He was here in the flesh. And they judged Him according to their canon of doctrine and because He did not appear in their traditional interpretation of Scripture which was evolved from their own reasoning, because no prophet told them point blank what the revelation was. It was merely a point blank series of words that contained a revelation that was hidden from them because their eyes were darkened to It. But they went ahead anyway and on the strength of their own ingenuity where one man, no doubt, can pick up the first entire five books and quote them by heart. You think it can't be done? Don't be ridiculous.

There's a Jew in Calgary, Alberta, who will tell you all the Psalms, verse by verse, and all the Major Prophets. And there's a screwball out there in Denver. Springer his name was, I suppose he's dead by now, you give him a verse of Scripture he'll tell you where it is. You quote the Scripture, he'll tell you, what all about it, knew every verse in the Bible. If you had the time you could start from Genesis, go all the way through to Revelation. But he believed little brown men were in the heart of the earth and they came up from the North Pole, having got here first of all by flying saucers. He was a Jew baiter, also, as far as I can remember. So there you see it. That's what happened back there.

11 So today there is Alpha and Omega. This is the Omega. As it was with the Sanhedrin, the people are getting together and together and together until those of diverse opinions like the Sadducees who did not believe in Resurrection or spirit, and the Pharisees who believed in both, and the Herodians, I don't know what they believed in. It seems they were more like we would be, I suppose, a gentler disposed people who go more toward the Word of God, but anyway they had them all there. And we know the Sanhedrin was made up of at least the Herodians, and the Sadducees, and the Pharisees.

So today, the church is one great big vast system to interpret the Word of God exactly as they want to interpret It and you're going to hear Bro. Branham talk about all the Bible, all the Scripture, and these people did the very same thing because the whole Bible, the whole Scripture was laid out there before them, and they took their own understanding and thereby crucified Christ. And they were glad to relieve Barabbas, Barabbas the...well, he's the...we don't know he's a murderer. People thought he was a murderer but there's no real Scripture to say Barabbas was an actual murderer, but we know positively that they took a criminal and let him free, and they said, "All right, this man is a better deal than this Man here." In other words, one man had nothing going for him except criminality, the other Man had all the virtues and all the goodness and all the manifestations and they turned Him down flat.

12 Now let's be real careful here, it is not a church in flagrant denial and disregard of God, and things that are

spiritual but like Eve desiring to know and understand, takes a revelation from a wrong source. Now we got two things you're looking at. You're looking at the fact of the Sanhedrin and the world doctrine under the time of Israel where Bro. Branham preached the sermon, *There They Crucified Him*. And he said, "There in the holiest city in the world, they, the holiest people, crucified the most horrible death, Him the most perfect Man, even God manifested in flesh."

Though we're talking about that, at the same time realizing what did it, you are merely pointing at Hebrews 6 that says, "They crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame." You are not talking in terms now of the literal disregard of the casting out of saying, "No, we made a big mistake historically. This is not that One." You are not finding that. You are going back to the Eden. See what you're doing? Now you got an Alpha in the Sanhedrin, you've got an Omega in the world council but our Alpha going back to the Garden is Eve. Now you're coming back to the world organization, and they are not saying, "Hey, there is nothing to it." They're not saying that. They are wooing the people by their creeds and their dogmas being off the Word of God.

13 Now listen to me. After six thousand years how far off is the Garden of Eden? After two thousand years how far off is the doctrine of Paul? Now the beast came to Eve with the Word of God but it was a changed Word. A revelation by reasoning and the reasoning brought death. The Word of God was not given to the beast, yet he did not hesitate to use It as though It was his rights and his responsibility.

Now come on, look at your church. The Word was given to Adam, and Eve with Adam. Number one, came to Adam, and Eve with Adam. So quickly when the Word was mentioned because she heard it, she understood there's a Word there, she listened right away, and foolishly believed the lie. Now that's a tragic thing right there that this woman so close removed from God. Actually she was one generation from God. Adam being the first generation, she being the second, though she was in him in the original, but we're talking now about physical. So therefore, he married his own product, his own sister so to speak, whatever you want to put down as a scriptural little thing in there, typing. One generation removed.

14 What's that today after hundreds of generations? What about in the time of Paul? They couldn't wait for one generation there. Where are they today? So she foolishly listened and believed the lie. Her problem lay in letting the beast make the Word a question instead of an assertion. Now, you say, what about today then when these ecumenical guys line up their dogma and make an assertion? They make their assertions based on a question. Well, come on, figure it out.

Every assertion they make is based upon a question. And every question in this world pertaining to our mortality, our immortality, our spirituality, our present, our past, and our future is all found in the Bible. Every single question is answered there but the answer is not sufficient to man because there's certain channels in there that God has also revealed that man does not want to take into consideration. So therefore, they change it exactly how they want it. And the attestation then comes by the human answer to the questions, and they are not getting the answers from God.

He asked her one question. "Yeah hath God said?"

And she said, "Oh yes."

He said, "You mustn't touch the trees. Why, ...do you know, of course, ...that's not really true."

