



Questions and Answers

**1** Heavenly Father, again we want to praise and thank You for Your kindness, Your mercy extended to this hour, and a faith Lord, that is based upon other than that which we have simply read in the Word, and believed to have been true, because of Your Spirit's witness to us, but now at the end-time we are seeing the legitimate proof of Almighty God, bringing this Word unto Life for this hour. We've seen It manifested, and understand as we never understood before, giving us the faith Lord, that passes unto a place of assurance, a knowledge Lord, which we believe Abraham had and the great men of God had.

Not Lord, making us anything that doesn't give us preeminence, but it's what You have done in order to take a Bride out of here. And we appreciate that Lord, that Your ways have been made known unto us. Now we are not in darkness, but we can walk in the Light. Help us to ever acknowledge that and walk in that Light as You're in the Light having fellowship one with another, You with us, and us with You, all with each other in the Bride. And the Blood of Jesus Christ cleansing us from all sin.

That's a wonderful prospect Lord, and we're glad to know It's true, It's is the truth for this hour Lord, come true as It's never been true before. That's what we believe Lord, we're standing on It. We thank You now for helping us in this service, may Your Name be glorified, may our hearts and mind Lord, have knowledge increased unto it, unto them in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

**2** Just before...starting in answering these questions which aren't very many, unto to... make sure you realize Sunday service, I think Bro. Klassen will likely be preaching this Sunday. There'll be no service on Wednesday, because the following weekend will be Foot-washing, Communion and the Easter service, which I am hoping that I'll be able to take both of those at that particular time. So you just keep that in mind and everything will work out just fine.

Now, there aren't too many questions here, so we'll just more or less take them as we go along and there's a remark here on the Token.

[Question:]

"You said, 'The Lord gives us another spirit', please explain that spirit a little further."

Well, I can't do too much explaining, I've just got to take you to Ezekiel the 11th chapter and we're going to read from that then we'll simply tell you what Bro. Branham said, and that's all I can tell you. I really don't know anymore. And read a little bit starting perhaps at verse 17.

- (17) Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where (you) have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.
- (18) And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

- (19) And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
- (20) That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- (21) (For) as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

**3** Now Bro. Branham took that and he said the, \"That is not the baptism with the Holy Ghost.\" He said, \"That is the spirit that God gives you in order that you may receive the Holy Ghost.\"",

Now, I don't know what he had in mind, could be the thought that the Lamb is lead by a Dove. And he said, \"The dove could not come down and settle upon a wolf, or some creature that was not like a lamb.\" And he mentioned the most gentle bird, the most gentle lamb. And he said, \"See the dove could not possibly stay there.\"",

Well, when you realize that we are all of one flesh and it takes God's election to pull us out through sovereign grace, and the sheep gone astray can be just a despicable and horrible. And it tells you here to be very bad case of that which is detestable, full of abominations and terrible things, and then he said, \"I'll put a new spirit there and take away the heart of stone that you'll be able to follow My Word.\" And you'll notice that that spirit was necessary before anything could be done in the heart, and anything then which would come from the heart through the flesh which would allow them to walk in the statutes and ordinances.

Now, you take that into where we are today, and just bypass the thought of the new spirit for just a second. There's no way that anybody even the Elect can understand the things of God until that person is truly filled with the Holy Ghost. Then that Holy Spirit goes down into the soul, and it's in the soul that illumination comes.

**4** Now, from the soul that's been united, or brought back into Christ with the baptism with the Holy Ghost coming upon that seed, that changes the atmosphere of us entirely so that now the spirit which is life, that's what it really is, begins to manifest through the flesh, and will manifest the Word of God. And that manifestation of course will be under two considerations.

Number one: The position you hold in Christ, and what you are given of God as to your personal ministry, gifts and all. And remember, everybody has some type of ministry. We'll hit that maybe a little later.

Now then, gifts are also there. So you then, according then to how you are placed in there, and also how you...and we're going to use that word 'consecrate', (I like it.) and dedicate, and learn to submit yourselves, knowing the way of the Lord is right. You will find that nature then that's in the soul comes forth in a way that will glorify God and will be seen as living Epistles read and known of all men. Now that's your new birth there, see?

**5** All right, now, Bro. Branham said, \"That prior to that you needed a spirit that would allow the Holy Spirit to come in.\" Now, evidently a tremendous number of people may perhaps never have come to the place where they receive that spirit, because they never ever receive the Holy Ghost. And they're justified I would believe they're justified, that they've come to Christ for the sins to be remitted, and they've been sanctified and perhaps a lot of them do come to the place where they receive that spirit that could lead them to the position of receiving the Holy Ghost but never do.

So, we have to just kind of leave it precisely how Bro. Branham said that, "That this is not the baptism with the Holy Ghost." See? This is when you come to the Lord, and some place in there in that area He gives you that spirit that puts you in a position whereby that you're what you might call 'sheep-like' in order that the Holy Spirit may actually fill you, and you be baptized into Christ proving that you are a member of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**6** Now, I'm just going to swing back to Romans 12, and cover that one point where I mentioned concerning everybody with the ministry, everybody with gifts of some description. And of course you understand that this is not exactly vague...but it's like Irenaeus said, "There's hundreds of gifts in the body of Christ." And he says here in that 3rd verse,

- (3) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- (4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Now that's going back to 1 Cor 12:13,14. Okay.

[Romans 12:]

- (5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- (6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- (7) Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Now, ministry could be in the simple affairs of life, such as women were commended to be taking care of the church, elderly widows if they were seventy years of age and...(I think that's the age, I'm not sure,) and had washed the saint's feet and things like that. They were ministering. Remember, women ministered unto Christ. And this could be not just simply helps in government's in the church, but this could be to many people who are simply ministers, but not ministers in the sense of elders, deacons and five-fold ministries.

Now, "He that teacheth on teaching," now you notice in here that they're mixing up gifts with gifted men in the Church, you see. You've got gifts given to everybody, some type of gift, but the gift of the church in Ephesians 4 is the five-fold ministry.

