In the State of

HOLY MATRIMONY

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1. May God bless you. Let us stand and pray.
2. Precious Father we thank You for Your Mercy that you have provided for us to be in Your House today; in which we believe that we shall receive bles­sings from you. And we trust that we have found Grace in Your Sight, and that Your Eyes are upon us this morning, and you are ready with a reward that you’ll give unto each one of us. And, LORD, as we look unto you that way with faith; we have come here mainly to hear you speak to us. Therefore, may you speak to each one of us. Lord Jesus Christ, there is nothing so important as Your Word, and we have turned our hearts to Your Word, and desire that that Word may take a central posi­tion in our lives. So just help us.
3. I commit all these, my brothers and sisters, in Your Hands for You to help them, and that you may guide them in Your path which You have made for this day. Forgive us of our mistakes and sanctify us from the things of this world, that we may walk having a true testimony before you.
4. I also pray that, LORD, in our weaknesses you’ll help us to receive strength, so that we may be able to stand and fight against the evil which is in the world. We pray that dear Jesus Christ, in our prob­lems Thou shalt be a present Helper. That is what we are waiting for. Also, may you grant it to each one of us that Your glory may be manifest among us, and let us find favour and mercy before You, as Your servants.
5. It is my prayer that, LORD, your will speak Your own Word with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, so that we all may be comforted under that Word. Just help us in all the things that you know that we have need of now. As we read the Word, may it go forth with the blessings thereon, and bless every heart that is under this roof: for I ask in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
6. I want to read from the Bible in the Book of Genesis Chapter 24 from verse 63:
7. ***And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels*** *were* ***coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she*** *had* ***said unto the servant, what man*** *is* ***this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant*** *had* ***said, It*** *is* ***my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's*** *death.*
8. Be seated. Now, I want to speak from there on the subject I will call *In The State Of Holy Matrimony.* That is where I want to draw my conclusion from that Word. We have heard so much about Holy Matrimony, every time we talk about weddings and things like that. When we come to any wedding, of course, that phrase must be spoken. And because of that, I finally drew a conclusion on it while I was thinking about that phrase recently. Then I thought a little more about it in the spiritual sense (of that expression). And so, I was thinking in the spiritual sense trying to apply some­thing on that, because we have heard this many times being spoken about people who are going to be joined. And they are told, "In this state of holy matrimony, we are all here "
9. So therefore, in this state we want to take a direction, a little different from, of course, what we know in the usual way. Because that is a natural thing, and some of these natural things, as we know, they type spiritual things. So, you have heard this statement many times read to us as we come in the weddings. And we see the minister rise up and raise the two people, then he tells you:
10. *Dear beloved, we are gathered here together in the sight of God and in the face of this company to join together this man and woman in Holy Matrimony.*
11. And he continues somewhere else he says:
12. *Into this Holy State, these two persons present come to be joined. If there is anyone here that can show a just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together in this* ***Holy Matrimony*** *…*

So, this expression is repeated so many times. As we read down, he continues to say;

1. *Will you have this woman to be your law­fully wedded wife to live together in this Holy State of Matrimony?*
2. So, you find that that word is very common in that particular covenant of marriage, so that I thought I could speak about it. The word came to me and I could not keep it away from my heart for some time, so I just wrote it down and kept it away. This morning it has fallen that I should speak from it.
3. Now, from where we have read you know the story very well; that is the story of Rebekah and the servant of Abraham, Eliezer, and how they met at the well of water. And Abraham had made his servant to swear that he should not take a wife for his son out of the daughters of Canaan; but he should go back to the kindred of his father's house to take a wife for Isaac, his beloved son. And the servant had sworn to Abraham, his master, because he was a faithful ser­vant. He went all the way to Mesopotamia to the city where Abraham came from, and then going by that city, he stood at the well knowing that it was evening time and the daughters of the city came to draw water. And he stood there and prayed;

***And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand*** *here* ***by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down the pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also; Let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master***.