"Oh," she said, "is that so?" Had she simply stuck with the Word of God and thrown a coconut into his snout, but he was too handsome. He out-adamed Adam. Standing handsome figure there. Where do you think these great big tall guys come from? There were giants in the land when the sons of God married the daughters of men. They

weren't fallen angels that came down and pressed themselves into human flesh and created, and brought little children forth by babies. If they had pressed themselves into human flesh, it would have been another human being they got into, that's all, and controlled them. What asininity! Man, he was a giant. He was...why he cut a figure, don't you dare believe he didn't. Bro. Branham gave some clues which I won't talk about. They're there. It's not that I'm that insensitive, don't worry, I'm...or sensitive, I'm not a sensitive person like Bro. Branham was. I just could have blurted it out to you if I wanted to but he lays some things in there that are the truth what it was all about.

15 Now her problem lay in letting the beast make the Word a question instead of an assertion. When a question is asked it is based on reasoning by comparison. So when he asked that question, he had to bring her in such a way as to lead her on on it. And the minute she reasoned, she opened the door to another kind of life, a life of doubt and unbelief as specifically a misunderstood revelation, a Scripture. For reason cannot replace true manifested revelation. She already had it.

She could have said, "Hey, just a minute, what makes you think I'm not content with everything the way it is." You know, people aren't content with the Word of God the way It is. They got to change It, got to change It, got to change It. Then what kind of Word of God are people believing today, if in the days of Paul they already had another gospel? I'd like you to sit and think awhile. You talk about you need something to discuss in your Friday night meetings, and you're running against yourself trying to figure something out, figure that one out, start talking about it.

What is the other source of good news? We want to know what it is. It's the Roman Catholic church, the ecumenical move: "Hey, we got it made. Join us. We forgive your sins. Pray you out of purgatory. And the money goes to a good cause." What's the cause? Be-cause. Don't think there's not women down the road, come on, you got to be sick. Where there are no oxen the crib is clean, and where there are oxen the crib isn't clean. So let's understand Scripture.

16 Now, let's go to some reasoning. In the Book of Matthew, chapter 24, it tells you distinctly...

(24) ...there shall arise false Christs, (even lying) prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch (even), if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

(25) Behold, I have told you before.

(26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

Now right away you have people who will take this verse of Scripture, Church of Christ and a whole bunch of others, and they say, "There you are. Mark 16 never was in the Bible, it's completely gone. It shows right here this fellow here can heal the sick, raise the dead, do everything else." They don't understand it because they failed to understand Deuteronomy 18. So in their human reasoning they say, "Hey, we haven't been able to produce Mark 16, so therefore, we know we don't need it because the Bible is written now. There was a time when there was some evidence needed but we don't need the evidence. Faith is blind. We don't go by sight, we go by faith, so therefore, this is out."

Now they conveniently turn around and say the devil can do this. Not realizing that these are the days of the son of perdition where Judas had a Holy Ghost ministry though he himself was serpent seed and the devil overtook him and he became the incarnation of Satan in flesh.

"Now, the Bible is written. Nobody needs prophets. Deuteronomy 18 is shot, forget it. Now if there were prophets, different story, but we're telling you there are no prophets."

"Who said so?"

"We did."

"What's your authority?"

"I speak for Christ."

You see why I'm sarcastic and malevolent when it comes to this Roman Catholic ecumenical Protestant hogwash? You think I'm going to trust my life or anything on a bunch of people so stupid? I may be nuts but they're completely gone. Just like the Bible said.

17 Now reasoning, reasoning has to do, absolutely, with conditions that are either physical or related to the physical by means of spirit. Now I brought the spirit in there but I'll tell you this reason. If it weren't for the physical we wouldn't be here. But we are here, and there's a discrepancy between the physical and the spiritual and we've tried to reconcile them. And how do we do it? We do it through reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. That's how it's done.

Now at the Garden of Eden, he right away introduced her and he said, "That's a physical thing this tree of the knowledge of good and evil, I say, what about?"

"Well," she said, "I tell you we can't take it or we're going to die."

Now he said, "Look it here, how do you know unless you try? I got news. You're not going to die. See? God put you here in this Garden. It was all made for you. Do you think God's going to defeat His own ends?"

Now what about it? Now let's stop right there about God defeating His own ends. Jesus died upon Calvary for the sins of the whole world.

"Now you're trying to tell me, only the sons of God. It's limited atonement."

Only a son gets the Holy Ghost. Or you got God confusing Himself.

"Oh, no. Not at all. It's the devil's lie. It started right there in the Garden."

What blew people's mind in this message to begin with, twenty-five years ago as Bro. Branham prepared to leave the scene? Predestination. How many understand Seed?

18 Almost came to blows with an idiot down there in Macon, Georgia, I understand he's changed, pardon my expression because when...listen, when I get cheesed off, I'm cheesed off, I'm sorry. I cannot call vomit, brother/sister, good turkey dinner although I could eat it and turn it into vomit. When a man in the face of a vindicated message denies the existence of seed, as though we become, rather than are; the man is completely deceived.

As Bro. Branham said, "They made a corn of wheat, or a corn of corn, a grain of corn, every layer in it scientifically compounded until you could not tell the synthetic from the real."

Why they said, "How are you going to tell?"

"Put it in the ground and see if it will live," because seed is seed, and you dare not disassociate seed from life. So you see it. Reasoning, reasoning.