Now notice,

- (8) ...he that giveth, (now that's a gift right there,) let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; (Now, the ruling of course goes to the five-fold plus the two-fold which is deacons and elders.) he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Now, those are gifts, and those are actual callings in church.

**7** (9) Let love be without dissimulation...(and so on.)

**8** When I mentioned the fact here, that the productivity of that Spirit of God in our lives would depend on ministries or gifts with which you're endowed as well as your own obedience and humility before the Lord. Now this shows here, that when the spirit that comes into us to change us, to give us the atmosphere to welcome the Holy Ghost, what kind of spirit do people have even though they are nice people and they, my...

You know, listen, I'm going to tell you something, you can be so fooled. I remember years ago I sat beside a man from the Church of Christ. I never sat and talked with a sweeter more loving man in the world. And I thought, "My heavens, here is one person that's truly full of the Holy Ghost even if he is in the Church of Christ."

Now, if that man believes Church of Christ nonsense, he's no more full of the Holy Ghost than that microphone is, that camera up there. Oh, there's a little difference, but not much. Because the man's patently taught against it. Taught to blaspheme.

So how nice you are...and look I'm not trying to bring a church up here that's not nice. You all understand me by now. I'm trying to show you, "Don't get fooled." Because, here's where seduction lies, see? And ...?...

**9** So you can see a lot of people can have a...well look it, let's go to Peter. Some of these things you just can't say too often, because it's... look if you ever up here instead of me, you know that I can talk to people that have sat under my ministry three, four years, then begin asking questions. And I say, "Where have they been, or where have I been?" Because one or the two of us, ain't been somewhere, or been too far out of the ball park.

So, many times don't like to repeat myself, but Paul said it was necessary and it didn't hurt him either. And I feel the same way, not that I'm putting my finger on anybody here, but you understand what I'm saying.

**10** Now listen, in 1Pet 1:22,

(22) Seeing (you) have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that (you) love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Now, he's laying the whole thing out there. So now when he says, "Unfeigned love," you know right away there's a feigned love. And he says, "Seeing you've purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love."

Now, if you have really listened to the Word of God, "It's been delivered in the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Power of Revelation," and so on, and you've received That, notice what It says, "Your souls are now pure, and you now have an unfeigned love unto the brethren," you see?

Now, that cannot be a denominational love, because Catholic got to hate Protestant, Methodist got to fight Baptist, Baptist got to fight Pentecostal, and Pentecostal got to take them all on and win them all. And they don't do it by their love or their word, they do it by gifts. See?

**11** Now, watch,

(23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, (that's really spora) but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Now there's two groups of people and, they're very religious. They're tremendously circumspect. And there's no doubt they show amplitude of love, and one is born of a corrupt word. Therefore, it's a corrupt spirit, see? Now don't think the Spirit of God is a moving over all, because It's moving over all. And in this end-time anybody and everybody can get anointed with the Holy Ghost. "I'll pour my Spirit upon a-l-l flesh, and your sons and your daughters prophesy, and upon My servants." [Acts 2:17,18] Sometimes some people say that's Israel. Well call it if you want and give it all to Israel. Bro. Branham gave Ezekiel to us. Takes a prophet to do it.

But you know, listen let's face it, do you realize the Bible can absolutely confirm the truth that It says, "There's neither Jew nor Gentiles." There's neither Jew nor Gentile what are you going to do about it?

"Oh I'll make my own rules up."

Well go ahead. You play baseball according to your own rules and the ump will kick you out. It doesn't matter, "Kill the ump," it's kill the guy that tries to make his own rules. You know, what I'm trying to say, you have to go strictly by the Word of God, every single Word and you don't turn one Word down by your mind wandering, and your heart wandering. You can look at each Word and you say, "Hey, there's two groups of people here." One has a feigned love, a wrong spirit, a wrong word.

**12** Now Bro. Branham says, "He can come so close to the real, he'll deceive everybody but the Elect." And at the end-time he's got miracles and signs and wonders on top of it. So now you're going to have a people absolutely anointed of a wrong spirit with a wrong word using genuine signs and wonders, with a beautiful gift, a beautiful manifestation and the whole thing is going to throw it into chaos. Then Jesus comes on the scene kicking over the money changer's once again, blasting them plumb out of the Holy Ghost arena which they're trying to evade/invoke. Oh they can't stand that, they'll crucify Him to themselves afresh if they can get their hands on Him, they'll pull Him to pieces and the Kingdom of God too. You think they wouldn't? Come on! So, there's your picture there.

So I hope you're understanding we're saying. Now there is a spirit that you don't have. It's not the spirit that Bro. Branham said, "When you're born, you're dropped from your mother's womb, that spirit comes in." I don't say that he obliquely set this forth, because it wasn't so oblique. He did...you know, associate that spirit with the spirit that God created in the beginning angels. I wouldn't know where to take that, but I know this: what he's talking about here is not that. It is not the spirit that came into you and you're just a kicking bundle of nerves and muscles. This is a spirit that God gives.

What is it? I can't tell you, except the prophet said, I believe what he said. And you can see how this would lead to so many things we're talking about people getting this far. They can be foolish virgin, they could be denominational, come a long way, never receive the Holy Ghost, come up in the Second Resurrection. It opens the door to many things which I don't have the answer. But that's where I get when I'm talking about now, Bro. Branham did say that, and I was terribly surprised. It's in one of the Messages right around the time I think, he preached on the "Seven Church Ages", I'm not positive.

**13** Question:]

"Now we know this earthly body we have was not the one intended by God..." (Now, you better... I'll read the whole thing...we'll check this out carefully.) "Is our intended body existing in material form? Or is it only in Spoken Word form waiting for

manifestation when God call's for it?"