1. Now you can see that this servant of the Lord – this servant of Abraham when he went to seek for a wife for Isaac, he wasn't relying on his own eyes or what he could see. He was given a very great res­ponsibility: to go and seek a wife for Isaac, the only beloved son of Abraham; that was a great responsibility, a great commission. And now here he stands by this well, and we find that he didn't want to use his own eyes, what he could see. Because he was supposed to go and choose, that is, choose a wife for his master's son. That was a very great responsibility indeed; to choose a wife for your master's son! Can you imagine that; that you are a worker in the home of somebody who is big, has great things in possession. He is a great man of the earth; and then you are his servant. And he has only one beloved son, and then he sends you to seek a wife for him. That will be a great privilege. Isn't it? That is something you cannot just do rashly. You can't take it lightly because it is indeed great, and it calls for some fear or reverence, or walking circum­spectly because you know that the thing is so important. It should not displease your master. It should please him so much. And you know you are seeking a wife for his son; that is the greatest thing that a man could receive in his life besides salvation. And that is what you are seeking for the master's son. Something which is the greatest besides his sal­vation; and you have that kind of responsibility. Then it makes you feel that you should be very sin­cere, humble, walk very cautiously towards it because you are seeking something that is greatest besides salva­tion for your master's son.
2. Anyhow, this servant went right away to the city where Abraham came from. And he never relied on his eyes; he never relied on his wisdom; he never walked around asking which girl might be a good girl and which one might be a bad girl. He never went around trying to investigate on their charac­ters, and try­ing to look upon them, and see how they were con­ducting themselves in the city. The respon­sibility having been so great, he realised that he needed something else; another helper besides what he knew as man. He realised that this was a great commission, and the only way he was going to be successful in finding the best out of that, was to rely upon God.
3. Therefore, when he arrived at that city, he waited upon God. If it was some of us, maybe we could have just gone from house to house or from city to city, trying to see which kind of girls are there, and trying to look on their faces and so forth, or how they are behaving. But this servant of Abra­ham thought it better to rely on God's choice than on man's choice. Because the best choice of a man may not still be useful, may not be good. Men will always choose by looking on the outside. And the outside is deceitful. Even if you watched the works; those out­side works are also deceitful because we have what we call hypocrisy. We have what we call pretence, put-on, impersonations and things which somebody just does outwardly to show that he is good; but inside it is only God Who knows what is there.
4. Therefore, choosing by basing on a man's wisdom doesn't provide the best. It will be by accident to find a good one. So, Abraham's servant knowing that, he never relied upon his own efforts; what he could do, what he was able to choose. But when he reached this well, he never said, "Let me watch every damsel as they come out of the city and see how they conduct themselves, and how they behave so that I can choose one of them". No. He just went and stood there, and he was helpless. The best choice comes from God; he knew that, the best thing could be what God could give Isaac.
5. Therefore, knowing that, he just stood aside and prayed this great prayer. Of course when we come to this kind of scriptures then we can drop a little in the natural. Many times when people are going to marry, of course they don't really consider some of these things seriously, but just take it lightly and pray a few nights and then they make up their minds. Then they choose a girl by what they see. God hasn't revealed to them. They haven't found the Will of God about it. They have not applied the way which is completely proven that that is God Who is doing that work. And if somebody is choosing a wife and he is truly a son of God, then he should use the way which is absolutely independently proved that it is God choosing and not a man. Because that is great responsibility that you are about to assume and you should walk in the Will of God. And you should see to it that whatever happens is what God has willed, not what a man has willed. It is the Choice of God, not the choice of a man; because the responsibility that you are trying to assume is so great and has great impli­ca­tions upon your life; your future life is going to be completely affected by that choice.
6. Now many people have rushed into mistakes in choos­ing when they come to this kind of state. They just walk around and hunt themselves a girl. They just watch around to see what pleases their eyes and off they go. And that is completely out of the Will of God. And in such matters, you know, God is not con­cerned; and He is not responsible for what will hap­pen ther­eafter. And you should not begin to cry unto Him when you begin to land into problems be­cause you should have put Him first. You should have involved Him at first. So if you find God is not very much involved, it is because you didn't want Him from the beginning. He wasn't invited in that matter from the beginning. Since you took upon yourself to sort out such a great responsibility, then you should shoulder the rest of the responsibility that goes with that kind of a thing.
7. That is why, in matters of choice, you must be very careful. Of course when we speak these words, many times people who haven't known what these things are, they just hear the words and, still they take them lightly. They might think they are taking them seriously, but many times girls and boys don't take these things seriously; even if they are Chris­tians. When they come to the hour of choice, they just become a little mad; and because of that they just overlook God's Word and run off.
8. And remember that responsibility you are assu­ming, you are the one going to shoulder everything; and so long as you have not involved God from the beginning, then don't try to call upon Him to come in for any shouldering of anything. Because, if you never involved Him to help you choose, then you chose according to what you liked and you should shoulder all that goes with what you liked. But if God chose for you for what He liked, then He can shoul­der what He liked. Isn't it? That is right. When there arises problems in that which He liked, then He is actually obligated to come and shoulder those prob­lems in what He liked.
9. But many people don't take these words seri­ously when they come to make a choice. That is why we have lots of trouble; because Christians don't involve God very much in the matters of choice. And these matters of choice don't concern only marriage. It is every day life things that we choose to do. When you choose something, remember you are going to shoulder a responsibility. And there are burdens that go with those things; and there are problems that come in such ways. And there is a place where you are going to need help from God. Therefore if you never involved the Lord from the very beginning, then it will be very hard for you even to get faith to involve Him somewhere along the way. And that is why there is a lot of failures.
10. So this servant of Abraham, knowing this was a great responsibility, never went straight and began to hunt for a girl by what he could do as a man or by what his wisdom could tell him. No! He never trusted himself. When he looked at himself he saw that he was very much not qualified as somebody who can seek for that bride, that virtuous bride for the son of Abraham the promised son of Abraham. So realising that way, that he was very much insuffi­cient in carrying out this great responsibility, he decided that he should rely completely on the Power of God. He never wanted to misbehave with that res­ponsibil­ity.
11. God sometimes gives us responsibility as men and people take them just rashly, just lightly and go forward haphazardly in whatever responsibility God has given them. And they end up failures. When God gives us a responsibility, we should take it with all our hearts and take it seriously and walk very circumspectly in that particular commission that God has given us.
12. If this man was just given a commission from a man (another man living on earth) Abraham, and he took it this much serious and it was a great bur­den on his heart and he walked very carefully and cir­cumspectly treading with fear because he saw the great responsibility upon him, yet it was a man's res­ponsibility upon him; then how much more the ser­vants of God when they are given this great respon­sibility in the ministry of the Gospel? How much cir­cumspect should they walk? How much should they rely on the Holy Ghost, on the Will of God. How much should they wait upon God to decide for their move­ments; and not just move in their own senses as human beings. But you find that many human beings, as they are weak, they never take some of these things seriously enough, and they just walk hap­hazardly in the service of God and they end up in error so much so that God just leaves them alone. And they end up completely defeated to fulfil the co­mmission that God has given them. So you find it is because they don't rely on God. They presume to go forward without waiting upon God. Any servant of God who has been given a commission to go forward in a ministry should be very circumspect in the way he approaches that responsibility and in the way he carries out what God has commanded him. He should walk with fear and trembling, completely relying upon the Holy Spirit and waiting upon the Holy Ghost to lead him and push him forward. He should not just be somebody who presumes and goes in his own und­erstanding. Because the best understanding of a human being can be as far from God as hell is from Heaven. Therefore men ought to fear when they are carrying out a commission from Heaven. But we have not found many who are of that kind of calibre; we haven't found many of them who go forward with fear and trembling carrying out that work circumspectly and walking cautiously knowing that they are in a great responsibility before God. They have been sent by God the great Master, to go forward in a very great responsibility.
13. But many of these servants of God become very careless, become carefrees, they just do what they like and reject what they don't like; and they just choose things according to their own thoughts pre­suming so much until finally God abandons them.
14. But we find out that this great servant of Abra­ham reaching this well could not rely on himself what he understood as a man. **And that should teach us that in our matters of choice, in our respon­sibilities as Christians, when we reach matters of choice or matters of service to God, we must com­pletely rely on what the Holy Ghost is going to do for us.** We should stop and wait regardless of how urgent the matter is; regardless of what is about to take place the danger involved by waiting, but you must wait! Because if you are in the service of God, it is only the Holy Ghost Who knows the way; and He knows the perfect way and He will choose for you the perfect things. And because of that, in the matter of choice, you must wait until God chooses for you what manner of life you have to have in this earth; which way you should walk on this earth. You must wait until God places that *thing* in your hands. And in the service of God, you as a servant of God; and I believe I am addressing servants of God. Though a servant of God, you must wait upon the leadership of the Holy Ghost and you must be very sensitive about that issue. You see? You should not just walk hap­hazardly deciding things without waiting upon the Lord and getting completely a-go-ahead; a straight positive answer of **"Yes".** You should never do any­thing upon your own presumptions or as it pleases you, as it stirs your heart. Some of the things when they come they stir your heart until you are full of joy thinking it is the Will Of God. But just give it a little time, you'll realise it is just far from God like anything else.
15. So we must learn that as servants of God we have a great responsibility and we must walk cau­tiously as we approach this great responsibility which He has given us: touching everything with fear and trembling; just taking this example of Eliezer.
16. Now, the man knowing that that was so great a responsibility he decided to ask God to help him; and he depended only on God. See? And that is an important thing for a man to do. Somebody going to seek a wife for somebody else? That is the sweetest thing that Isaac could have when he received that particular testimony. That could have made him jump and dance in spirit knowing that the wife that he was receiving was not the choice of a man, but she was the choice of God, perfectly proven and vindicated at the well.
17. And many of us just take it rashly. Have you ever taken this kind of precautions in seeking God's Will? You know sometimes when seeking a wife, people just seek wives because they have reached the age of marrying; and just any feeling they have, they say the Holy Ghost is leading them. You should not do that! You have to have a vindication. You have to have a real thorough proof.
18. And when we look at this case here, the prayer he prayed tied his hands completely. There was no way he could intervene and bring out anything else. There was no way! He wasn't depending on a man. I mean whatever he prayed, a man could not perform it. Because he tied his hands. The moment he fin­ished the prayer, then, according to that prayer, he had no part to play as far as choosing that wife was concerned. He had no part. He completely closed the way. And such kind of prayers are the ones which are best in time of choice.
19. Because he prayed;

***And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand*** *here* ***by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray, that I may drink;***

Now if he had just ended there, that one could be a lot easier for anybody to fulfil it. Because a man asking for water to drink, any normal girl with any little good manners should do that. So that alone couldn't be a very great test. No! And it wasn't very hard to be performed. Therefore it could not have been proven that it was God doing it because almost any girl could have done that. But then he went further and said;

***...and she shall say, drink and I shall give thy camels to drink also:***

1. Now if any girl is asked for a drink of water she may say, "Drink". But then the second statement of this prayer was completely out of the way for him to facilitate it; Eliezer could not do anything about it. The girl had to say it herself.

