

French African Minister Meeting
Questions and Answers, October 2022
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Question 1: is quoting something brother Branham said from his sermon **How can I overcome 63-0825M P:55** The partial quote reads like this...
“Though he's my husband, but yet (Your--your pastor is your husband spiritually speaking. You see?)”

Then the question, ... *“During your missionary trip in Kinshasa in DRC back in 2004, you declared that, the following statement **”Your pastor is your husband spiritually speaking”** was said by the prophet, with humor, not seriously, I may be wrong, but it was what I understood then, so my question is, if it's so, why did brother Vayle make the following statements in **questions and answers on the pastors no 11, Page 1 and 2:**“Now, since we started attempting to give **a scriptural middle of the road** dissertation on something brother Branham said about pastor and people relationship, especially concerning the one where, **“the pastor spiritually speaking is the husband of the church,”** we want to continue with that thought in mind in order to understand and receive much things as we possibly can. ... Now, in this question dealing with this thesis of **“the pastor spiritually being husband of the church,”** we want to go to **1 Corinthians 7**, because it deals with marriage. **And if you're going to talk about husband and wife, you're talking about marriage**, and in verses **10 and 11**, we had read and looked at.”*

Answer no 1: Now, the quotes you used of brother Branham does not give the entire picture of what he is saying. And neither does the one you gave from Br. Vayle's sermon.

Br. Vayle was not teaching as doctrine that the pastor is the husband of the church, he was just saying that if he was, then you must look at all the implications of marriage and thus **1 Corinthians 7**. And so that is what we are going to do to answer your question. And if you are to look at a pastor actually being the husband of the church you would also have to deal with the laws of marriage and you would be stuck with that pastor for life, and if you ever leave that pastor and seek out another you would be committing adultery, because you would be married to more than one pastor.

Therefore, we must not play games with the Word of God and try to make it say things that it does not say. If you are going to assume that what William Branham was saying he was teaching for doctrine, that the pastor is the husband of the church, then he would also have to say that Christ is not the husband of the church, and that the pastor is the head of the church. And that is because you cannot have two husbands. So either Christ is the head of the church or the pastor is the husband of the church. But you can't have it both ways. Furthermore we know that William Branham only taught what the apostle Paul Taught and therefore was not teaching for doctrine this notion that the pastor is the husband of the church but rather was using this as an illustration. Because to teach it as doctrine would be contrary would be to contrary to what the apostle Paul taught and therefore bring a curse upon Himself.

So let's look first at the quote in its entirety from William Branham. And when you do, you will find he is using these words in an illustration showing how some church member just follow their husbands blindly like some women follow their husbands blindly. YOU have to look at what he says before and after he makes that statement, because what he says before and after make all the difference in how we are to understand what he is saying.

So we see in his sermon **How can I overcome 63-0825M P:55** brother Branham is talking about Lot's wife where the partial quote was lifted from, Notice how he is speaking of Lot's wife here. **How can I overcome 63-0825M P:53**

I might mention another character. In the days of Lot (Jesus referred to it.) there were only three that overcome: Lot and his two daughters. Not even his wife didn't overcome. She is... She started out; she's a type. (Wish we had time; my thirty minutes is up right now. See?) She--she was--she done all right; she left. Now, I've got to give this to you just a moment. Many of you has left too. Many of you left these things to take your stand, after you searched it through the Scripture and find it's right. You seen the vindication of Almighty God, but not what some--what somebody said was the vindication, what the Bible said would be, and here it is doing it. You saw it was the Truth. So you set out to leave Sodom, leave the denominations, leave the things that bind you to a creed, and to follow Christ by the Holy Spirit vindicating Himself by the written Word of God. In other words, you took the Bible instead of the creed. You've set out to follow. 54 Well, Lot's wife did the same thing, you know. She set out to go with Lot, follow her husband, her children, her loved ones, but it wasn't in her heart. She still loved the world.