**14** Now, first of all, the wording isn't quite precise. "We know this earthly body we have is not the one intended..." Yes, it was intended by God, or He wouldn't of made it. But there was something more down the road that we could come to. That's why He said, "Lest he stretch forth his hand and take of the Tree of Life and live forever." He did not want that body that was an interim body. Just the same as God Himself gave Himself an interim body. He gave Himself the Pillar of Fire, He could hide in the Cloud, He could manifest as a Rock, Sunlight, Light, whatever was, every way, I don't know all the ways that God manifested. But He reserved to Himself a body of glory which was the body in human form the Lord Jesus Christ, which that body was so much God, that It was literally a part of God, and that's not hard to understand. I sort of...in that before.

**15** Now, so man was given an interim body which, had man lived on this earth and raised up other sons and daughters just like Adam and Eve were, so that not by a matter of sexual procreation there would of come a time when God would have taken the interim and changed it by transfiguration into the body which we are to have now.

Now, I don't have the quote on that...it's not down in here as far as I know; I never wrote this in my Bible, but it has to do in 'Marriage and Divorce', where Bro. Branham said, "God is going to create again from the potash, and the calcium and the cosmic light and all those things; not through sex." So, it's almost like a process of creation. Call it 're-creation', as that's how Bro. Branham actually put it.

"So is our intended body existing in material form?"

No! But it's got everything it needs for that material form; every single thing. Now you can sort of take these words 'create' and you might run a little bit out of the middle of the road. Because we take the words in the Hebrew...they're two words used in Scripture, 'form and create'.

**16** Now, first of all creation is essentially we believe to make absolutely something out of nothing, which is the purest Spoken Word of God brings into existence exactly what God said in that Word and that Word said exactly what God had in His mind, and what was manifested then was exactly Logos. To that you understand what I'm saying Logos in that extent. Don't take it to mean God now, like Logos in, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God." [Jn 1:1] I'm talking in terms of that thought manifested, see? So it's like the same principle, because God works in that principle there.

So, the next thing He did having created Adam and Eve in a spirit form and they were dud(?) members in this one spirit body, He then formed from the ground a human figure and evidently His forming was not just like a sand pile, you know, that wasn't it at all, it was taking it and molding it by His Own hands and as He did the chemistry would begin to change so that there was vessels and ducts and everything there in order to convey a natural life to be the conveyor of it. Then He breathed into Adam the breath of life and man became that living soul. So now, we have an animation of body and we have an animation of the spirit. So we have a duo animation in there.

**17** Now, so when Bro. Branham used the terms 'create', well you have to be pretty careful to keep it in the context in my understanding, because he said, "He'll create again as He did in the beginning." And what He did in the beginning he says, "He took the calcium and the potash, the cosmic light," he even said oil I think to petroleum, which I suppose he said correctly. I don't know, there's so many elements in the body don't ask me. I suppose I could find that we could ...?... and we'd know about it. But he said, "As He did in the beginning." So therefore, I'm of the opinion since Bro. Branham also said, now he said, "Look...(he said,) if I drop this book and it comes up a handkerchief, (he said,) that's not resurrection."

So, what we're looking at here in my understanding the simplistic is, that if Bro. Branham knew that Paul was a little bandy-legged thin hook-nosed beady-eyed Jew, something like that, and we'll see him in the Resurrection and recognize him, and David and these men, I'm not the least bit thinking in my mind that I'm to come up looking like Raymond Devero, or Valentino, or whoever is supposed to be one of the great idols, I'm going to look like me, whether I like it or not. I will definitely, because I'm getting more and more used to it, and you'll like it, whether you like it or not, because we'll all be changed. See, it won't be this physical thing. But we will be those people, and I believe that God is going to take again what has gone down even to the gases which have been touched by the Holy Spirit, and therefore identified, see, bring that back in a glorified form.

So, we cannot say that the existing body is waiting for us in material form. What can we say? We can say there is an existing spirit body which Bro. Branham called, 'a theophany'. He had another place he called, 'a spirit body', which is exactly 2 Corinthians the 5th chapter; "we have one waiting for us." Now that's waiting for us.

Now, when you leave here your body goes to the ground, it'll dissolve into dust, bits of bones and things. I don't know what's going to happen to your body, my body, who knows? It doesn't really matter. Could go through a furnace, and just literally dissolve, be atomized. No problem at all.

**18** Now, your spirit and soul, first of all, your spirit will leave the body, because that's life, because that came (when dropped) from your mother's womb. That goes first, then the soul lingers for a while. How long, I don't know, but it doesn't linger very long, because then it's got to leave too.

Now, the Bible says, "The spirit goes back to God who gave it." Now the question is: is that the Spirit of God that goes back to God? Or is that a spirit that God gave apart from God? I don't know, but I know it's gone. But I do know this, that the important part of you is the soul. And that soul part which is a spirit part, you're two-thirds spirit, one-third physical. That will go to this body that Bro. Branham called, 'a theophony', which is a spirit body. And there you will be clothed in that particular body, but you cannot eat and drink.

Now, when you come back in the Resurrection you in your theophony (spirit body) are going to pick up the body that comes out of the grave by the Divine power of Almighty God which is like a re-creation, what he said, "a re-creation", and you'll walk around in that glorified state, now you're complete.

Now, those of us down here who are going to be changed, if we remain in the change, strangest thing which I don't understand: we will meet our theophony in the air. Bro. Branham said it, and I don't see spirit, I just wondered why, but I don't wonder very much. Because I'm really not interested. I'm getting along fine without it in this sense, if I don't need it in the Resurrection, and there's a purpose beyond that, that's great don't worry about it. But that's pretty well what we can look at.

Now, "Or is it only in Spoken Word form waiting for manifestation when God calls for it?"

Well, I'll tell you what, you're right on this idea, that God has already said this is going to happen, so therefore It is got to happen, but It's going to happen like the prophet already told us. You're going to come back, and you're going to be that individual.

**19** All right, let's see where we go from here. "Powers is ordained of God." That's over here in the Book of Romans the 13th chapter. So let's take a look at the Book of Romans, we read this the other day.