19 Paragraph 55 [91].

[91] Now, by unbelief in all of God's Word, has brought the seed of unholiness in Satan's Eden.

Now how could it be unbelief in all the Word? Because that's all the Word she had. That's all the Word she had. That was all of it. Now more Word came as God dealt with these people. Now you tell me, was that Word believed? No! Now Adam wasn't fooled, he went right into the sin. He shouldn't have done it but he had a physical body and he got enticed. Well, you say, what did Eve do? Well, she got him all excited. Let's understand the point of the matter. She got him all excited. And what are women to do, wearing no clothes on the street and everything else. They get men excited. And the women think we got dirty imaginations and everything else. It's no imagination when you go out there naked, and we can see what you got. Are you crazy? As Bro. Branham said, "If his mother had gone on the street wearing the clothes of the women today, they would have said she was insane and locked her up." Phew, I can't understand people. I'm not going to try. Oh, I can understand all right because I can preach what Bro. Branham preached.

[91] ...by unbelief in all of God's Word,...(one Word off always ruins the whole thing) ...brought the seed of unholiness in Satan's Eden.

20 The seed of unholiness as concerning the human race, not His own. There's no unholy cow out there. There's no unholy horse out there. There's no unholy sow out there. There's no unholy female dog out there. That's right. Seed's original. Now God has to preserve two seeds in a human vessel. We find unholiness comes in there. Comes by the serpent seed and it ends in a totality of rejection of God's Word, as you find in Revelation 3 because they are saying one thing, and God is saying another thing. Now we're going to get white hot. How strong are you for this message?

This mustache guy with the cleft palette that lives up there around Chicago goes to Europe. And he lets the people know, "I'm offended when they say, 'Are you in the message?'" And this young kid over there, still Pentecostal, he took up the offense, too. And I said, "Hold it, boy, hold it. If you're not in the message, you're not in Christ." Can't get white hot over the prophet's Word?

21 Don't even know that the Son climbed on the Father's throne. Don't even know what I read to you. Bless God, He's here! God is here! And He's doing the same thing He has done and will. Compare Scripture to Scripture, God has never painted Himself some big thing on earth but always dwelt among, not in but among, the common humble people. And here He is this morning, doing the same thing. The Scripture vindicates It and the camera vindicates it.

Mention my name in churches around America, and I stink. Why? Well, you see, a little lady tells this man who phones her, "See, Lee Vayle, ah, he's got his own message." Have I? Do you think I preach the things that William Branham preached? Or maybe like some foolish individuals accuse me of giving Bro. Branham the wrong word? Like Lindsey's daughter said, "Well, as long as my dad was with him, he kept him straight." Do you want to know his history? I can give you the back of my hand. Bro. Branham told me all about it. Oh, I'm a scandal monger, you might as well know. Do you think it's not already White Throne time? Do you think the handwriting isn't on the wall? Do you think it's not over this morning, brother/sister? Listen, don't kid me and don't kid yourselves for God's sake, and your own sake. Tell me what are you looking for? There's nothing more

to look for except the culmination of what is here, and that is when that Spirit that's amongst us becomes incarnate to us we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. And then you're not supposed to not be white hot over that? "Well, that's just a minor thing." God was in Christ creating. "Oh, that's just a minor thing." Phttt! Come on, come on, come on, come on, come on.

[91] Now, ...unbelief in all of God's Word, has brought the seed of unholiness in Satan's Eden.

22 The seed of unholiness is to go right along with the devil, challenging the Word. "It can't be so. It can't be so. It can't be so. It can't be so." What thieves, what thieves, what thieves. "Hey, look at this. Hey, look at this. Hey, look at this."

I had a friend, a fellow phone me the other day. He likes to bug me. He can't figure Bro. Branham as the Elijah, at all. I said, "Just let me ask you one question." He never got around to answering it. I said, "Don't go to your Bible now, come on, forget your Bible." I should have said, "You've got all the answers, big mouth." But I didn't. I said, "You give me one answer, why Jesus needed John the Baptist." Today, I want to look at it. Look at the Scripture, come on. Let's find out who this Jesus is, some kind of a crackpot that needed some kind of backing up.

23 Here's the story of John the Baptist. The angel said to Zacharias. [Luke 1:]

(14) And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and...shall rejoice at his birth.

(15) For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even (before he's born).

(16) And many of the children of (God) shall he turn to the Lord their God.

(17) And he shall go before (the Lord God) in the spirit and power of (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, (even) the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; (and) to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And if he's all of this: who needs John the Baptist? And you talk about a dope. "Ah, he's among you, ah, I'm going to... ah, look at this, ah, look at that." And he said, "Hey, are you really the one that's supposed to come or did I make a mistake?" Well, come on; let's put the acts and the spirit into it. Let's get down to the nitty-gritty. Then who do you think you are in the face of vindication? "Well, we really didn't need him." Well, you give me one reason why Jesus needed John. He was a flat tire. No, he wasn't: the greatest prophet that ever lived. Didn't have one miracle, born with the Holy Ghost. The Seed of God always gets the Holy Ghost in the womb or out of the womb it doesn't make any difference. That will tie you into knots, won't it? Anybody got ulcers this morning? I think you poured cream on it, or gave you a dose of lemonade, or vinegar, that will pucker it up. Sure.