*So it's possible you can make a start and still be the world in you. See, she never overcome. And even though she was well on the road, it finally overthrewed her. She had to take that one big, long, last look. There's where she got caught. Don't even look back. Don't have no desires. Keep going. Put your mind on Calvary and keep moving towards Christ. 55 "See, she started out as an overcomer, but **she never did overcome**. Oh, she left the denomination; she did. **She walked out of Sodom with Lot, but she wanted to go back** and have her hair cut. You know what...?... **She had to go back**. She just couldn't stand the test. **She had to look back again to see what the rest of them was doing**. "Oh, you know, I have some good friends down there after all. And after all, this might be just a little move; **I don't know whether it could be right or not**. I've only got **this man's word for it**. **Though he's my husband, but yet (Your pastor is your husband spiritually speaking**. You see?) now, whether it could be right or not. **I don't know, maybe his revelation wasn't right...?..."Then, if you're not perfectly satisfied, you're not perfectly know that it's the Word of God, then you can't go**. See? You've got to be really sold out. **You've got to know it, not just say, "Well, I see others doing it. I see a sign."***

So first of all brother Branham is only using Lots wife as an example to make a point that she had no revelation of her own, and was only following her husband without having her own revelation as to why. And he is illustrating how that so many people just follow their pastor like a lots wife did her husband, but she had no revelation of her own so when the going got tough, she turned back from following the man. Therefore, she was a type of the church goer who follows the crowd without their own personal revelation.

Now, to get from this illustration that Br. Branham is actually teaching that a pastor is actually the husband of the church, you will really have to stretch what he is saying, and then deny what the apostle Paul taught as doctrine. But it also means people who teach this have no revelation of the Word themselves. It's one thing to use this example as a story or as an illustration to make a point, but it is quite another to make it a doctrine that must be followed.

Calling any Pastor the husband of the church would be no different than to say that Jesus was actually a hen, because he said of himself in **Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy**

*children together, even **as a hen** gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

Well of course it would take a very unbalanced mind to conclude from this statement that Jesus was calling himself a hen. Yet they use one statement of brother Branham trying to paint the picture of how the church member who has no revelation, but just follows their pastor as lots wife followed her husband out of the city, but because it was not revealed, she turned back, and they try to use this illustration to control the church. And then they say the prophet taught that. But he did not teach that.

Now in his sermon on **Stewardship #13 Certified P:68** Brother Vayle lets us know how dangerous it is to use an illustration to a people who are not filled with the Holy Spirit. And remember “*without the Holy Spirit no man can understand the things of God.*” So he says, “**Now you can use that as an illustration, and that’s fine. And you can relate it to people, that’s very good. And you can have a lot of truth there. **But** I want to show you here that when you get to the definitive, you better realize that there is a principle with the definitive, and, **if any time an illustration is used, it could lead you vastly astray and destroy you.** That’s what Bro. Branham was very worried about. **What about the parables of Jesus?** He explained them all. So, when a man has the Holy Ghost, a woman has the Holy Ghost, that person will act out, should act out and will act out, if he brings under his body, stands right there holding it up, as a sacrifice to God, that person will act out the Holy Ghost. And, when he does, *he will not rejoice in iniquity, he’ll only rejoice in truth; [he] will bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things, never fail, no matter what comes.***

There is a danger that must not be overlooked in our understanding the use of parables or stories by our Lord Jesus Christ, or His prophets for that matter. The danger in using parables or stories to illustrate a point is that if you do not understand what the speaker is really talking about, the story or parable that He chooses to use can be a two-edged sword, and you can end up running in the wrong direction based on what you perceive the story to be telling you. **A parable then can mislead an audience just as easy as it can drive a point home.** And that is exactly what Jesus tells the disciples in **Matthew 13:10-17**

10 Then the disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do You speak to the crowds in parables?” 11 Jesus replied to them, “To you it has been

granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 For whoever has spiritual wisdom to him more will be given, and he will be richly and abundantly supplied; but whoever does not have spiritual wisdom, even what he has will be taken away from him. **13 This is the reason I speak to the crowds in parables:** because while having the power of seeing they do not see, and while having the power of hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand and grasp spiritual things. **14** In them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL HEAR and KEEP ON HEARING, BUT NEVER UNDERSTAND; AND YOU WILL LOOK and KEEP ON LOOKING, BUT NEVER COMPREHEND; **15** FOR THIS NATION'S HEART HAS GROWN HARD, AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY HARDLY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE [tightly] CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART, AND TURN [to Me] AND I WOULD HEAL THEM [spiritually].' **16** But blessed [spiritually aware, and favored by God] are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. **17** I assure you and most solemnly say to you, many prophets and righteous men [who were honorable and in right standing with God] longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

And so, Illustrations and parables and stories are good to drive home a point to those who understand spiritual things but to those who do not it is very dangerous for them to take the parable as doctrine.

The apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 4:3** **But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4** In whom the god of this world **hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest **the light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, **should shine unto them.**

So God uses his ministry to preach and teach things in such a way, using illustrations, parables, and other such speaking techniques to purposely hide from the lost what God has revealed to them which have His Spirit.

Br. Branham said in his sermon **Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:13** **And each time, if you who take the tapes and listen, and I hope and trust that you have had a spiritual understanding of what that God has been in trying to get over to the church without saying it right out. See? It's a thing sometime... We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely. It must be done that way.**

So parables, and illustrations and stories are inserted to nail down a point to them that believe and understand, but to those who do not understand and believe it may cause them to scatter or cause them to ponder over, and eventually fall away.

And God does that on purpose. Because there are only those ordained to believe it and receive it that are going to understand it, all others Jesus said, will not get it, and so he used parables.

But if you are going to take what William Branham said in this illustration about Lot and his wife and change it to a pastor and his church, as husband of that church, you would have to take the following Scriptures about a wife and her husband and apply it to the pastor as well. That is what Br. Vayle was alluding to with **1 Corinthians 7**. So let's just see if that would hold up with a definitive look at what the scriptures speaks of as to who is the husband of the church. And let's just make it easier for you to see how ridiculous that statement is when we read the scriptures which pertain to the laws of marriage. So let's just change the word **husband** to the word **pastor** to see just how ridiculous it would be.

Romans 7:2 *For the woman which hath an **Pastor** is bound by the law to her **Pastor** so long as he liveth; but if the **Pastor** be dead, she is loosed from the law of her **Pastor**.*

Therefore, you could never change who your pastor is if you believe the pastor is the husband of the church, because to do so it would be adultery. Paul says the husband must be dead in order for the wife to get another husband, and if the pastor is the husband then you are stuck with your first pastor until he is dead if you are going to believe that illustration as doctrine to follow.

And how then would we read **1 Corinthians 14:35** *And if they will learn anything, let them ask their **Pastor** at home: for it is a shame for the church to speak in the church.*

Now, let's go to **1 Corinthians 7** because the Apostle Paul speaks much on the relationship between a wife and her husband. And that is what brother Vayle also suggested that we go to in order to understand this according to the laws of marriage. But as I mentioned if the pastor is the husband of the church, then let's just insert the word **pastor** where the apostle Paul uses the

word **husband**. And where he says woman or wife let's just insert the word **church**.

1 Corinthians 7:2 *Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every **pastor** have his own **church**, and let every **church** have her own **Pastor**.*

1 Corinthians 7:3 *Let the **Pastor** render unto the church due benevolence: and likewise also the church unto the **Pastor**.*

1 Corinthians 7:4 *The **church** hath not power of her own body, but the **Pastor**: and likewise also the **Pastor** hath not power of his own body, but the **church**.*

Now if you read it that way, then the pastor cannot speak freely the Word of God, but he must check with this church before so doing, like many denominations who control their pastor using a church board to do so.

1 Corinthians 7:10 *And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the **church** depart from her **Pastor**:*

1 Corinthians 7:11 *But and if the **church** depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her **Pastor**: and let not the **Pastor** put away his wife.*

I hope by now you can see how ridiculous it would be to take this all the way, but look at this next one, it would be incredible. **1 Corinthians 7:13** *And the **church** which hath a **Pastor that believeth not**, and if the **pastor** be pleased to dwell with the **church**, let her (**the church**) not leave him.*

And why would the unbelieving pastor want to stay with a believing church? MONEY. But why would a believing church wish to have an unbelieving pastor as their head? Now, I know this has happened in this message. It happened in Lima, and it took the people several years to catch on that the pastor was an unbeliever. But, if this were the case that if the unbelieving pastor wishes to stay then how could God's prophet say, "**come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord.**" So you are expected to come out and find a shepherd, a pastor that will feed you.