- (1) Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- (2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power; resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Now, you'll notice in here when you talk about this word 'power', it is not *dunamis* which means 'literal power' like up here..., what do you call him? Like Dr. Bullinger mentions this, natural capability, inherent power. Capability of anything. Ability to perform anything. Then absolutely not merely power capable of action, but power in action. The power of God is the power which manifests itself and in all modes, especially.

Then he puts over here from Rev 5:12, would be the same word. And he says here, [Bullinger]

"We have inherit ability to effect all the divine purposes, (we've been given that,) physical ability prevailing in action, the fullness of all good, honor, intrinsic excellence. The utterance of blessing from a redeemed creation."

Now that's true when they're talking about you and me. That word in the Greek is '*dunamis*', you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. It is the same word, which means 'lying within it', that's inherent, or lying within it innately. Call it what you want, it's intrinsically there, positively. And it has in it all the power necessary to do all the Divine will of Almighty God, whatever He wants. And you notice the way to get it done, is learning to get out of the way. And I want to just before I come back to this, I'm going to hit this again in Ephesians so you know why Bro. Branham said the things he said.

**20** Over here in Eph 3:20,

- (20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Now, that's unto Him who in the exercise of His power that is at work within us is able to do infinitely beyond our highest prayers and thoughts. It tells you, it's got exercise the power that He put within us. I believe he's got to exercise it. It'll go beyond our highest thoughts to His glory, and it'll last throughout eternity. But a people don't allow that, it'll be like it is said, "I prophesied in Your Name, I cast out devils, I did wonderful things." He said, "I never knew you." See?

So, what you're looking at there, that *dunamis*, which is the Holy Spirit Himself, which is God in you, "willing and doing of His good pleasure." Gives you the authority the power. Gives you the ability to perform all of His good will. And that can be done as we learn to let Him do it. It is difficult to get out of the way, but where ever learn to take His yoke upon us, we'll do just exactly fine.

**21** Now, a little further on...well I read that, that has to do with *dunamis*. Now, that's not here. This here...every soul be subject unto the Higher powers, simply means he's talking to us as earth bound creatures at this point in the kingdom of Satan and man, there's an earthly kingdom here, we're children of God in His Kingdom, but we're down here, all mixed in, and we are to be in obedience to those authorities, which authority has been derived from God. And at no time, even though that authority of man can run amuck and go against God, are we enjoined to obey that authority. Now the authority is of God, make no mistake about it. The original authority is of God, but it doesn't say that everything that person does is right.

You see, the Bible distinctly says, "All power is of God," and that is both *dunamis* and *exusia*,

which would be power and authority. Everything the devil has, and everything the devil does is rooted in the power that God gave him, but he has perverted it.

So that's what you have to watch here. This power can be perverted. This power is perverted on the very grounds that these people are not necessarily full of the Holy Ghost. And even if they were, it doesn't guarantee, because you got to learn to step aside. Now, it doesn't exclude anybody, it says, "Everybody has to be subject." In other words, you're to find your place and what you're supposed to do in this earthly kingdom in a way that brings harmony.

**22** Now, let's see what Bullinger says about this word, which is really authority.

"It is not power, it is authority, and therefore it is delegated. It is allowed. One can and it is permitted if you don't have any hindrances."

All right, it's allowed, it's permitted. It's delegated authority. It's liberty, or authority to do anything. Now, it doesn't mean that this is the divine right of kings and dictators to do anything you want. This just says here that this has the authority to cause the things that should be done, perhaps not even should be done, will be done.

Look it, do you think for one minute that things really got tough while we're there in Russia they couldn't of bumped Stalin off somehow? Well they could have got him. Don't tell me it can't happen. What happened? People are crazy, they're as crazy as the guy that's leading them, if not crazier. So they back him up and they see that he doesn't get hurt. What made Marcos abdicate? [Former president of the Philippines] The generals. They just said we've had enough and they pulled the plug and he went down the drain.

**23** Now, what is behind all this? God is behind all of this and His purpose must be done. And certainly He's behind despots, egomaniacs, murderers, everything else. Not that He does it, but His power is there. And many times that power that He allows is used in order to punish. It's just like Bro. Branham said that, "The reason that Russia has a communist, and their government is because of the Catholic church," that's the Greek Orthodox. Now he said, "We have Martin Luther King and his problems over here, because we treated the Indians wrong." Now he said, "God raised up the communists to burn the flesh of the harlot." So, you can see what we're dealing with here.

This thought here has to do with authority. Now, "affirms that free movement is insured to the ability." Now, in other words, these people have a very loose reign, but they're accountable to God. And all government comes from God, because government is essentially order. It has to be. And you know as well as I do that two heads are not nearly as good as one head if that one head is a good head. See, it's just even Plato said, "The finest form of government is benevolent dictatorship." And the only real form of government is 'theocracy'. But you know, people do not like a theocratic reign, because they're not equipped for it. We're not equipped for true theocratic reign. There's no way. He came once in the flesh and the Jews killed Him. He came secondly in the Holy Spirit through the prophet Elijah, and what are we doing? We crucified ourselves the Son of God afresh. There's only one way to get the Theocratic Kingdom and that's for the Millennium, and He's got to burn everything off. Even Bro. Branham said, "Germs a thousand miles high." You may wonder why. I don't wonder any more, I say, "Great goodie, burn them all off." If we've got to go, we go too, let God be glorified. You mean how do you got to get that Spirit the Hebrew children on you at the time of Daniel the Spirit was on Bro. Branham. You've got to get that Spirit brother/sister that's all there is to it.

**24** Now, be subject to the Higher Powers to fit in the scheme as far as you can. See now, you can't fit in the scheme of God to be a hand if you're a foot. Then you cannot fit into this if it is

against God, then you become the sore thumb that's sticking out there. But you got to fit in the best you can, but don't deny the things of God.