[91] We are now entering in where Satan is taking the throne, as the antichrist, in an Eden on this earth, (an Eden of this earth), a Eden of sin, perverted religion. He started not upon, "I am Satan. ...the great angel." No, not upon that, but upon perverting God's Word. And this is how he has brought his kingdom, in every age.

24 It's a continuing thing. There wasn't one prophet who wasn't withstood. Which of the prophets have you not slain or persecuted? What about it? Why? Because they were a part of the great Christ; they had that part of the Word and that is how He brought His kingdom in every age.

[91] And now in this great deceitful age, ready to take his throne, by his people!

His people? Cain was of that wicked one. Oh, all the Pentecostals want to tell you, "That means he followed in Satan's steps, you know, he wasn't really a child, you see, there's no such thing as serpent seed. You know, you become serpent seed if you reject Christ. Yap, yap, yap, yap, yap, yap." Somebody's crazy, spiritually, mentally gone.

[91] He has built himself an intellectual, educated, scientific Eden;

Throw it in their face. "For this cause have I raised thee up that I might show My power and might in you," vessel of destruction fitted to wrath. "God wouldn't do that."

25 Even poor old Abraham got a bit zonked out. ..."Why," he said, "the judge of all the earth wouldn't do wrong would he? I hope I'm on the right spot now, to find my just...just don't believe it. You let the righteous perish with the wicked?"

"Oh," He said, "certainly not."

"Well," he said, "if there's fifty there?" What did he start with a hundred fifty or so, I forget anymore? Oh, I could read it. Then he gets it down to about to ten. Well, he said.

God could have said, "Hold it, hold it, Abraham, you recognize Me, and you're a good old boy, I love you, you're my friend, that's why I'm telling you but I'm going to tell you Abraham, no, not one will perish with the wicked. I don't lose any. I'll raise them up at the last day. I'm going to that Resurrection."

I can see why Job he didn't care about the boils or anybody else, he said, "I know in whom I have believed. And I know that my Redeemer liveth. In the last days I'm going to see Him upon the earth. I'm going to see Him in my flesh. I'm going to see Him for myself." You didn't get him fooling around. Yet God had to rebuke Job. There is none that God doesn't have to rebuke, because we're all born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come in the world speaking lies. We know these things.

[91] But Satan has built an intellectual, educated, scientific Eden. Right, Scientific preachers, scientific church, scientific theology, everything is scientific.

26 What does he mean? Based upon everything that they know in the physical, so they adapt God to it. And so the beast said, Satan in the beast said, "Eve, ...oh surely God won't do that."

"Well, what do you mean?"

"Oh, come on girl, look around you. Look around you. Surely He wouldn't do that. Why do you think He put you here? Just to kill you? Oh, come on now."

Everything based upon something that was there at hand. Look, when you look beyond the veil of the Word of God which takes revelation, you will not see what you think you're going to see. "For eye hath not seen, nor ear heard." There's just a bare little inkling, and no man has seen God. You got to meet Him on His own terms. And if there is a God that we can meet on our own terms, there's something very fishy because I see about a billion people meeting God on their own terms and every one is different.

[91] The whole church is built upon knowledge. It isn't built upon faith.

Why? Because faith is a revelation! See? Right here Bro. Branham is talking in terms of everything that is called

God, they call it the force. They call it the spirit. They call it this. They call it that. They use the Bible. It's all open before us.

[92] One time I went in to hold a meeting to a man's church. It was a great auditorium in the west. A fine man, and he denied these things that we're talking about. (See, he doesn't believe in healing and those things.) ...I liked the man; fine man, an old man. When his congregation went out... It seated about six thousand people. When his congregation went out, in the afternoon service, they had about fifteen hundred there, they were all fine-dressed intellectuals. Intellectual people, I sat there and watched them.

[93] He preached a very good sermon, the man did. And then he asked if anybody wanted to accept Christ; just...raised up their hand. And no one raised up their hand. ...so a woman raised up her hand. He said, "All right, now you're a Christian," and he made her for baptism. And then...he went out... and dedicated a baby, kissed the little baby and made a prayer over it, and dismissed the audience.

[94] When his congregation went out; all fine, scholarly, educated people.

Now he's not critical when he's saying this, like sarcastic. He's just saying, reiterating. Now he said, "Look, these people here got brains."

27 There's a girl came one day to the late Dr. Cliff. By the way, he's the man that invented chiffon pies. You girls know all about him now. He worked for General Foods in Canada, a brilliant lay minister of the Anglican church and no doubt he was saved, but he didn't understand a lot of things. But he understood the phenomena of God. There was a girl who came out of a very wealthy family. And nobody could control her because she was uncontrollable. Sexually she was a complete mess. Now in the States you talk about a person going with a black person, that's a very bad thing. In Canada they had no blacks but they had Chinese. And so the story was she slept with every Chinaman in the ditch and everything else. And she was a complete goner.

She had an interview with Dr. Cliff and she said, "I have no soul." The devil speaking through her.

Now he said, "Would you expect me to believe that?" he said, "There's not a hair on your head that's not in place. You're coiffed perfectly. You're dressed beautifully. If you had no soul the least you'd be doing is slouching in here like some defeated demented moron with perhaps a pin holding an outergarment in place. You'd be dressed in sacks and God knows what. Oh," he said, "yes, you have a soul all right." And he began talking to her.