1 Corinthians 7:14 *For the unbelieving **Pastor** is sanctified by the believing church, and the unbelieving **church** is sanctified by the believing **Pastor**: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.*

1 Corinthians 7:16 *For what knowest thou, O **church**, whether thou shalt save thy **Pastor**? or how knowest thou, O **Pastor**, whether thou shalt save thy **church**?*

1 Corinthians 7:34 *There is difference also between a **church** and a virgin. The unmarried church careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but **the church that is married to the pastor** careth for the things of the world, how she may please her **Pastor**.*

Now, I think this scripture here paints the picture so very plain. That most churches do follow their pastor as though he is their husband instead of the church being married to Christ the Word, because in many places people will turn down truth to obey and please their pastor.

Now, let's just read a few more where the words husband was substituted as pastor so you can see how ridiculous this wrong teaching is to make an illustration into a doctrine that must be lived by.

1 Corinthians 7:39 *The **Church** is bound by the law as long as her **Pastor** liveth; but if the **churches pastor** be dead, the **church** is at liberty to be married to whom the **church** will; only in the Lord.*

Romans 7:2 *For the **Church** which hath a **pastor** is bound by the law to her **Pastor** so long as he liveth; but if the **Pastor** be dead, she the **church** is loosed from the law of her **Pastor**. **3** So then if, while her husband **Pastor** liveth, she be married to another **pastor**, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her **Pastor** be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another **Pastor**.*

So all those people who believe their pastor is their husband, then, if you are not with your first pastor you are now living in adultery. And all you pastors out there who have taken in church members from another church where they had a pastor, into your congregation, you are committing adultery with those persons. Because no woman can have two husbands. And no woman having been married can leave her husband and marry again unless her first husband is dead.

So have it your way, but you cannot have your cake and eat it too. If you teach the pastor is husband of the church, then Christ cannot be the husband of your church. You cannot have it both ways.

Therefore in reading all of these in this way, it would be very apparent that if you ever had a pastor, then the first one is the one you are stuck with the rest of your life, even though he may be off the Word. And then also if a pastor accepts any church member into his church from another church, then if she had a different pastor before, then he is also breaking the law of God and committing adultery to receive this church member into his church.

So you see how ridiculous it is to teach that as a doctrine instead of simply an illustration to point out that people follow their pastor blindly because they have no revelation of their own.

Now, remember brother Branham taught what the apostle Paul taught, and the apostle Paul taught us that we are married to Christ, and He is the Word. He is our husband.

Fifth seal the 63-0322 P:146 *And I set there, and then a voice said, "**You've been gathered to your people like Jacob was gathered to his people.**" I said, "All these my people? Are all these Branhams?" He said, "**No, they're your converts to Christ.**" And I looked around, and there was a real pretty woman run up. She looked real... They was all about the same. She threw her arm around me, and she said, "Oh, my precious brother." She looked at me. I thought, "My, she looked like an angel." And she passed by, and that voice said, "Didn't you recognize her?" I said, "No, I didn't recognize..." Said, "**You led her to Christ when she was past ninety.**" Said, "You know why she thinks so much of you?" I said, "That pretty girl was past ninety?" "Yeah," said, "**She can never change no more now.**" Said, "That's the reason she's saying, "precious brother." I thought, "Oh, my, and I was afraid of this. Why, **these people are real.**" They wasn't going anywhere. They wasn't tired being there. And I said, "Well, why can't I see Jesus?" He said, "Well now, **He will come someday, and He will come to you first, and then you'll be judged.**" Said, "These people are your converts that you've led." And I said, "You mean by being a leader, that He will judge me?" He said, "Yes." And I said, "**Does every leader have to be judged like that?**" Said, "Yes." I said, "What about Paul?" He said, "He will have to be judged with his." "Well," I said, "**if his group goes in, so will mine, 'cause I've preached exactly the same Word.**" I said, "Where he baptized in Jesus' Name, I did too. I*

preached..."And the millions screamed out, all at once, said, "We're resting on that."

Sardisean church age 60-1209 P:46 If you notice this, this is wrote here. The writer knowed. Look, the "seven Spirits." Watch: capital "S," Holy Spirit, only one of them. Uh-huh. The same Holy Spirit coming seven times to all seven church ages bearing the same Light. Get it now? Seven church ages, seven times this Holy Spirit would carry this same Message, **which was pronounced a curse to anyone who'd change It.** Now, see **if that bears with the revelation of the whole thing.** He said, "**Whosoever shall take away or add to, the same will be taken (his part) out of the Book of Life.**" That's the whole thing covered over then. **So there's no room for you to jump or squeeze any place else (See?), 'cause that's it.** That's what God said; that's what the Spirit said; and **that's what the churches said.** Now, **if you try to force in any other kind of a doctrine than what Paul taught, it's wrong.** **The Bible is correct.** His life... Jesus said, "**I'll take his part out of the Book of Life.**"

Therefore, who did the apostle Paul teach that is the husband of the church? Let's just read a few of his statements on that. I will give you three.