Now, for there is no power but of God. Now people often quail [tremble] about these things, but remember if God did not want that there, it wouldn't be there. Now, it's not that God wanted it in the pristine will, the primary pure will. But now because things have gone the way they've gone God wants it there. See?

Now, they're ordained of God, it's actually set there by Almighty God. Now He didn't say how far they'd go with it, see, but that is allowed of God. "Whosoever therefore, resists authority, resists the ordinance of God." Now then, how are we going to resist the currents of history?

**25** You know, we wonder all the time why these people never learn the history, they can't; there's no way because God's in history. God's making history. Now Bro. Branham said, "There won't be any history books written on this, because we're going to be out of here." That's fine, if they are written they'll go up in smoke. They'd be very quick little things like you know, when Jimmy Jones got those people down in Guyana all killed off you know, what is it eight hundred or so; they made a movie so quick it wasn't worth...you know, even spitting at. I didn't see it, but I understand just cruddy thing. Well, you people want to write some history now, it won't be worth a plug nickel, because history...you've got to review things in retrospect. God will look back, so it won't be worth a plug nickel plus somebody ...?... do something now.

If we went on for some time you'd see what they'd do about Bro. Branham. You talk about the Catholic's venerating St. Francis and these other people, oh my he'd be venerated and begin to see what a person really had, but it's not going to go that long. I just want you to see all these things are running according to God. See? Regardless it's what the Bible said to us. "He makes the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder wrath He does restrain." There's no way you can get around this.

**26** So, now this word here then means 'privilege', these words here, 'force', 'competency', you get the word 'magistrate', 'potentate' from it. It means 'delegated influence', means 'authority', means 'jurisdiction', means 'liberty', a guy goes ahead and does it. Now you know that. Look at how we squawk about government here. And we're got a right to squawk, and we're got a right to what we think what we can do about it, should do about it. We've got a right to organize, because we've got a freedom too. But we have representatives we sent to government, and what happens? They don't represent us, they represent lobbies, that's all. They don't represent us, they claim they do. One or two might. Now they think they do. Look how they're deluded. How come they can't defeat a lobby?

You know, the lobbies always appeal to common sense, and common sense is contrary to God. Because common sense comes from the best that man can do under nature. The Word of God comes from Almighty God and He is the best. See?

The Lobby, we've got a government run by lobbyist. Exactly what Paul Harvey said, he said, "Look, you've got a dictator over there in Russia. The Russians do what they want to do in ruling the people." And he said, "We get people to vote over instead of the government and they don't listen to us. They say we're going to certain things which you people want and they do what they want." He said, "Same systems Russia's got, (he said,) tell me the difference."

"Well," you say, "The difference is this: we've got men that we send in there." Why's God going to burn both of them. He's going to get rid of the system...Look it, there's only two systems. There's really only one system, God's system. And from the power they've got delegated comes a second system; that's all. Now there's variations in the second one, there's no variations in the first

one. See? All these don't mean a thing here.

**27** Now, [Romans 13:]

- (2) Whosoever... resisteth (authority) resisteth the power, resisteth (what God is doing.)

So therefore, there is a place where people cannot resist, otherwise they resist to their folly because they're going to get chopped down. You follow me? After they're going to get chopped down. Now, we can resist the place of having elected members, even recalled. You can write enough letters to make them vote a certain way. Now, the lobbyist put a lot of money in, we don't need to put much money in, all we need to do is write letters. And you get a few thousand letters arriving in one week to any representative he's going to start changing his tune, but people aren't going to do that, and they're going to squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk, and they'll blame it unto God, they'll blame it on the devil, which says, there's a certain amount of truth in there, you're not sure you should be talking about it. But we have our ways of doing things according to the program that God's laid out.

Now then, if we don't do those things and those people go ahead and we have government by lobby which we have, when that comes into force we cannot come against it. We got to obey, unless it means disobey, disobey God then we won't do it. You see what I'm trying to get across here. I'll tell you let's keep routing now ..?... we're looking at this word here. When you resist the ordinances of God, you resist...

- (2) ...they that resist shall receive (judgment.)

You're going to get hauled into court and thrown into the hoosegow.

- (3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil...

Now that is a beautiful statement when America first started up, but you've got to watch that one. The Bible's not wrong, true authority, true... laws they're good, they're fine. Even the laws that aren't good as long as they don't go against God, the Spirit...the Word of the Living God, then you know, you can go ahead, you've got to obey them.

**28**

Now,

- (3) Wilt thou then be afraid of the (authority?) do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

- (4) For he is a minister of God to thee for good...

Now, basically the authority that God has delegated is to help us live civic lives down here where we get along with each other, blend in, courts can adjudicate, like the Bible says that, "Man can sin against man, the Judge will judge you, but if a man sin against you God, who'll plead for him?" So you got to understand that. Just take this back and forth and watch it. "He's a minister to thee for good. But if you do evil be afraid, for He bares not the sword in vain." Bro. Branham said, "That laws got to have a penalty, what's the use of having law?" And he is a minister of God.

Now these men are ministers of God that we put in office. It doesn't mean that they are going to do the complete will of God. No! Adam and Eve were told, "Multiply and replenish the earth, take care of all the products out here," and they listened to the devil. There's a lot of men get in

government like Bro. Branham said. You get a real fine intelligent nice citizen, real swell guy put a cop uniform on him watch what happens, (watch what happens,) he'll violate the very law. There's no major city that cops aren't involved in drugs right now making scads of money. Larry Smith's wife got picked up for nothing one time in Chicago. And so she said, "Well I didn't do a thing."

"Well," he said, "You know what you did."

Before it was over he let her know flat, that all she had to do is drop a twenty dollar bill and she was scot free. And they pick them up I guess by the thousands in Chicago. Chicago is one of the roughest places under high heaven. That's a credit to mayor Daly no doubt. A big Democrat big-wheel. Of course there's no such thing as a Republican being God's servants, I would never think that. You put a name on you anymore than Baptist, Presbyterian ain't going to get you any realer.