***...Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also***

1. See? That wasn't very easy for any girl to say because he had very many camels there. And he didn't ask for it! And many girls wouldn't go that far. After all the first question alone is disturbing enough. So they will do it out of strain thinking they will be too rude to refuse. So they will just go and do it anyhow. But to add on that it would be very much impossible for many of them. It has to be the Hand of God to cause it to go according to what he had prayed for. See? Without her being asked to, that was going to take the Hand of God.
2. One time when the revival was just ending, I was realising that the blessings were no longer fol­lowing me when I could go out. When I could go out I couldn't find blessings. When I visit places I couldn't find blessings. When I went in meetings so­metimes I came from there as if I had curses on my heart. When I came from one of the meetings, I was feeling so bad. I went home and I went into prayer, and prayed and I told the LORD, "From today You'll never see me go to any meeting until finally You Yo­urself will come and cause me to go by putting bless­ings upon my heart. I want to come from there with bles­sings upon my heart. But so long as I feel this way, I will never go out again! I went and sat. And from that time (of course one time I went because of fear and I didn't want to make a meeting in this place because I was looking at some eyes; how they would look at me. So I said, "Now we just can't make a meeting here". So then I went out, and came from there sick and laboured the whole week. And even if I swallowed tablets and everything, nothing happened. Then finally I groaned out of it as God helped me.)
3. But anyhow, as much as I can manage I have stayed away from those things of going out because I know it wasn't the Will of God. Something was against me going out. And therefore whatever it was, let it sort itself out.
4. Now something else we can see is that the ser­vant of Abraham was relying entirely upon God's Word for the choice. He was relying entirely upon God's Word because in his prayer, he was addressing it fully to God; and in his address to God he relied on the Choice of God: that God would come down and cho­ose a girl for Isaac. And then we find in this case that the girl who was going to do that was fulfilling God's Word. Because if God accepted to work accord­ing to that prayer; to provide whatever was asked in that prayer, **that prayer had become God's Word.** Isn't it? If God accepted that prayer of Eliezer as he prayed at the well, and said, "Yes. Let that girl who does that be the wife of Isaac", then immediately that prayer becomes God's Word to the girl who will fulfil it. Hallelujah! So every girl that comes at the well, meets with God's Word. Amen. And whosoever was to fulfil this Word of God was the one who was worth to be the wife of Isaac. Are you seeing that? The prayer became the Word of God when God received it. And therefore any girl who would come and accept that Word and do according to that Word by the insp­iration of the Holy Ghost, that would be the right girl.
5. **So in this case therefore, this servant of God based completely on the Word of God.** The choice will not be his own, but completely God's. Because a girl who wouldn't accomplish the condition in that prayer had no way to be Isaac's wife. The girl who was going to have an opportunity to be a wife to Isaac according to this prayer was a girl who was to fulfil the Words of God in this prayer. And therefore we find that this choice was going to be completely based on God's Word. In other words, this servant of God who was seeking the wife for Isaac was basing his choice on God's Word; not his own word. He let God Himself come with His Will and put in that choice.
6. In other words, Eliezer was using God's Word to choose. And this servant of God took the Words of God, put them before the girls and let the girls choose according to the Word of God. He went forth with God's Word, and put God's Word before himself and let the girl that will choose God's Word be the wife of Isaac, his master's son. Are you getting it? Because I want you to get it spiritually. The choice wasn't just by wisdom, but by God's Word. That, "Let the girl who will fulfil this Word (Your Word) be Isaac's wife". So the choice of the girl was based on the Word. **And the girl that chooses the Word that God has put before her is the girl who is worthy to be the Bride.** Any girl who will come and fail to do that was disqualified; for example, if many girls could have come before Rebekah finally came, then some girl could have come and when the man says, "Let me drink". Then she being so rude says, "Who told you that I have come at this well to give men water to drink?" Then she takes the water and goes away. Then he could know very well that that fellow was not suit­able. There is no need of complaining. Another one could come and when he says, "Please let me drink". Then the fellow just keeps quiet and goes her way; she doesn't even utter a word. Then he could have known very well this is not a suitable girl because she is not fulfilling God's Word.
7. Then another one could have come and when he says, "Please let me drink". Then she says, "Yea. You can drink". Then he drinks and she takes the water and goes her way. Then he could have known very well that that was not a girl whom the Lord had chosen because she hadn't fulfilled God's command­ment. Maybe another one could have come and when he says, "Let me drink". And maybe the girl could have began to curse: "Where do you come from?" Then he could have known very well that God had rejected that kind of girl.
8. Now, what I am saying, conclusively, is that the choice of the Bride should be based **entirely** upon God's Word. God puts His Word before the girls and lets them choose either to be the Bride or not. And the girl who chooses the Word is the one who is to be the Bride. And in this manner in spiritual sense, God came looking for a Bride for His dear Son; and He has sent His servants, as Eliezer, in the world. They come to choose that Bride as they offer Her the Word. Are you seeing that now?
9. Every servant that God has ever sent is as Eliezer. God has entrusted them with a great respon­sibility. Men of God like Paul and the apostles were sent by God under a great commission. And in that commission, they were going to seek a Bride for His Own Son Jesus. So when they went forth to seek the Bride, they could not go just according to their own minds. They were not supposed to base upon their own wisdom. Like Paul said, "When I came unto you, I came not with the wisdom of man, declaring the Gos­pel of Christ unto you". He said, "I never came with enticing wisdom of men, but I came in fear and trem­bling with the demonstration of the Holy Ghost that your faith may not rest in a man's word but in the Word of God".
10. So we find that men like Paul who were ent­rusted with that responsibility and being faithful as they went forth they never went in their own wis­dom seek­ing a Bride for Christ. They never went basing upon their own choice. They never went as their eyes could see. They never went according to their own reason­ing and imagination; but they were help­lessly waiting upon the Holy Ghost to control the whole business. It is so bad that many of the people who say they are ser­vants of God, when they go for­ward, they just become so careless until they take all the power in their hands and choose anything accord­ing to their own imagination; and they put it to God saying, "God must accept such a Bride for Jesus, whether He wants it or not. But of course God would not want it! And He'll reject it! And He will refuse it! And whether you become as rude as Cain, He will still refuse it that kind of sacrifice. And God will reject it; and if you become wrathful, then you receive a mark. That is right!
11. Many of these people who came (especially in this end-time) trying to be servants of God sent to seek the Bride of Jesus, did so basing on their own imaginations and traditions of men. And God will never accept that choice. The get some girls some­where who are painted and prostitutes as they can be; and they bring them saying, "Lord, here she is!" See. "This is what we can find the best; the best out of the world. And You must receive the girl. She is Your Bride! She is the Bride of Jesus Christ! Whether you like it or not, she must be the Bride!" But God says, "SHE CAN'T BE. **Full stop**". That is right. They go according to their own imagination, scientific reasoning and church tradition. When they arrive at these wells of water; some of them so bad, they never even end up at the wells. See? They don't even go to Mesopotamia. They go to Egypt. You find them in Egypt trying to seek a Bride for the Messiah, for the Son of God. In Egypt where would you get one? You never even checked your map. It is so bad people end up like that. But any way, some of them who happen to end up at the well besides Mesopotamia, when they come to that city, then they present their own traditions. And of course, there are so many girls that keep coming there, so they offer to them traditions: and some girls of any kind of cha­racters would accept it. They choose a girl upon their own traditions, that is why they never (these girls) suit in the image of what the Bride of Jesus Christ is. That is right. Because the responsibility is so great, and we must depend on the leadership of the Holy Ghost upon God's Word. A true servant pre­s­ents the Word to the girls.
12. Any servant of God who has been given this great responsibility to go and seek this great Bride, this virtuous Bride of Jesus Christ; whoever has been given that responsibility must remember that the res­ponsibility is so great; and the work is so sensitive; and he should walk circumspectly waiting upon the le­adership of the Holy Ghost. As he goes on that way he should not just walk in his own mind, but he should be waiting upon the leadership of God. Because God alone knows where this Girl is, in what­ever city She will come out of; in whatever region She is found. So we should wait and let the Holy Ghost lead the way; and when the Holy Ghost turns this way, a servant of God should turn that way. Even if it seems like there are a lot of opportunities of get­ting girls on the other side, he should turn because God alone knows where this virtuous Girl stays. And every servant of God responsible in this case must completely depend on the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Where the Holy Ghost leads him to go, that is where he should go, walking circumspectly in the fear of God.
13. And when he arrives at the place where the Holy Ghost has sent him, at the well, he should never try to put anything before these girls but only God's Word! If he hopes to get any bride; if he hopes to get any virtuous girl that can be fit to be the Bride; if he hopes to get God's Choice for the Bride of Jesus Christ, he should only wave the Word before them. No matter how many girls are cursing as they go and scorning and reproaching, saying, "You think (me) I can be a wife of such a fanatical fellow? How do you look at me so that you think I can ?" See?
14. No matter how much they curse, you should not mind; just put the Word before them. Let the girl that fulfils the Word be the choice for the Bride of Jesus. Let that girl do that, see? Whatever they do, let them do! You see? May be the first ten of them went away without saying a word. Then the following ten of them began to curse and reproach and scorn and abuse him as they go home. He should never change his order of preaching and say, "Let me approach a little more humbly because things seems not to work. The Word I am putting before them must be too strong; let me lighten it a bit". No! So long as you are in this great responsibility, all ser­vants of God that were sent with this responsibility never based it on their imagination, however hard the times were. However rejected they were, they stayed there and manifested the Word and let the Bride or the girls in the world choose according to the Word. If they like my Master or not, it is proved by this Word. If they love Him, let them fulfil that. If they are suitable, let them fulfil that Word. If they don't fulfil it, they are not suitable. However beautiful they are, wherever they come from that is how the choice should be. That is right. However crooked they are; see; that is just the choice. If they accept that Word and they are crooked, that is it. See? No other way.
15. May be they are lame and one eye is not there, one ear is not there; whatever they are, that is the choice. And the man of God has no permission to alter. The one who is going to accept it may be so disappointing, but if It is the Word of God, that will be the best choice.