No 1. 2 Corinthians 11:2 *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to **one husband**, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to **Christ**.*

No 2. Ephesians 5:24 *Therefore as **the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*** So the type of a wife to her husband is Christ to the church.

No 3. Ephesians 5:23 *For **the husband is the head of the wife, even as** (which means in the same way) **Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body.***

From his sermon **Oneness 62-0211 P:10** brother Branham said, "And it is the only grounds of fellowship that God has ever laid down for Himself and His church, is **the oneness of Himself in the people.** That's the only grounds of fellowship. And the only way that you can have those grounds is **by a union to be united with Him forever. Just like when you unite with your husband, the woman to unite with her husband, it is a vow until death.** Now, then when you unite with God, **it's the same thing that the**

church united with Christ, it's until death we part. And then if you never sin or do anything wrong, you'll be eternally united with God. And **only death can take you away from God**, and not physical death, but **the sin of death**. Sin is death, and **that takes you away from God**. So to be united with Him in the Spirit of His power is Eternal Life; **you're eternally united with God**. Oh, I want to get to that after a bit. United eternally with the eternal God, perfectly in harmony with Him, perfectly united together, a **church that all, both God and His church is one**, united together.

Now, let's see what else brother Branham said about this.

God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:54 Now, watch: ... **in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. Thou shall eat no leavened bread in it;**... What does that typify in the sacrifice? **Don't mix it with any creed: got to be the Word. "No leavened bread..."** Leaven is the... You know what a leaven is in anything. **"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," the whole lump is the Body.** You can't put one speck of denomination **or creed** into Christ. No, sir, it won't work. You remember the last Thursday night's message? **Your old husband must be dead.** That's right. **Your new Husband is the Word.** ... **seven days shall thou eat unleavened bread therein, ... "Seven days,"** what does that typify? **The complete Seven Church Ages, seven days.** Why'd they have to eat it seven days? Before what? Before going out. And the whole church age, from the beginning to the end, has to live only on the Word of God of that age. So your Roman creed, Methodist, Baptist, and Pentecostal creed's all dead.

Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:125 That's my message to you, church. **You that's a union, spiritual union by the Word, that you're dead to these old husbands.** You're born anew. **Don't try to dig him up. He's dead.** If you're a born again Christian, that little Germ that's predestinated in you, it's **Word coming on Word, on Word, on Word, on Word, till it comes into the full statue of Christ.** That's right. So He can come and get His Bride.

Therefore, I cannot fathom in any way how some people can be so dull in their minds as to actually make an illustration, a story, an example, into a creed and then rest their soul on something so clearly wrong. And then on top of that force that creed upon people, as I know of several pastors who actually exchanged rings with each member of their congregation and also exchanged vows. What silliness there is in men who are not called to the

ministry to teach such unfounded doctrine. But I know why they do it. Because these ministers cannot feed the people the bread of life so they resort to controlling them with such silly notions and creeds as this one in order to hold the people to themselves.

Seven church ages 54-0512 P:79 Watch, it's the Church speaking to Him now. "Waters..." **Revelations 17:15**, said, "**Waters means thickness and multitudes of people.**" Now, "His voice," or this Being that was standing there looking like this, **Christ in His Church, as the Bride and Christ being one, like husband and wife is one; the Church and Christ being molded together with one Person, the same Holy Spirit.** And **the things that Christ did, the Church does also.** (that's **John 14:12**) Do you see it? That beautiful Church there in holiness, in power, in majesty, with seeing visions, signs, wonders, **everything just like He did**, here it is on earth; giving all praise to God, saying, "**I can do nothing except the Father shows Me; but He showed Me, and here it is.**"