**29** But that's the way people go, see. They're supposed to be in this realm here. Now, there's nothing much you can do except take the Scripture says, "A soft answer turns away wrath." It doesn't mean to knuckle under and be tramped on by everybody, but it means you watch what you do, because the law originally was of God, and you've got to watch, just be careful.

- (5) Wherefore (we) must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but for conscience sake.

Now watch,

- (6) For this cause pay (you) tribute...( Now, here's where we've got to watch ourselves.) for they are God's ministers (that) attending continually upon this very thing.

In other words, the Scripture here is telling us, "There is duty constituted government that we've got to pay for." And there's no way out, because that's the will of God. Because it's a watered down form from His government, and He's got a great government. Cherubim, angels, archangels you name it. Tremendous, down on earth He's got men doing the job. In here there's men doing the job. So you pay tribute, you pay your dues, you pay your taxes, you pay the custom duties, you give fear, you give honor. Now that's what we're looking at. But all that is delegated authority. See? Some people say I'm not going to pay taxes, because it's going to go to a war machine. What's that got to do with you? Pay your taxes. If it goes to a war machine, let it go to a war machine.

**30** Now, the purpose of God is going to be fulfilled in this government here don't worry. It's positively being fulfilled already. You'd really think that the one person that would have his head screwed on right would be President Reagan? But he's playing footsie with the pope too. Now why?

Well look, Rome itself is nothing. You don't even need a hydrogen bomb, or an atomic bomb, just one decent bomb, a buzz bomb would take care of the pope and his twelve miles, or what he's got over there in Rome. [Vatican City] That's not it. It's his influence by religion in the whole world. And remember, America today is not a Protestant nation. And remember, Bro. Branham said, "Your missionary efforts are over, you have elected a Catholic President. Why go down to South America and then Mexico, millions and millions of Catholics." See? It doesn't completely over, he didn't mean that.

But they can say, "Why do you come down here and talk about us Catholics, you've got Catholic President up there?" It really makes the people wonder, it makes it more and more difficult. Of course if there's Seed down there you go down and they'll come out. But you know what he was

saying, he said, \"Look here's your picture, here's what it's all about.\" Not fussing at the Roman Catholics when it comes right down to him I wouldn't be surprised if a better bunch of believers than Protestants are. From what I've heard, down here in the States and over the years I've been down here, I think I've been able to find more people eulogize the Roman Catholics for being good fine people than these bunch of renegade Protestants. These renegade Protestants protest, even protest God in their protesting. They're protesting is in vain, it's kind of a flawed thing.

**31** So, he allows us His permissive will...yes, His permissive will is here, and not only permissive it is His will that's being done. I don't care how it's being done, it's being done. The tares are being bundled for the harvest. In His Divine terrific will He sent Elijah the prophet, but He Himself came with him. The fan in His hand purging the floor, binding the tares in absolute direct will, but He's got all this going down here, He's allowing it. That's what He said. Remember that's what He said over here in Mt 13:36.

- (36) ...Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. (He said.)
- (37) ...He that (sowed) the good seed is the Son of man;
- (38) The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the tares are the children of the wicked one;
- (39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- (40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so...be in the end of this world.

Just leave them there till the end of the world. Both governments will exist side by side intermingled no problem. He'll have His way, it's going to come to pass a hundred percent as He wants it.

## **32**

All right, we've got one last question here and I won't go beyond this.

\"Based on what Bro. Branham said, 'we've seen the last sign'.\"

True! That's the time of the Messianic sign, the sign that He always demonstrated.

\"We've seen our last sign all the Church has to do is lie in the Presence of the Son and ripen, knowing no man knows the time-table, what are you looking at that has to repeat in the Omega of Genesis 18?\"

Well, all I know is the Son has to come in flesh. That's all. I want to go back to Genesis 18. Now in verse 14,

- (14) Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

\"I will return unto thee.\"",

All right, in what form? What was the returning? He's going to give the promise Word which would be a human baby born to Sarah and Abraham.

**33** All right, we've got everything ready, what's the next? The promised Son in midair Incarnation, we meet Him in the air. That's all that's left. Now, what's going to go between, I don't know lots of things.

Now, you just stay with your Word here, and you watch that Word, we for a long time we've been hearing that they're going to make the money red, because of the laundering, I told you it wasn't going to go red, they're going to leave it green with little bits of thread in it, see? Don't go listen to these guys like McBurnie(?) and these big radio guys, these big guys. And don't necessarily listen to me. That wasn't a lucky guess. That's based on the commerce of this world, seventy percent of all commerce is done with American money, and if anybody thinks America's so big they're going to sniff anybody out with this kind of color and that kind of color and that...the world's too big for America as we sold ourselves down the river when we went off the Monroe doctrine. Ditched it for these a...you know, these brainy guys, Wilson and Roosevelt, they're the birds that got us in all this mess. And the Truman's came along and you know what they do, the rest of them.

**34** No, not throwing off on those fellows they did all right for their day, but that's where it came from, they didn't honor God. Ike [Eisenhower] was the man that came the closest to really honor God. That why Bro. Branham thought a lot of him. I believe Ike was a ...?... Christian. I don't know if he'd be in the Bride or not, but he'll certainly be in that Second Resurrection, ...he could be in that First Resurrection, that's up to him and God. I know that's the Election. But, so many things we look at and we think we go to the answer, we don't necessarily know the answer. So don't be startled by things people try to bring to your attention and say this is going to happen and that's going to happen. We don't know what's going to happen. We do know according to what Bro. Branham said, "The Church...the Bride has to go through a squeeze." Now we've been going through the squeeze of the big sneer. Now, "sticks and stones may break our bones, (they will break) but names will never hurt us." Now, they do though, but they shouldn't. You see, we haven't got sticks and stones yet. We're sort of in that little sneer amongst ourselves. And of course there's a sneer outside amongst the Pentecostals that think they know a little bit about it, and others that they heard a little bit about the Church Ages and Serpent Seed and those things and they think we're really plumb gone. Well, that's all right, we happen to know they're plumb gone, so they can think anything they want, you know, it's perfectly alright you know.