They were at the altar of the Anglican church, and an actual light burst into the room, and she looked around, she said, "Where am I?" She'd been gone for sixteen years. The girl found Christ in a phenomenal act of God, a miracle, because this man believed in miracles, and saw thousands of them. See, scholarly fine dressed people, educated. Her case of total oblivion is not what everyone goes into. I was just illustrating to you that the woman had a background which was essentially a good background until something happened to her, and now you'll notice that she's a real theologian. "I don't have a soul." The beast didn't have a soul but he certainly prepared Eve to believe that he had one. Didn't he?

[94] ...fine, scholarly, educated people. I was standing there to shake the man's hand and wish him God's speed, as he went out.

[95] And when I did, here came my crowd in. They couldn't let them in while his crowd was there. ...mine, came in wheel chairs, stretchers, strait jackets, insane, and everything else. You see the difference? That's it. That is the thing I'm talking about.... See, it's something different.

28 Now what you're looking at here is Bro. Branham simply saying, "My ministry which was given through this intercourse with God, this great ministry of a gift of healing, the discernment and all those things, does not attract the educated people for an educated answer. It's not meant to be something that will employ the educated people's minds. It will be something that makes people say, 'Listen, there is a God. There is something here I don't understand but it works.'" These people want nothing to do with that because they cannot understand it. They cannot reason it.

There is no other Pillar of Fire except the Pillar of Fire that followed the Apostle...rather, the great prophet Moses. There is no other Pillar of Fire-they don't even call it a Pillar of Fire-that came to Paul. They wouldn't call it that. They would call it a cloud that came at Pentecost. But they cannot associate that to this hour; there is no way because they're looking at It as students from an educated viewpoint. "We're going to figure this thing out." See?

[96] When, by scientific knowledge (that's social, political gospel, easy believism) you can make all understanding Gospel, (Now this is what the people have today, by scientific knowledge. You take the whole Word in the Bible and you give It your human understanding. You can even go so far as to say,)..."he that believeth on...Christ shall not be condemned,"

29 And they'll say that because, you see, they can say that and say this has done it. If you don't believe it, how could the Roman Catholic church sell indulgences to people who have not yet sinned, making sure that they were free when they did sin? Say, "Well, I paid for that." You could kill. You could bamboozle, commit adultery, anything you wanted. You paid for it. Because the Catholic church could not produce this; she had fallen from the virgin church that she once was, and adopted paganism and idolatry. So she couldn't do it. Neither can the Church of Christ, the Baptist and the rest. It's easy to say, "Hey, listen, He died. He died. He died." That's great. That takes care of them. Well, what about it? My Bible tells me, that He died to take away condemnation but in spite of His death there is still condemnation. So figure that one out. You know why? Because they don't believe the Word; the light's not there.

[97] Now, "These signs...follow them that believe," see, he fails to put It in there, see.

This nice man with his congregation; they have no time for that. They say, "Hey, it's either hallucination. It is hypnosis or it is the devil." Never got healed after all because there's nothing there. It's just psychosomatic." Now they find about everything else but everything is psychosomatic, almost every single thing. So, they explained it away; so there's no signs to follow them.

[97] Now, he failed to put It in there, see. She believed on Jesus Christ, (so the woman is saved; she raised her hand, so) she is saved, (See? But she cannot believe on the signs following.)

[98] And yet the Bible says, he that heareth My Word," not just anything, not just hear It, but, "understand It."

30 Now let's go back to what I was talking about. Can the people understand Mark 16? They rejected it. Then how are you going to understand Deuteronomy 18 that describes prophets and there are no prophets? How are you going to take Jn 14:12, "greater works than this shall he do," and believe this man could say "that Christ has more success in his life and ministry than he had in His own?" Now do you think anybody is going to believe that? Nobody but us and even us, we're not too hilarious about it, when we should be white hot about it, about everything that was done because you see, the more that's done, the more solid the vindication.

You know actually if you had gold and they'd let you use it, the more gold you'd pile upon gold when the big break comes, you'd be the best off. Then why don't you turn it in for the gold of God? The Book of Revelation

suggests it. The trial of your faith, put your knowledge to one side, and put your faith into action, in the fully identified ministry.

31 Now listen to what Bro. Branham says,

[98] ... the prostitute can hear It and remain a prostitute; see, a drunkard can hear It; a liar can hear It and...remain a liar. But, "He that heareth understandeth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life."

In other words, that person is no longer a liar, no longer a prostitute, no longer a cheat, no longer a murderer, and so and so. Bro. Branham's ministry is vindicated, so therefore, if you believed in vindication, you could believe his Word. Here we find the separation that's mentioned in the Word of God. Right here in Bro. Branham's ministry, completing this man's ministry and this man's word with William Branham's ministry, and William Branham's word and let's go to Matthew 24.

Vindication; that's the name of the game, brother/sister, the name of the whole thing, a vindicated message: "Ah, vindication, my foot. Pentecost had THUS SAITH THE LORD." Did they? I was in Pentecost nearly all my life, well, not all my life; eighteen to about thirty some years of age. They never had THUS SAITH THE LORD. They lie about it. They'll lie about anything. Now listen!