And in every age God has sent these servants; sending servants down on earth: Paul, Peter, the apostles and so forth; these seven church age angels and so many other servants of God in the ages gone by; Moody and such like fellows. And He sent them down to the earth with His Message, seeking a Bride for Jesus. And these servants of God came down with that Message and waved it before the women in the world. And remember, whoever was to accept that Message is the one who is going to qualify to be the Bride. Whoever rejects that Message; whoever doesn't fit in that Message; whoever doesn't fulfil that Mess­age, cannot qualify to be the Bride of Jesus. I don't care what they think about themselves, how big they are. I don't care how much they look at themselves as being important. I don't care the status they have in the world. They may be daughters of queens; it doesn't matter. And the daughters who are choosing and who are accepting that Message may be daughters of servants of servants. And yet, so long as the choice is on the Word; and a daughter of a queen rejects It her being a princess does not matter. See. And God doesn't care about her being a princess! And however much she may display her being a prin­cess and become arrogant and think of herself being great, God doesn't even regard her. That is right.

1. You know there are some girls (You know I am speaking spiritually.) There are some girls like that whom when God brings the Word, then they'll think of themselves to be so big and they think God cannot do without them. That He must bend that Word to suit them because they are rejecting some phrases in the Word. And they say, "If God wants me to be the Bride of Jesus; if He wants to marry me let Him accept *this, this;* inject *this* in It and remove *this* from It. If he doesn't, let Him be". You know He will also say, "Let you be. I have no use for you. If you want to change one clause, just one clause in this Word; You want to change just one phrase; get away!"
2. Then they may go away saying, "Eh!" They think they are very important. One of them may say now, "If you don't want then You are the One ". No! No! You are the one to suffer! Because you are the one who should receive Mercy, but Him He doesn't need any mercy from you. So if you reject Him then He will just simply toss you away and forget you. That is right.
3. Now watch it carefully; the servants of God whom God has ever sent in this world have never been that kind which just comes with traditions and offers something which is half-baked and begin to change it and change it; and when the girl complains they change. That kind of girl God can never accept her to be the Bride of Jesus because she is perverted to begin with. That is exactly right.
4. Now remember that is how the choice is. This choice of the Bride of Jesus Christ, is completely based on God's Word. And servants of God when they come, watch them. When Luther came, he came with nothing else but the Word, put it before the girls, (Let them do the choosing.) If they refuse to choose according to God's Word, that is up to them. If no girl chooses, that is up to them. Their is no change of one Word. Even if he stays on the field for twenty years and no girl has appeared yet, that is not his problem. The choice still depends on that same Word. Not changing one clause, or one phrase. No sir! And that is how it has been in every age. These messengers of God, these Eliezers, these stew­ards that God has ever sent to the earth to seek this virtuous woman . . . eh! They never changed even one clause in that Message. It is so important! The Message is so important! The responsibility is so great that they should never alter that Word. The Word of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. They know the Master has sent them, and He is the greatest Master and they cannot dare change one clause to suit the girl.
5. So you find many of those preachers when they come, who calls themselves servants of God; when they reach on the fields and begin to find some of these girls being very rude. Some of them are so perverted. So some of these servants begin to change the Message to suit the girls' behaviours so that they can win them to Christ as the Bride. Such a senseless thing. When they find the girl so repellant to that Message which has been given them by the Master they think to change It. You know the Message is so confidential! See It is so important. They have received It from the Hands of God. And when they come to the fields and find the girls so rude, so disobedient, they are not easily convertible, then they begin to make the Message suit the girls so that they can win them for Christ. So senseless! Are you winning Christ for the girls or girls for Christ? You are sent to win the girls for Christ with a Mess­age from Christ. Now when you reach where the girls are and they are disobedient, then you alter the Mes­sage to suit them (the girls' behaviour) so that they can accept Christ; who has been won to another? See? That means the girls are winning Christ to the­m­selves and you have changed the whole thing and it is a perversion; and Christ cannot be won by that perversion. Get it? That is right.
6. So you find that is what has ever happened. In every age there is so many of these multitudes called servants of God who change the Message to suit the girls. They can leave them walk anyhowly and give them half-baked messages. They take one Word out or add one word. They don't want that Message which is really very strict to the girls. Because many girls don't want that kind of strictness. They just want to left to do what they want to do, to roam as they want; and go back home and still be wives. **As the women of the world are, that is how the churches are.** They don't want to be tamed. They don't want to be ruled. They don't want to stay under the rule of the Headship of the Husband and subject themselves totally to the Message of their Husband, the Headship. And that is how the women are in the world.
7. Now you find the churches also are the same way. They don't want to marry anybody who will put them under the strict leadership of the Word. They just want to marry somebody who can allow them to walk anywhere in the world and still be called wives.
8. Now for Christ, a girl like that is in for a dis­appointment. Let her never think that Christ will ever allow any one of His Words to drop on the ground for the sake of the girl. See? Because He is looking for this great virtuous Woman. You see? And there is no way one Word will fall on the ground. He will not allow such nonsense. Because when He comes forth, He wants a girl who is exactly in the image of the Word. And when He sends His Word, then a girl who suits in that Word is the only girl who is accept­able. Any girl who doesn't suit her ch­aracter in that Word, Christ shall not mind about her. Let her just forget it. Even He doesn't know her! He only knows the girl through the Word. That is how He knows any girl. And anybody who comes less the Word, He doesn't even know her.
9. So we find that servants and servants have been sent, but many of them are very unfaithful. They change the Message, they cut It short, they remove or they add so that they can allure some filthy girls around whom they want to bring to Jesus. You only sell your birthright by doing so. All ser­vants of God who have been sent to work in the great field, and they start changing the Word of God; lessening here and improving on it to suit the girls on the fields, they just lose their birthright. They were sent by God, they had a great birthright for being involved in seeking the Bride of Jesus Christ. They were given a great privilege to be also among the number who are sent to seek for that virtuous Woman. But when they went away to the fields they became very unfaithful. They assume the position of their Master eh? And take the Message and begin to add and to remove, so that they can suit the girls' characters. And in that manner they are look­ing for a girl who suit their own character but not the Character of the Master who sent them.