Second coming of the Lord 57-0417 P:45 That is **husband and wife, which is type of Christ and His Church.** And when you go to your church, you may have the best pews in the city; you may have the highest steeple there is in the city; you may have the best pipe organ; you may dress the best; you may sing like a mockingbird; but all of that, if you're kissing and flirting with the world, that kiss on the cheeks of Christ is a Judatarian kiss. He doesn't want nothing to do with you. He looks upon your wedding engagement ring, and He finds the tablet moved; He finds love has gone; it's a form. He finds loyalty is gone. You've committed fornications with the world. You go to dances, and boogie-woogie parties, and watch old dirty television programs. **You are committing adultery with Christ, on Him, as calling Him your Husband.** The Bible said, "You say, 'I am rich, I have need of nothing.'" But He said, "**You don't know that you are naked, miserable, blind, poor, and don't know it.**" It's time we lit a candle and swept the house. The coming of the Lord is at hand.

Question no 2: During the last French ministers meeting, answering to the following question:

Come follow me 63-0601 P :12 "And these young ones setting in here tonight, some of them are graduating; some has already graduated. But I realize, Lord, something that happened just a few hours before that great shock, or great blast, had taken place in the mountain up there north of

Tucson, when the Angels of the Lord came down. I remember what was said and especially about the young people.”

“Dear pastor, I would like to know, what was said exactly about us young people, thanks. You said: “I do not know unless it was concerning the young people who were let out of school to watch the column of cloud go up and down up and down.” Then you quoted the prophet in his sermon **Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:12.”**

“Is that event spoken in **Who is this Melchisedec? The same that what took place on Sunset Mountain with the coming angels? Because the coming 7 angels, was in 1963, while the event spoken in **Who is this Melchisedec**, took place later, just what I think though I can be wrong.”**

Answer no 2: No it is not. Sunset Mountain was before the Seals in 1963, what took place in Tucson was before Marriage and Divorce. Brother Branham preached both **Who is this Melchisedec** and **Marriage and Divorce** the same day, **February 21, 1965**, so these are two different events altogether.

Question no 3: **Acts 17:26** *And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;*

“Quoting this scripture, ministers today, are saying that interracial marriage is scriptural, which we all know, it’s apostasy taking place, what can you say then according to the Doctrine of Christ?”

Answer no 3: Well, I would not call it apostasy, because our prophet did not call it that. So let’s just say what God’s prophet said, and be able to show it from the Written Word. And then it will be said correctly. Remember **people are going to do what they are going to do**, but let’s not get sidetracked from what God is getting us ready for which is resurrection. Balaam got side tracked from what God was doing by looking at the sin of Israel.

Now, I could give you all the quotes from God’s prophet on that subject and then people would use it against me and call me all kinds of names like they did to Br. Donnie Reagan, calling him “the most racist minister in America”. Even national news media called him that. I felt sorry for the guy, because he was just quoting God’s prophet on that subject. But, today anyone who

believes like that is called a racist. So I'm going to avoid this question altogether as though it is a trap, and just say that if you lay out all the things our prophet taught us, there should be no question concerning interracial marriage.

Brother Vayle made it very clear, that brother Branham took his stand on interracial marriage not from the Bible because Moses was interracially married, but he took it concerning the hardships that interracial marriage causes the children of such marriages to go through. After all, brother Branham himself was a product of an interracial marriage, and the other children in his school gave him a very hard time calling him a squab which means "**the son of a squaw**", which the word "**Squaw**" is a slang term for "**female Indian**". Those were words that were used to **cause hurt**, and he never wanted anyone to have to go through what he went through. And so it causes problems.

So in order to avoid problems, God's Word tells us in **2 Chronicles 20:20** "**Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.**"

And let's face it, how in the world are you going to "**believe in the lord your God and become established**" without hearing what God says through His prophets. For "**the Word of the Lord comes to the Prophets.**" And to prosper means to rise above hardships.

But my main concern is that we get our eyes off of everyone and everything except what God is doing right now. When you look at what others are doing you will get sidetracked from what God is doing, because you are looking at vessels of men and not God. Jesus told Peter to "**get his eyes off of John and onto him alone.**" When Peter asked him questions concerning John, Jesus said, "**what is that to thee, follow thou me.**"

We sing the song "**Turn your eyes upon Jesus look full into his wonderful face and the things of this world will grow strangely dim, in the light of His Glory and grace.**" If others wish to believe they are the husband of their church let them. If they wish "**to believe a lie and be damned by it,**" that is their choice and thus their problem and they will have to deal with the consequences of their decision to teach that, but it's not your problem. Just teach the truth, but don't get sidetracked by the false. We should not get

sidetracked by what the devil and his angels of light are doing. We should just stay focused on Christ and what he is doing now for His Elect.