(24) ...there shall arise false Christs, (even lying) prophets, shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

(25) Behold, I have told you before. (See, all right, and notice,)

(26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: in the secret chambers; believe it not. (But what?)

(27) For as lightning cometh out of the east, (shines) even (to) the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

In other words, the coming of the Son of man be...is going to be with the tested signs and wonders, proving that this is the same Jesus back here in the Spirit, who was over there in the flesh. Going to bring the same Word, same one, same light in the East, will rise in the West. [Matthew 24]

(28) For where ever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered....

32 Now watch! The eagles will be gathered. Okay. Let's go to the Book of...Revelation, and we're going to go to Revelation 4:

(6) And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

(7) And the first beast was like a lion, the second beast like a calf, the third beast had a face as a man, the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

How many beasts are there? Four beasts, one was a lion, one was a calf, and one was a man, and one was an eagle.

33 Now let's go to the 6th chapter of the Book of Revelation. All right. ...

(1) ... (and) one of the beasts (which beast would that be? It would be number one. Okay.)

Seal number two, there's another beast; and number three, there's another beast: and in Seal Number four and that's where the whole thing ends, there's another beast. What beast would it be? The eagle. The first would be a lion, the next would be a calf, the next would be a man, and the last would be an eagle. So, it runs its entire course and comes back to an eagle, prophet, comes back now to revelation.

And notice at the time of the eagle, the voice says, "Come see," and at that time when the East...the light from the East comes to the West and the Son of man is thoroughly revealed and so is the son of perdition. Waiting for the Son of man to be immortalized by reincarnation and Satan to be reincarnated, at this particular time it says, "Death and hell followed upon that beast, unto the time of the eagle." So it tells you, a true prophet and false prophet. It tells you truth and a lie. Which way are you going? And power was given over them to begin to destroy in the earth. In other words, it's the last shakedown. The devil takes over, then Christ comes back to take over in Revelation 19 which would look unto you.

34 Now Bro. Branham says,

[99] "No man can come to Me, except the Father draws him, ...all that the Father gives Me will come to Me." Amen. It's in all the sovereignty and foreknowledge of God. He lives alone and there's nobody tells Him what to do.

Now with that in mind, how are you going to go to some church that's got it all laid out in a book? And every church has got its own book. And every person has got his own idea. There's coming a day like Bro. Branham said, "If only ten people had the same thoughts, could say the same thing, there'd be a rapture." Well, there could be more than that, I don't know.

35 Now listen!

[100] Now, by unbelief, and taking all the Word of God, has brought a sin [seed] of unbelief, unholy, sinful, hatred, ...Eternal death is in this sinful, intellectual church age.

Now he's telling you right there, something that we must be aware of. There is the whole Word of God that can be taken and It's before the people and at that particular time you are going to see this terrible separation and these terrible things upon earth.

36 Now let's go to the Book of Acts 3 and read about it and Peter is preaching on the Day of Pentecost, he said,

(19) Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, (There should be a period there. Now notice!) when times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (He's here; a great healing revival is taking place.)

(20) And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

(21) Whom the (heavens) must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Now he's telling you at that particular time, in the Presence of God, the gospel will go forth and the heavens positively must keep Him there until there's a restoration of everything spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began. So you've got to have a complete revelation of the entire Bible as Bro. Branham said, "The prophet in the former rain plants the seed of the entire Bible from the serpent seed right to the very end." In other words, the revelation is coming forward.

(22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him whatsoever he shall say unto you. your God (you will) hear in all things

(23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

37 And Bro. Branham said, "God's His own prophet." Every time God came to a prophet, He incarnated that man. God was His own prophet but He had to use a figure. He has to be because you've got to associate with creation here. And that's exactly what God did. That was in God to associate with creation. The living God had life within Him. He had the ability. He had what was really in His heart, intrinsically within Him, essentially to be a part of it. How can He do it? Through His race, His children, bringing forth, and that's what He did. See? And we're the children of the prophets by reason of that Word.

38 Him you will hear in all things," listen, "it will come to pass that every soul that will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed among the people." I want to tell you something that did not happen at the time when Jesus Christ was here. It did not happen. They were scattered worldwide. But at the end time it does happen because it has got to. And the Bible distinctly says, "At that time when Elijah comes, the earth is going to burn, leaving neither root nor branch." It will be all over. So what prophet is it? Elijah! But the Elijah said, "God is His own prophet, the Elijah of this hour is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, not a man, God, but it comes by a prophet." Again he said, "Our Joshua is the Holy Spirit, again not a man. But the Holy Spirit to take us in and the Pillar of Fire lead us in."

39 Do you think people believe that? They cannot believe it because they were not predestinated to it. And that is also a copout. You'd be surprised when people say, "Well, you see, I might not have been meant to believe It." Maybe a sister sitting here, "Well, Bro. Vayle, I wasn't meant to have the insight my husband had." What are you supposed to sit on it or something? What are you talking about? You got a vote in the church. It means you got to regard your own welfare.