10. Are you seeing how evil it is? See? That a man is going to seek a wife for somebody else and then he seeks that girl who suits his own character. Then that is complete perversion. That is contradic­tory because she may suit yours but never suit the other one. So you should not present your image but you must present the image of the one who sent you. That is the image you must present. That is the mes­sage that you must deliver less no word or no more by even one word. That is right. Because you aren't seeking your wife; you are seeking somebody else's wife. You aren't seeking your bride; you are seeking somebody else's bride, and he has given you the image you must portray. You must never change that image to suit yourself; or else, the moment you change, that means whatever you are seeking is that which is yours.
11. Those girls who were sought by such kind of men, spiritually speaking, God has rejected them. Why? They don't suit the image of Christ! Why? They were actually deceived by the messengers, and the messengers gave them messages which makes them suit their own characters. And they are married to those messengers. You know it is this way; it is as if Eliezer went to look for a girl for Isaac, but finally he looks for that one who suits him­self. And in the whole thing, that wife is not Isa­ac's wife, but she is Eliezer's wife pretended to be Is­aac's wife. Of course he sought that one whom he loves. Once he is seek­ing his own interest, then he is seek­ing that whom he loves. And that whom he gets will therefore be his own wife! Let him never pretend! It is just a wife of that fellow pretended to be the wife of Isaac!
12. And many of these servants of God, many of these ministers who were sent to seek for this girl, finally have found wives for themselves! I know that that is strong and rude but it is true. They have found wives whom they control with anything. They can deceive them with anything; give them anything of their own and stay there and say they must acce­pt it. Of course they end up accepting it because they are wives to those men in the pulpits.
13. But a servant of God, when he comes with that Message, will take himself off the scene and just put the Message there saying,"**this is the one who has sent me; and I am here to exalt the Message of Him Who sent me. It is here. And if you like Him, come. If you don't, stay! This is the Message; no less, no more. Suit yourself".**
14. That is a servant of God who has been truly sent and the Holy Ghost is leading him. But that one who comes and says, "Do you like this?" Then when they begin to complain, he says, "Now, what about *this,* can you take it". Such a servant is not a true servant of God; and his work is not yielding any­thing. And he is not gaining any bride for Jesus.
15. And remember, I want you to see that this has been a very serious case. So many girls are deceived and end up marrying men, marrying brute beasts instead of marrying the Son of God. They think they are going to marry the Son of God when actually they are already married to these preachers. These middle­men are not trustworthy! You can never trust these fel­lows! Many of those middle fellows, (and they never were sent by the Will of God but by their lusts and desires they found themselves on the fields) fina­lly became so evil as to seek a bride in the Name of Christ but finally make them their own wives. So bad. Isn't it?
16. And such men, Christ has never trusted them! Do you know why? Because when they seek, that whom they find, as a bride of Jesus, they end up get­ting married to her. They say they are middlemen. They say they are ambassadors, but they do what the friend of Samson did. Do you remember that? Sam­son went down there and engaged a girl; and there was a middle man in that land of the Philistines. Sam­son went back and prepare and when he returned the father of the girl said, "I gave it to your ambas­sa­dor".
17. He said, "Therefore I will be more blameless if I do you some hurt; if I avenge myself". Do you see that? That fellow became arrogant. Whenever he could speak to the girl (every now and then) he began to portray his own image, "I am coming from your master; I have just seen Samson on the other side". Yet the fellow is having wicked desires; he has some other messages he is trying to deliver apart from the message of the one who sent him. And some preachers have been that much arrogant! They begin in the simplicity and humility of being servants of God, speaking very humbly. They say they are not preachers, but finally they make themselves more than preachers! They have become gods. But in the very beginning you find them saying, "Nonono. Me? I don't preach. Me? when I come to the pulpit I just talk". Then you who begin by saying you were not a preacher, has finally climbed to be a preacher and was not satisfied with that but became the god for the people; you became an idol. That is what has ha­ppened. You assumed that place of the one who sent you and the message you began to deliver was your own message and therefore you have beguiled the girl by deception! That, "This is the message of your Mas­ter!" That, "This is the Word of God!" That, "This is what He has sent me with! I met Him on the way the other day while I was praying!" But when you begin to preach you bring out your own tradi­tions. That is a deception! It is beguiling! And many girls have been beguiled that way to follow all kinds of men who are reprobates and deceivers.
18. And many of these girls many of these women, (you know I am putting it to the church. You see?) many these churches, are actually espoused to their preachers! As crude as it is. Many of these girls many of these churches are married to their own preachers! Not to Christ. Let them never deceive themselves! I can take *this* word and prove so. Because Christ is the Word, and when He comes to marry the girl, He will send her the Word. That is right. But if the preachers presumes on the Word and begin to teach his own doctrines, his own teach­ings traditions; then what has happened? He has assumed the place of Christ to the church. And the place of Christ in the Church is as a Husband, a Lord, the Head of the House. And when a preacher has assumed that place, therefore, that church is married to their preacher. Let them never think they are going anywhere. Christ will not marry such a prostitute. No sir! Christ will never accept those prostitutes.
19. They began by saying, "We are coming to Christ, we are following Christ, we are being saved". Finally the fellows are married to these middlemen so- called preachers. Deceivers! And have allowed them­selves to be beguiled. Deceived! Liked Eve was deceived and beguiled by the serpent. They finally are beguiled and get married to their pastors and evangelists. And they are so married to them until the Word of God has no effect upon them at all. Then they sing a song, "We are the Bride of Jesus Christ. . . " And commit fornication? Christ will never accept such a nonsense girl!
20. They began by saying, "We are being betrothed to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are being espoused to the Lord Jesus Christ". And they began by con­fess­ing Him, but by and by, by the seducing of these men, who came to preach to them; they finally accepted the word of these men, being deceived. And they were beguiled by these serpents. And when they were beguiled by the serpents, they were found in fornication (spiritually speaking). And being found in fornication, Christ doesn't want to see them! And by calling themselves the Bride it is blasphemy, because of the life they live. It is blasphemy.
21. See? How these deceivers have done it. They came out in the name of stewards, that they were sent; that God had sent them to seek for the Bride. Finally they presented their image! They furthered their own interests to the church. And you may not see it very plainly, but if you allow the Holy Ghost to dissolve it down a little bit, you'll see how the case is very serious.