**35** So, I don't know everything that's going to happen but the Bride is going to have more of a squeeze according to what Bro. Branham said. But at the same time there'll be a ripening and the Bride will be able to take whatever comes Her way. Right now I think the most anxiety that's amongst us is based on the fact that we don't see too much of anything moving. My greatest anxiety is now become Bro. Branham's anxiety, which is the cares of this world. "Well, I've got a meeting tonight. Well, I could have a little business deal tonight. Well, I could work later hours". Oh, there's a thousand things you can do to keep you from the Word, and you'll do it too if you're not Elect let me tell you flat. That won't be a disappointment, although I feel the disappointment building up because I can see it. And yet as I look around I see others that you can see almost registered on their faces, something is moving, and I'm not standing here as though I know very much, because I don't know very much and you know by now I don't know very much. If you think I do, you're badly deceived, so I don't try to fool anybody.

But I tell the truth, it's easy to get carried away, see? My biggest problem right now is failing health. I never was too stidopis and steadfast as I should be, but I can tell you one thing, the more that I prepare myself to deliver what I believe what Bro. Branham gave us by Divine inspiration, the health doesn't mean one thing, I always have plenty of strength to be able to deliver the Word of God. How long that'll last I don't know, because I don't even know what's going on myself. The human body who can know with trillions of cells and man hasn't even learnt twenty percent of the human body in six thousand years. So I got eighty percent that can be non-compassmentous, [Bro.

Vayle laughs] it's just incomprehensible as far as everybody, anybody's concern. So that can be problems, but the carelessness is the big thing to watch for.

**36** That is the thing to watch for. And had the cares of this life of been...have been augmented by the fact of travel; the ability to go places, to do things, the ability to have, the ability to expend energy all those things. The ability to...and it's too bad we've got to scramble harder for living than we've ever scrambled. It doesn't give us time for our own families like we should have, we've become very poor that way. All these things have taken away from us until it seems that we've been trapped, I myself been saved from my own experience from our children. See, I told you many times, if I had to go back with our kids they'd be raised the way they started on apple boxes. You know, we couldn't afford potty chairs so I made one out of an apple box. You don't get apple boxes like we did you'll understand it's made out of wood. Nice wood at the end and nice flat and you can rip it...take out one end and you ...?... put it down the middle, then you slanted the boards at the sides, you took a belt and you could put the kids in there. And you cut the hole just right and put the pot underneath it. It worked very well, you sat it down the kids didn't get blisters or anything else. And they make great high-chairs too, in fact you'd didn't cut a hole in it this time. You know, like those little chairs you get in the restaurant's you know, little chairs to put kids on. We made those years ago, we didn't have high chairs.

And you know... we were very fortunate to have that instead of the nice things we bought later on. I just couldn't wait to buy the kids nice beds and nice clothes. We had no hand-me-downs, the two boys were close together, about a year apart. No way would they wear each other's clothes except tiny babies. When they went down town they got brand new over coats, brand new caps, everything. Nothing ...?... no sir, we didn't like that. But you know what? We'd been a million times better to have the old fashion things we had. A lot of loose ends and enjoy a sunset, now we're enjoying a sunset and don't even have enough help to enjoy that ...?... And where are the kids today? You know, we get...these things are not right. Now you see at the end-time it's got to get worse. Because why? It's harvest time. It's seed time, it's coming right back...a couple of chickens haven't come back to roost, whew, all of the Hitchcock's birds have come down on us to plague us and to cart us away. Let's see, the ravens and the bad birds at the end.

**37** Yes, at the end-time here, I don't see anything left too much, except to keep on going on and to plan for a higher height for deeper visions. To plan for greater plateaus that when you come to them you know you're just resting to get your breath to scale higher and onward. Don't get your imagination running wild though, though you can tell what it is, because you don't. It's just a deeper insight as far as I know, I don't know for sure but it's a deeper insight. And it's greater love, greater respect, it's greater understanding. You've had sixty years maybe like us and whole lot longer, some forty, fifty years. Twenty five years not holding your tongue, and you'll find, hey it's ...?... strange I'm holding my tongue better than ever. You're not raising up to take the bait like you use to take the bait.

All of these things are ripening you're coming along fine, you're learning, we're all learning a little slowly, but the Lord's helping us. I say and I look and I watch, and I observe and I don't say I'm a spiritual kingdom observer because I'm not, but I'm quite satisfied there's a Bride, part of the Bride's here. If we're not all Bride, we've got some who knows we might all miss It and come up in the Second Resurrection and every single one may make It.

**38** But, watch yourselves, the most important thing is don't get pig-headed, get sheep-headed, you know; I never saw sheep yet rip down a piece of two by eight that I had sixteen nails in, but I've seen a pig do it. I don't know how old...Greg takes care of all he's got there, guess he gets them off to the market before they get into too much trouble. That's a mighty smart thing to do son, I've had them around too long, and I don't see a fence couldn't climb through under over get through planks like you couldn't believe and nails you couldn't believe. Man [they] get their snout and whoof....

Might not be that easy, but they got it off there, that get those pigs a moving. I don't know if a bull elephant do any better. Well actually size wise I think the elephant's a chicken along side of the pig ...?... you know, you look at what a wild boar can do. So, we got to remember we're sheeps, not pigess. So we sheep-out we don't pig-out, watch the bull-headedness.