Some churches say, "Well, we won't let the women vote." That means the husband is going to stand for his wife. Not on judgment day. You'll stand for where you lead her wrong; you didn't keep her right, but she'll stand on her own two feet, and don't you forget it. You women got to vote. You better watch your souls. All this talk about a weaker vessel, hogwash! The only strength that men have beyond you is their more endurance to sin. And now we find women live longer so you got more time to do it, and you'll catch up and beat us. What's all this nonsense? Better understand what the weaker vessel means. It just means she can't handle the Word of God, that's all. But she can handle the understanding of It, and feed her soul and she better, positively. There's no two ways about that one.

40 Now Jesus said, "No man can come, except My Father draw him." How many people believe in sovereignty? That's the first thing the devil tricked her out of. See? Now he's got this terrible church; it's all wound up in one great big mess. Now, Eve only had one word off. How many words off did our church have? Our Eve? Another Jesus, another gospel, another spirit. Okay, ...

[100] And in this intellectual, theological seminary that has brought out an intellectual person that's been trained how to speak, what to do, how to show their emotions; and everything like there is in psychology, three and four years, to know how to deal with a man's mind. See, ...

[101] The Spirit of God is not something that...is schooled in you. It is something that is predestinated into you, by the hand of Almighty God. Your spiritual experiences cannot be schooled or taught into you. It's predestinated, by God's hand and God's foreknowledge, into you. And that is right.

41 True, but it doesn't mean that a lot of people can't imitate perfectly. You know why? Apostle Paul tells us. Look at over here. 2 Corinthians, we read it just the other week, the 11th chapter. We're talking about these false teachers that are ruining the gospel, these elders that went astray.

(13) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

(14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

(15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness; (telling how to get saved, how to be right with God) whose end shall be according to their works (which is burning).

He's telling you that this man that told that woman that she was saved, and led them away from the truth, that man and his converts will die. Now are you going to come around and say something different? Now here is the tricky spot.

"Well, you're condemnatory. Nobody's got it but you." I always get that thrown in my face. Well, if you want to look at it that way, look at it that way. Talk to the Methodist, he's got the same opinion. Go to the Baptist, he's got the same opinion. But if I open my mouth, then I'm wrong. Then tell them to shut theirs. Make the Catholic shut-up. Make the Protestant shut-up. Make them all shut-up; they're all a bunch of cults. And we are, too. So I'm supposed to deny my freedom?

"Well, you see, you're hateful." Why am I hateful? Because I believe there's a prophet with genuine signs and wonders. You can't win for losing.

42 That's why when the antichrist comes on the scene he will club them. You'll neither buy nor sell, you'll die. And the foolish virgin will be hunted down like dogs and destroyed. Don't think the Catholic church didn't do it. And don't think the Protestants didn't burn Servetus at the stake either. Who did that? Calvin; and he wasn't born again. He was a very clever French theologian but he wasn't born again.

Augustine didn't have the Holy Ghost. And yet the stupid Protestants think that Augustine was the guy that brought out the truth...brought out the doctrine of predestination. I find it in my Bible, Paul did it. And I find that Jesus did it. What are they talking about? Shows their ignorance; their complete complicity to a false religion, and a worship of Satan though they deny it.

And you know what? They'll be so happy to kill you; they'll dance on your grave. Sure. Don't think they won't. They'd be happy if you're here and they'll be glad to destroy you because you bug them. Because you're one stooping dissenting voice, and thank God our dissent is not with politics and with the government. It stinks, leave it alone. Let your dissent be with ecumenism and the World Council of Churches and the lies that are being hurled onto the world. And they'll have signs and wonders because Matthew 7 says so, "Though you did them, I

don't know you."

[102] Now, he brought forth this great Eden (that is Satan did) that they now live in, a world church...Eden. They're all uniting together now at the great Ecumenical Council, and going to have the world church all coming under one head, where Satan will be throned,

43 Now he doesn't say he thinks he'll be throned. He said, "He will be throned." And if you think the pope isn't ready for it, why is he already had a throne and three crowns? He's got two crowns to prove he's got what God said, and he's got a third crown to prove what he made up. And they're all gold so he makes money. He's got the crown of heaven and a crown of earth, and the crown of purgatory.

Interesting, and all the popes died. All the popes died and not one came back to tell the truth, if there is any truth. And not one had a sign for his dogma, not one had any vindication or indication. It all lay in politics; the convenience of a mind. Do you want your mind convenient this morning, brother/sister? Or do you want your mind inconvenienced by the Word of God and let some real true peace come in? The more I preach this the better I feel, physically and mentally and spiritually. I got no problems. I got no problems with God's Word; I got it with myself. That trouble is I don't fill myself enough with God's Word; that must be the answer.

44 Now listen!

[103] ...the last call is going out, to catch the Bride before She gets into that. (What? In the World Council of Churches.) For once in that, she has taken the mark of the beast, and doomed, she will never come out of it. That is the reason, I say, "Come out from among them, My people," before it goes into him, see. "Come out from them, and be separated."

Now did Bro. Branham have the actual vindication for Rev 18:4, "Come out of her, my people?" Did he have the vindication to be that Voice that spoke in Matthew 25, "Come out, and behold Him?" Did he have the actual vindication to say that he was the one who God used, and the Lord descended from heaven with a Shout which was the message, which was the command? Is he the one that told us concerning 1 Corinthians 15, that Mighty One that descended to put the church in order? Was he that one? Well, you know what? The world's going to explode one of these days, it's going to go. Somebody better come in a hurry.