These so-called ministers, even in the Branham Churches (so-called preachers), **instead of taking the­mselves out of the way as the Word increases, they began to increase and the Word of God began to dim­inish until finally they took the Word of God out of the pulpit and replaced It with their own orders and filthiness.** And all the churches are found in fornica­tion against God's Word, pretending to be the Bride of Jesus Christ. And shall be utterly burned as pro­stitutes to the Word. See?

1. That is how the case has been. See. The whole case has been so bad. When men assume the place of God in the Church and deny God's Word a place in the congregation, and begin to further their own interest in the name of religion; in that they fall from the Commission. And by falling from the Com­mission they end up just committing fornication with the very girls they were sent to seek for Christ.
2. When a man injects his own word which is a lie as I have said many times very strongly that when you see a man coming you are seeing a liar! Never trust him. Never trust that man! I don't care how great the fellow is, how an angel he is almost Michael. Some of them have been Michaels when they began, but you wonder now whether they are not very far now on the other side of Beelzebub because of their behaviours.
3. So remember when a man begins to add one word to that Message, he is a serpent. He is playing the part of a serpent to Eve. I don't care who he is. The moment he takes one tradition of the elders; som­ething which is not in the Word and he calls it the Word, that is a tradition of men. That is his own word that is the lie of the devil! And he is right there playing the part of the serpent to Eve: and shall be judged for that error and pay for it. See? Because God sent them out with a Message to seek the Bride for *Isaac*, His Son the only Begotten Son of God. And then these men in doing so, pretend to take the Message from God and pose as servants of God; and when they reach the fields they begin to substitute and commit fornication with the very girls. They shall utterly be burned.
4. Any minister who has done that is guilty of the act of the Serpent. They may disqualify the serpent so much; they may put nasty things on the serpent; they may condemn the serpent as hard as they can, but they are going to fall in the same camp with the serpent and be judged. How dare they do that when God has given them the Message of His dear Son; God's Word promised. Then when they come to the girls they deceive them and say, "It is not so". That, "It can't be that way". They begin to interpret by their own knowledge and wisdom of which Paul says, "I never came unto you with the wisdom of men, decl­aring unto you Christ. But in fear and trembling I demonstrated the Power of the Holy Spirit, lest any one of you should be established in the wisdom of men. But I was determined to see nothing among you; no man among you; no Apollos or Cephas, and no Paul (himself) or any other man among you, but Christ in you crucified".
5. Then this men of reprobate mind; these men full of lust; when they go and pose before God pretending to be preachers; saying, "We are servants of God; we are pastors; we are preachers". Then when God gives them the Message, they seem to go forward with It. When they reach the fields they begin to add wisdom and put their own interpretation by their cunningness, lustfulness and craftiness of their hearts. And they end up completely in fornication with the same girls. When God looks at the whole thing, it is just filthiness and dirty! God will have no place for such things. That is why the Bible says all whoremongers and liars and defilers shall have their place in the Lake of Fire. Right! Because when God sends a servant and he becomes a defiler, he shall end straight in the Lake of Fire. By adding a lie to the Message, by substituting one Word. As the Bible says, whoever adds one word or takes away one Word, then he is beginning to commit fornication. That is adding a lie. That is defiling the girl. And by so doing in the sight of God, he is a defiler and the girl is a whoremonger, they end up in the Lake of Fire. No other place for those kind of fellows.
6. So remember that many of these men who pose as stewards and then begin with a lot of pretended humility trying to be humble; but when they get a position in the church and gain the respect of the people, then they speak like dragons. But when they first came to the churches they were like lambs until they were actually mistaken, these girls mistook them. And they were deceived so much until they became so blinded that when the time came when these fellows began to speak like dragons, they didn't even recognise them to be dragons. They were so much deceived in their craftiness.
7. So remember we must save ourselves from these men, those crafty men; those cunning men who come to pose like stewards, but finally become serpents. Now these words may be so strong but you don't know how strong they will be in the Day of Judge­ment. They may be a thousand more times stronger when God comes in Judgement against these things. So remember a servant of God; the real servants of God whom God sent to this world with His Word to seek for this virtuous Bride; when they came they never portrayed their images. They always tried to hide their own faces and only bring out the Word. They were exalters of the Word. In their desire, in their prayer and in all that they sought was the exal­tation of Jesus Christ. Not a human being! But, you see, those are true servants of God.
8. But many people are overtaken by the lie of the devil and begin to seek their own interests; and by so doing, they present a lukewarm, half-baked relig­ious message which is not good at all. And they give to the Church that kind, because they are just look­ing for honour and popularity. If they preach a harsh message, rebuking message; and they make a clear-cut division between God's Word and the errors of men, they'll be rejected by the majority. The maj­ority will never go for them. When a man stands by God's Word and exalts only God's Word, and rejects anything else besides God's Word; then the majority will pull away from that man. But many of them can't stand that. Many of these so-called servants can't stand that reproach of being rejected by the major­ity. And because of that they pretend and begin to substitute. And God will never honour their word. That is right.
9. So you see, the kind of bride that is a true one is the Bride who is chosen by the Word. That is right! It is the Bride who accepts the Word without putting there one thing or taking away one thing. It is the Bride who suits Herself in the Word. That is the Bride. But anything else called the Bride and suits their own preachers, God shall never look at them! They shall never be accepted. They shall be rejected because of suiting themselves in the image of their preachers; in the image of some lustful beasts some­where instead of suiting themselves in the Image of the Word. And churches are full of that. Branham churches are so full of those kind of things. That is right.
10. But remember, **the choice is by the Word!** This virtuous Bride is virtuous to the Word, and She is elected by the Word. That is right! She suits the election of the Word. But anybody that shall presume with his own lies and try to come before Jesus as the Bride; He will say, "I don't even know where you come from. I don't know you to begin with". Because they presume; they take the Word of God lightly. But the Bride of Jesus Christ suits Herself in the Word of the very day She is living in, when the Message arrives at the well. And the messenger has no authority but the Word. He has no authority of his own. He only prays and puts the Word before the damsels and let the damsels themselves do the choos­ing. He has no authority to receive any com­plains. If a girl says, "But what about this statement here; it seems too strong! Can a man ever live up to this? Can a woman fulfil this ?" He replies, "I have no authority to answer those kind of questions. I was just sent to give you, and you do whatever you want to do. See? Because it is not in my authority to either comment, change or do anything. The Mess­age should remain as it is".
11. Those are really sincere servants who have been sent in every age. That is their characteristics; they come to exalt Christ, and bring Christ to the people and let the people choose Christ or reject Him. But not to present themselves. And that is why many of them have ended up rejected, because many people don't like Christ, the Word.
12. But you see, we are here in our time; because we have looked at servants after servants in the ages gone by; God sending them with Messages. And when God has sent such a servant, he is in the position of Eliezer. See? I want you to see that every servant of God that has ever been sent in these seven church ages, has been playing the part of Eliezer. When God sent Luther, he was an Eliezer going to Mesopotamia seeking a girl that can marry Isaac. When Wesley came the same way. See? When Brother Branham came the same way. All these servants of God who have been sent in the hour they lived in, and went out; small or great, they were in the shoes of Eliezer. And that Message which they were given, being faith­ful servants of God, could not add or remove. And every woman was to suit herself. She had to suit her­self. There is no comment. They have no author­ity to comment. They have no authority to alter one thing; they are just sent to present the Message and go away. Let the girls do with the Message whatever they want. That is exactly what it is. In every age it has been that way.
13. And when we see in every time that way; and now we come to our time when we believe that *this* servant (God's Angel) has been sent to come down and also present the same kind of a Message before the girls in the world. And remember the choosing is for the girls, and they have to suit themselves. And if they alter one thing they shall never be accepted at that door. When the wedding time comes, they shall never be accepted! The door shall be shut. Because it is in the state of Holy Matrimony. They must come and suit the condition of Holy Matrimony. Anything less than that is not accepted. That is right.
14. Now when this servant of God came and chose this girl, not by himself but by God and came back to Isaac, Isaac came from the house, came out in his prayer places and was communing to his God, praying about Eliezer that God could keep him on the way, prosper his way and so forth; and was wondering where Eliezer was exactly at the time.
15. When he rose up from his prayer, looked over on the other side and saw the camels coming, he qui­ckly identified them. Those were Eliezer's camels! He moved towards them to welcome them back, knowing that Eliezer had prospered (feeling that Eliezer had prospered). So he went towards them to welcome them. This virtuous girl that had been chosen by God's Word fitting in God's Word. When she realised the master was coming she took a veil and covered her head and came off that camel. See? She could not rudely sit on the camel and meet Isaac like that. And could not look boldly in the eyes of Isaac. So, in kind of shame, she took a veil and wrapped her­self meaning that she had no headship of herself. So she covered her head by that veil and went to meet her husband.
16. Now that is showing virtuousness of that woman. She was actually completely subjecting her­self to the husband in every way by that veil. That veil was a signal that from that time she was under the headship of that man. And her word could not stand any more. She had no head to think by. Every thought must come from this man; and that was prov­ing the virtuousness of Rebekah; how she was so vir­tuous to Isaac suitable for being a wife! That was displaying her *Perfect* characteristics.
17. Of course the marriage was performed. And remember in this marriage she was espoused by this servant to Isaac at the well when he gave her the message and she accepted it. Because when he put that message to her and she displayed exactly that message; manifested exactly that message, then she was chosen by God to be the wife of Isaac. God had revealed to that servant that that was a suitable girl. By that revelation Isaac received her as his wife. And this servant by that message espoused that girl to Isaac.
18. As Paul says to his church in Corinthians, II Corinthians 11:1-3;