**39** The only place you can be bull-headed brother/sister, then you're not bull-headed there, you're sheep-headed; you know there's a Word that's been revealed and you know where you stand on that Word. Don't back up for a second on It, don't ever do it. If you're not honoring God, you're not helping yourself, you're not doing anybody a favor. I told you I've tried it, you're not going to a favor. You're not going to convince anybody anyway, it's going to take...and you can convince somebody you're nuts, because the man...you know what is the old saying? "He that's convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still." You haven't done him any favor, no way shape and form. It's got to be revealed in the sense of an understanding. I'm not preaching like a revealing what Bro. Branham said, I'm teaching what Bro. Branham revealed to us. There's no way I could have thought of these things outside of Bro. Branham. I wouldn't want to think them. So, just keep moving on, that's going to be the ripening more than anything in the world, staying with the Word, don't be careless, stay with Him.

**40** Question by someone:]

"Can you ... taught years ago...you said, Bro. Branham said, "The Son of man was a Bride in every age", does that have to be then not just coming back in flesh, but it's also Him being representative in the Bride."

Why, sure He's represented in a Bride. The Bible tells us we're all ambassadors for Christ. That's where... that's where vicar-ship is handed down. But what a lot of people didn't realize they're willing to take the Bride as the full membership of Christ say, "There's the body hallelujah." But Bro. Branham came on the scene and he pointed out the prophet, the Living Word of God manifested in flesh, they said, "Forget that." Well God manifest in flesh they didn't want that. So, you got to understand there's degrees there, but the Bride will ripen more unto the likeness of Jesus Christ. But the Bride will never be a prophet. The Bride receives the Word, the engrafted Word, and in the engrafted Word in which the Life is released, and the Word for this hour is Resurrection Immortality.

**41** Now, we don't bring about a Resurrection, no way shape and form, except in the sense that we're at this hour, for what's achieved in us through the end-time Word allows for a Resurrection, brings It about.

But remember, my brother/sister, the same One that brought the Shout is the same One with the Voice. See? And we don't have any preeminence over those that are dead. You know, you get this Message in a church like Pentecostal or Baptist or somewhere, and you look at the pride. Man I tell you, when I first heard a Pentecostal preach, "I'm proud to be Pentecost," I almost slunk under the covers you know, the floor covering. What's the man say, "He's proud?" Now there's such a thing as being pride in the sense of terribly happy and honored to be a part of this Message, but if this Message were anyplace else but in a people like us, you would really see pride. And I'll be honest with you, if time went on, which I don't believe it's going to go on, and there were successive generations to take this Message you would see a very ornery prideful people with this. Because this Message covers everything.

**42** Now, they wouldn't understand It the way you and I do, no way shape and form. But they'd understand It to their own understanding and believe me it's tremendous. I said before if I'd of had a community church and I was a community preacher out there in the world, I would simply take what Bro. Branham taught, but I would not teach 'Appearing'. I would teach It as a possible

fulfillment at a future date, and I'd have a big crowd. You see what I'm saying? Why, I could only preach that here, a little tiny groups, I couldn't get that...could go out and tell and say, "He came down, He Appeared." You couldn't quote Bro. Branham and say, "I was not the One that Appeared down the river, I was only the one near when He Appeared." And that Appearing coming closer and closer, more and more in, until...with the angels He came down which is significant of Rev 1:12, the Judge. And after that the judgment of God was in the earth. That's when Bro. Branham could preach those great sermons, 'Countdown', 'I Indict this Generation', 'Flashing Red Lights', 'Warning of His Coming'. Couldn't preach those before. He couldn't preach 'The Token', he had to preach those things after the Seals.

**43** How would he preach 'Marriage and Divorce'? That's a strange subject. It's very strange. It's one word in there, bring it to your attention sometime. If the Lord doesn't show you that one word, you'll skip it every time like I did, I'm pretty sure you will, maybe not I don't know. Maybe you saw it already and you're wondering about it. But, he could not say the things he said outside the Seals, and the Bride is progressive, but She'll never be like Bro. Branham, but She ought to...every member ought to do his and her best to walk in his steps, and to show forth the same spirit that he showed forth; which is to stand with the Word of God without fear or favor, be strong, to be hard in the right places, you know, that's right 'meekness' is a word that people think is jelly-fish and soft soap, it's not, it's hard, it's hard as nails. Because it refuses to give in to what is wrong, and we'll stand with what is right in a proper spirit.

That's why Moses was the meekest man that ever lived as a human being. That's right. Stand right there and just stand. Paul had the same quality, of course Christ was the complete epitomization of it, the fulfillment. William Branham was the same way. I believe there's going to be a Bride the same caliber. So that's it, the Lord bless you. Let's rise at this time and be dismissed.

**44** Heavenly Father, we come to You again this little time of praying together Lord, thanking You for fellowship we have in Christ which is always sweet and beautiful. And we trust Lord, always glorifies Your great Name, puts things in perspective, gets us all in order, our minds, our spiritual ways Lord, all of these things in order with Your Divine Word. And Lord, Your own prophet said we can take this Message for healing. And John said, "I wish above all else that you might prosper and be in health and your soul prospers."

We know that this Message came to put the soul in order, came to put us all in order Lord, and fellowship with You and one with another the Blood cleansing. Therefore Lord, we're all candidates for the Rapture, Father, candidates for Divine healing, candidates Lord for what you have in Your Word here.

Lord God, we see that there wasn't one Word that's been left unfulfilled, there's not one thing Lord that's remiss, there's not one thing that's in doubt. Oh, we're a little in doubt Lord about it, because we don't see too clearly yet, but we know as far as that Word is concerned there's nothing in doubt It's right. Just help us to see It the right way so that we won't have any problems and any errors Lord. And as we see It right Lord, may we live It, honor Your great and Holy Name.

Now Father, go with each one, the prophet often said, "May there not be one amongst us not healed," Father. We just pray...we'll believe that as never before, getting strength from You, getting help, direct our paths Oh God now under righteousness...guide and direct Lord, and all these things that we might just be able to achieve what You want us to achieve, not what we would want Lord. Have Your way my God in every shape and form we pray. We'll give You the honor and the glory in Jesus' Name. Amen

'Take the Name of Jesus with you'.