45 What happened at Chernobyl? Nobody really knows, but it was a meltdown, wasn't it, really? They're beginning to admit it, hinting at it. And now they say, they don't know how far it went down into the earth, and the earth is full of fissures. Right? And there's water in the earth, and the middle of the earth is hot. It's full of molten lava. And the water gets down there and turns into steam, and the steam comes up to the fissures, and earthquakes shake it loose. Is anybody safe from Chernobyl? No.

What about America? Talk to Don Hockenberry: You all know him, don't you? He sat here many times with us. He was one of the fellows that made... He was a shop steward there, had seventy some men under him, for the grievances and all. And they had this great big solid concrete vat for cooling. The painters were down below painting it, and he saw it was resting on clips. Imagine! Resting on clips and one of the clips was already bent and all that radioactive water would have come tumbling down. And Don said, "Many times they let radioactive water go down the river." But that's the smart engineer, isn't it? Can you imagine? We got engineers sitting here this morning. What kind of an engineer put metal clips? You'd put trusses and stanchions and God knows what to make sure there's no slippage.

Polluting America! America got away because it's not America's time yet. These are the smart minds that are running the universe. These are the educated men that are in the churches. These are the ones that have made their

own gods. And it's a scientific god. We'll just take the universe and do what we want with it. And now they're getting scared, real scared because the Green Peace and some environmentalists know that God will destroy those who destroy the earth, only they say, "We will destroy ourselves for doing it." Sure.

[102] Now, hatred death, and Eternal separation from God, is in this Eden; lust, filth, perversion, (how?) by sowing the wrong seed.

46 And, of course, the question is how are you going to come back to it? You can only come back to it by coming to the Word of God and an eradication of the wrong seed. Because the sower went forth to sow, and he sowed good seed, but at night a man sowed amongst them tares, and they said, "Shall we pull the tares up?"

He said, "By no means, no, unless you pull up some of the good ones."

In other words, all down through the ages, they must exist together, and if you try to blot the bad seed out, you will destroy good seed. It's impossible because they lie in the one vessel coming down through the channels of life. So he said, "Let them grow until the end time," and they did. Now he said, "The harvester will come."

47 There's another parable. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man that sowed a mustard seed in the field, the least of all seeds, and it grew and covered the whole earth. And the birds of the trees came," and that's a wrong evil sign. God's Eden is taken over entirely by the enemy. How are you going to get out? Let me tell you something. If God doesn't bail you out, brother/sister, there isn't one Word in here that tells you how you're going to make it. You find it, all you want, you tell me where God...where the Word of God puts His finger on it, and say, "Now you people that are going to be immortal, I'm going to tell you exactly all about it. Here it is in one sentence. You tell me. You can't do it."

48 Like you can't tell me why did John the Baptist come before Jesus? Who needed him? And you're going to say like the Jews, "Well he was a farce. Who needs him? And who needs him?" Now who needs Him? And who needs the One that's here? "Hallelujah, we got it." Well, come on.

Now where did they get it? From smart, superior brains. Just a Kentucky hillbilly; I can't wait for him to get back and see that Kentucky hillbilly and to hear them Kentucky hillbilly witticisms, and hear that Kentucky hillbilly Word of God. And as far as I am concerned the whole world is one big state of Kentucky and Indiana was a nice place he stayed for awhile, but he also liked Ohio. Let's rise.

49 Heavenly Father, we want to thank You for Your Word of truth which we know to be given to us in this hour. It's no longer a darkened hour; it's no longer an hour we need to worry about it, but it has been clearly distinguishly said unto us that Satan is going to be worshipped by believing that they're worshipping You. And that takes care of it. But Lord, we're not in that because we know that the true God has been revealed to us because that's exactly what You said, that Your Son would reveal Him to whomever He will, and we appreciate that so much.

We thank You for the Word of truth, therefore, this day, and Lord God, help us to get white hot concerning It, to be fervent in Spirit as never before. And make this our one life and our one way. We can't do anymore, get out there Lord, to beat tin cans with a stick and scream the Presence of God, help us to at least do that. To understand Lord, and say, and understand what Bro. Branham said, "He is here. I declare to you by vision He is here." Camera caught it and everything, and we stand with It Lord. Help us to be white hot in this Word Lord, that we hear today, to see the two messages, to see the two vines, to see the division of people, to see all of this thing come up Lord. Because the people are divided today because we know that You've come, Your prophet has come, the true anointing is in our midst, the true baptism with the Holy Ghost in us, and the great Baptizer

Himself present. The Pillar of Fire to take us into the Millennium. These things we know Lord, help us to be very, very sincere; very, very sober, O God, yet very, very zealous. If not zealous, Lord, of telling people; they don't listen anyway. Be all the more zealous within our souls that thank God we have been one of those whose eyes have been opened to see the truth and the glory of our Lord. Unmistakably a part of the kingdom, the wheat gathered in the garner at the time of the great Thresher Himself whose fan is in His hand, thoroughly purging His floor, gather the wheat in the garner. We know Lord, nothing was left to chance. You did it, then You brought a man like John the Baptist to point us to You who are doing it. We appreciate that. We thank You for all these things. We cannot praise You enough in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.