***Would to God ye could bear with me a little in*** *my* ***folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present*** *you as* ***a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be cor­rupted from the simplicity that is in Christ:***

1. So that was Paul's Message to the church at that time. That he had espoused the church to Christ. Not to any other man, not even himself! Paul com­pletely puts himself out of the picture; and as a ser­vant of God who was sent, says, "I have espoused you to one Husband".
2. And every servant of God, if he is honest with his ministry, will espouse the girl, not to any other creature anywhere or beast; but only to Christ Jesus. And that can only be so by the Word; presenting her the Word. **And if she takes the Word then the espou­sing has taken place; and the covenant has been made in that particular Word.** That Word has brought the covenant into effect because, if he accepts the Word then the covenant has been sealed that she is a future wife. And by that covenant, of course, she is already a wife, but the time is coming for the mar­riage union. Therefore such a girl must keep herself, from that time she is espoused, as a chaste virgin from all men. Remain virtuous; keep herself from all other men, and remain a virgin the rest of her life because she has been espoused. And no other man should come around her.
3. Now in doing so she displays her virtues because there is one virtue she must display: **Sacred Body** to the Husband. That is exactly what she must dis­play. The Body of Christ must remain virtuous; and we have been entrusted with this virtue of keeping that Body holy, blameless and sacred before God. So that in the time of marriage when the Bride comes to unite with the Bridegroom, She will be a Chaste Virgin of His Own Word.
4. Therefore we must keep ourselves from beguil­ing serpents. **Because if we have received that Gos­pel then we should not accept any other gospel because there is no other gospel.** Therefore we must keep ourselves from any other gospel because we must finally be presented to Christ as chaste vir­gins of the Word. Because we must keep that Body sacred, holy and blameless. That is what He is look­ing for, as Rebekah was to Isaac. From that time we received our espousing; when we were betrothed to Christ as His Bride, after being washed by the Water of the Washing by the Word; and after we were Sanc­tified; and then were anointed by the Holy Ghost upon us we became betrothed to Christ only. **And that is the only Person that has any power and auth­ority over us. No other person has.**
5. That is how the Bride of Jesus Christ comes to that stand She is to come to. That is the **glorious stand** She comes to when She believes the Message and accepts It. That is the glorious stand She comes to; as a chaste Virgin betrothed to Christ to be Wife to Him. And He has no place for any other thing. She should never defile Her virtues of that Sacred Body, or be mishandled.
6. If any girl shall presume to be the wife of Jesus and then allow the serpent to mishandle her; such a girl shall be divorced and shall never be accepted in the Marriage of the Lamb. Because Christ is looking for a chaste Virgin. Never anything else apart from that! Nothing besides a chaste Virgin of the Word, who has been sanctified, justified and purified by the anointing oil and has no blame. That is the girl Christ is looking for. And therefore She should stand in that Holy Matrimony in that state of Holiness. No less; no more. That is the Holiness that is required.
7. If we just read a little more; something more which is just coming into my mind, in the Book of Ephesians;

***Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so*** *let* ***the wives*** *be* ***to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it:***

***That he might sanctify and cleanse*** her ***with the washing of*** the ***water by the Word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish.***