Question no 4: Marriage and divorce 65-0221M P : 75 *There is no minister that can marry a widow. Did you know that? You want to read that? All right, you get in **Leviticus 21:7** and **Ezekiel 44:22** and it will show you that the priesthood was not to marry a woman that's been touched by man. This type is of the virgin Bride of Jesus Christ, because they handled the fire of God, the priests did, Aaron's sons.*

“Is it about a spiritual virginity as some said?”

Answer no 4: “Is it about a spiritual virginity as some said?” **Of course not.** There is no way a person can read from this scripture and think it pertains to anything other than what it is saying. God “**said what he meant and he meant what he said.**” Worldly preachers are falling away, and “**if the blind lead the blind then won’t all fall in the ditch.**” Let’s not let the direction of these meetings turn from their purpose to get us all in the mindset for the Shout of **1 Thessalonians 4** to move into the Voice of the Resurrection. And let’s not look at what others are doing or preaching and allow that to distract us from what God has for us.

From his sermon **God keeps His Word 57-0120E P:70** William Branham said, “**And we can only know Him according to the Bible. Not by our church, but by the birth, the new birth, being borned again. And Father, I believe with all my heart, there's not a mortal person here, along with myself, who would want to be condemned or go to hell. And why would we let something stand in our way? Why do we accept a counterfeit when the skies are full of the real?”**

And from **Hebrews Chapter 7 part 1 57-0915E P:92** he also said, “**And when you try to say, "Lord, I love You," and doing the things of the world, God knows you're a liar to begin with. So why... What's the use to accept an old half-way experience, and something another like that, when the great skies of heaven are full of the real thing? Why do you want to be a miserable, professed, half way, half-baked, so-called Christian, when you can be a real borned again child of God with the joybells of heaven ringing in your heart, rejoicing, and praising God, and living a life of victory through Jesus Christ. Not trying to do it yourself, because you'll fail to begin with. But take Him at His Word, and rest upon**

what He said was the truth, and believe Him, and love Him, and He'll make everything work right in right for you. That's it. That's the idea."

The devil wants to distract the brethren from what we should be focused upon, and that is watching this Shout and looking for it to move to the Voice of the resurrection and to do that we need to stay with what the prophet and Scriptures teaches us. **Matthew 10:41** *He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

So they then asked the question... ***"What a minister is supposed to do, if he's not matching that's scriptural condition, as we are seeing many today?"***

Answer 4B: What is a minister supposed to do? Read your commission my brother in **Ephesian 4**. God tells you what he expects from you. **Ephesians 4:11** *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

So what are the duties of the ministry? ***What are you supposed to do? What are you ordained to accomplish?*** Paul tells us.

Verse 12 Number 1. ***For the perfecting of the saints,*** (and what is that? To fully equip them with the Word, to help finish them in their growth, bringing them to full maturity)

Number 2. ***for the work of the ministry,*** What is the work of the ministry? Feeding the flock, as a shepherd watching over the flock, instructing them in the Word.

Number 3.) ***for the edifying of the body of Christ:*** And what does that mean? It means to get them built up, solid, mature. So that they can handle whatever the Devil throws their way by going immediately to the Scriptures.

And how long must we continue in this work? The apostle Paul answers that as well.

13 ***Till we all come in the unity of the faith,*** And what is The Faith? Well, Faith is a Revelation, so it is The Revelation. And what is The Revelation, it

is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And then he says that we will never come to the Revelation until we come to an understand of Who that revelation is all about.

Notice Paul adds, *“and of the knowledge of the Son of God*, and this is where most ministers fall short, because they are so busy building up the church in terms of numbers instead of character. And unless you get them focused on the Son of God they will never come into the character of Christ. So get the people focused on Christ. And then that will bring the people...

“unto a perfect man”, And that word **perfect** is translated from the Greek word **“teleios”** which refers to a son that is ready for adoption. Notice how that word is used throughout the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 14:20 *be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. “teleios”- fully mature sons*

1 Corinthians 2:6 *Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: “teleios”- fully mature sons yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*

Philippians 3:15 *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, “teleios”- fully mature sons be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Colossians 1:28 *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect “teleios”- fully mature sons in Christ Jesus:*

Hebrews 5:14 *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, “teleios”- fully mature sons, ready for adoption - even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

James 1:4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect “teleios”- fully mature sons and entire, wanting nothing.*

James 3:2 *For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, “teleios”- fully mature sons and able also to bridle the whole body.*

1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect “teleios”- fully mature sons in love.*

You see, then the apostle Paul in **Ephesians 4** says, *unto the measure of the stature* (helikiah, which means “**the full maturity**”) *of the fulness of Christ:*

And then he closes down by saying, **14** *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;***15** *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

YOU see Christ is the head, but we are the body. Can you image putting the fully mature head of a man on the body of a little child? Christ, who is the head, must fit perfectly with onto the body, so the body has to mature and grow up into Him. Not him coming down to our level but we growing up into him.

17 *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

And that is what your ministry is all about. Not building an organization, but building up a body to fit with the head Christ.

I am sorry my brothers, but we cannot afford for one minute to be distracted by all things done in other congregations, and by ministers who are only pretending to be called. God told you what to do, so do it.

Question no 5: As pastors, we are facing birth control debate between husbands and wives, and there are now many new things coming up, as you know, so as an elder pastor, what can you wisely, advise us to do, as pastors?

Brother Branham taught there is only one right way to do it and that is the natural method, and there are many counselors that teach natural family

planning. Brothers, the majority of these questions I would expect from someone just coming into the Message, but these questions take us back years as though you have not learned anything over the past decade. These are not questions you would expect from fully mature rapture ready ministers. Somehow your minds have been distracted and as Paul said when you ought to be teachers you are still babes on milk.

As the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians the only church that never seemed to come to maturity in the Gospel, **2 Corinthians 11:3** *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

Ok, so now that you know what to do, what your job description is, let's go to the final question.

Questions no 6: *Shalom Faithful servant of the Lord, our Precious Beloved Brother Pastor Brian, May God bless you abundantly and richly with your entire family and church. Amen! In your **Satan's Eden number 12 Pre-Tribulation Delusion** from **October 31, 2021**, You taught us that, "So we see that the problem we have even among us with many who claim to be Message believers, is because **men have received their learning from men, but not from God.** And please don't tell me about **this message church** or **that message church**, because **there is only one Church** and that is **the body of born again believers.** So individuals make up that body and not church bodies. I have never liked that idea of calling churches, **Message Churches**, because many are not. That's like calling **all who believe in justification Lutherans**, yet many who believe in justification, **That the just shall live by Faith** or revelation, which was Luther's Message, but **many who believe that are not Lutherans.** You may call people end time believers, but **not all people who believe we are in the end time** are not in the Message that God brought down with a Shout, and **neither are all who listen to the tapes of William Branham, believers in the Message of the Shout** because **they deny what he taught.** Never forget there are three kinds of believers in every congregation, so churches in general have three kinds of believers. Therefore, to call them all Message churches, is not only a fallacy, but **it is organizational in scope** and denominational in viewpoint. And let's face it, **that kind of talk is organization**, which lumps everyone into the same hopper."*

So the question is, There are three things I would like you to go into in more detail about these three things, The designation "Message

churches”, “End Time Believers” “Believers in the Message” I would like to ask you to speak more about these three things.

Answer no 6: I do not think I need to qualify with more words what was said. Just go back and think about each statement. Jesus said, **no1. “Not those who say Lord, Lord will enter therein, but he that doeth the will of my Father.”** And William Branham told us, **no 2. “Just because you say it doesn’t make it so.”** And the apostle John told us, **no 3. “Try the spirits to see whether they be of God or not.”** And how do you try the spirits? Give them the Word test. So take each thing of these three points and apply it to those three statements. **End time believers, Believers in the Message, and Message churches** and apply **no1. “Not those who say Lord, Lord will enter therein, but he that doeth the will of my Father.”** and **no 2. “Just because you say it doesn’t make it so.”** and **no 3. “Try the spirits to see whether they be of God or not.”** And then ask yourself do they match up their profession **with their life?** With their **understanding.** With their **doctrinal teaching?** If they match the word, you have your answer.