1. That is the virtuous Bride of Jesus Christ that He has been seeking in this world by sending His Mes­sengers like Eliezer was sent to Mesopotamia. And this is the kind of Girl that is going to stand in these virtues that She has been given through the sanctification and purification of that Water; and being given the Spirit of God. By so standing She qualifies to be the Bride of the Son of God. No less; no more. Any manhandling that defiles that virtuous Body is not accepted. That is why we must run away from all defilers. You are part of the Body of Jesus Christ and you are a member there by the betrothal that you have been betrothed by the Word. The Word has espoused you to that one Husband and you must run away from every other mishandling by men with craftiness of their mind, and deception.
2. Now remember as I have said, there is no com­promise. Either a chaste Virgin or no place in the marriage union. It is a Holy Matrimony. And what do we mean by a Holy Matrimony? If a girl has been committing fornication and she is going to marry a boy; and you come to join them, there is no holy mat­rimony in that place. See? If she has confessed wha­tever she did in the world she has accepted and confessed alright. Let her marry. But there is no holy matrimony there in the eyes of God. As the prophet even says, she can be forgiven but never be justified as long as she lives. Of course in her spirit she is saved; but as far as the marriage which is taking place, there is no justification from her sins. She has just been forgiven, and that is why she allowed to marry.
3. Before Grace came there was no permission for her to marry any more. Such a girl was not suppos­ed to be married to anybody. She wasn't fit to marry. She was supposed to be stoned the moment they dis­cover that. But now we have Grace and a girl, though she walks that way, she may finally have a hus­band. But there is no holy matrimony there; how­ever much you try to put it there. There is not­hing! Because in the body there is no justification until Translation. She remains marked as a fornicator in the body. You see? In the soul she has been for­given and the Blood of Jesus Christ has taken away that sin, and she stands free in justification as a servant of God. But in the body she is marked and there is no holy matrimony, because this is in the marriage affairs which are in the flesh. Isn't it? Therefore there is no justification because the flesh hasn't been sanctified. There is no purification to the flesh. The flesh remains sinful until the Day of Redemption.
4. So holy matrimony means the girl is a virgin. If the girl is not a virgin, forget! That is right! There is nothing like that leave alone things like being pregnant as some of them do. The girl is ex­pecting and they come to be married and they are talk­ing about "in this state of holy matrimony". You wo­nder what the fellow is saying! Whether he has any little understanding or he is confused. Which holy matrimony is there when the fellow is expecting? Then leave alone that one; even just that fornication in the world God doesn't recognise any holy matri­mony there. Because the holy matrimony means the girl is a virgin; from the primary point of view she has never been mishandled. She is pure. That is right. That is what it means. She stands there vir­tuous. She has nothing to condemn her. Nothing that is against her. Right!
5. When we say to the girl, **"I will require you and will charge you both as you will surely answer at the day of Judgement when the secrets of all hearts will be disclosed; if there is either of you that knows any impediment why you should not be lawfully joined together in this holy matrimony, do you now confess it. For be it assured unto you that any couples that are joined otherwise than God's Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful"**.
6. We hear these words over and over again. Now, and remember if this girl is not a virgin there is no holy matrimony there. As hard as it may seem to be, there is no holy matrimony there! We have the Grace of God coming in to be displayed in such a place because we are not living in the day of the Law, where we have, "Eye for an eye", "tooth for tooth" and "hand for hand". So in the message of Grace, let her confess the kind of life she used to live to the boy. You see? Not to Christ. She confessed one time to Christ of course before she was saved. But now the case is not between her and God. The case is between her and her husband. The case is now on earth. She was forgiven spiritually because what she did against the Lord was done spiritually by her lu­st­ful spirit. And that was purified. But now in her flesh there is no purification. It hasn't been done yet. See? If she never confessed her filthy life if she used to move around with boys, flirting; then she is still guilty. Those are some of the questions that are always addressed in such a case, "Is there anything?"
7. If the girl knows that she used to move around with a boy somewhere and she flirted with that boy, and then she comes around and when asked, "Is there anything else?" She says, "Nonono", she is just ch­eating. She is just a deceiver. If she hasn't told the boy and confessed thoroughly of those things. She says, "Nothing". She just presumes and says, "Nothing. After all I was never married". Huh. Such a case there is something! Because he says, "Is there **any cause, any impediment** why you should not be lawfully joined together in this holy matrimony?"
8. And I am saying if this girl has been mis­handled; she may be a virgin, but she used to move with boys in discos and things, dances and local dances and all kinds of things around and flirting; jiggling around with boys. You see? And all these nasty things going on in the world music and so forth. Dancing with boys in schools like they do. That is why I have never accepted to lead any club in the school. They have forced on me one but I have never organised anything on it. They organised one for me and said, "You are a science teacher so hold Science Club". I said, "Alright you put it on me but you'll never see one function out of it. You'll never see me register any boys. Never!" Because I knew what was going on in schools when I was a boy. When they have those clubs and say, "This club is to go to that girls' school". Why didn't they go to the boys' school a boy to boy. I never saw the boys at school in Kibabii going to Kamusinga for a club. They never.
9. Then from there when I used to see what used to happen, I hated the whole thing; and in all my school life I never joined any club from Form One until finally I became very much interested in science. And with another boy we wanted to make something and present it in Science Congress. Then when we became interested we made that thing; and we finally found it was a strange something which could go through in Science Club . . . Ah! Then the only way we could go was to join up with Science Club because that is the only way one could go and display it. So we just joined up and went. The moment that thing was over that was the end of the story.
10. And if you are a girl in school or a boy in school and, that you are in a club and moving arou­nd and saying, "We are going to Lugulu, or Kaimosi". I will just put a question mark on your experience straight. Those girls and boys go there to do what? They go to carry on and dance; dirty! That is right! We have seen them all over and there is no way of excusing yourself. Of course belong to any you want to belong to; but watch that! That, "We are going to see . . .". If they want to go and see Mt. Elgon, it is alright, you go. If they want to see lions and ele­phants; go and see them. But a boys' school going to a girls' school, and, "Boy, we are going there!" Then you should pull out from that club that day. My. You see!
11. Anyhow, so what are we saying? We are saying that this girl coming to be married, there is no holy matrimony if she has been mishandled. That is right! That is why she must confess to the boy! She must confess. If there is anything which hangs on her. And if the boy finally finds out that the girl walked this way and never confessed before they were married, that boy is free to put that woman away and marry another one. Why? Because she cheated him! She is a deceiver.
12. I mean even brothers; some take these matters very lightly. "Ah! I love the girl. That is all". She even says a few things; before she finishes, "Ah-ah . . . those things I have forgiven you already". You are taking things very lightly. You are taking very serious matters very lightly. See? You should listen very carefully to the whole story, and even ask pro­bing questions until finally you are satisfied that your questions are fully answered. Dig every root and bring it to the surface. Because the Bible says “Be it known unto you that any couples that are joined otherwise than God's Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful". **Full stop!**
13. So we are trying to picture the natural and then put it in the spiritual. See. But people take things very lightly. We don't want to treat God's Word lightly. It must be put the way it is. Christ is coming for a virtuous Bride, a chaste Virgin. She should remain that way from the time she has been betrothed, because when Christ comes to Her, He can never take her in the state She is. Christ will never! If that Girl doesn't come through the process of san­ctification and purification that is in Christ, Christ will never take Her in! Of course the man has no Blood and Spirit by which he sanctifies the girl, but God wants that to be done to hold it that way for him tentatively because of the times we are living in. But yet Christ can never accept anything short because there is Power in the Blood to purify, to san­ctify, to make it virgin as if you never did it in the first place. The Bride stands justified, and so she never did it to begin with. There is not one little spot. There is nothing to be condemned of. That is why the Bride can never go in Judgement. Why go in Judge­ment? How can she marry Christ and then go in Ju­dgement? See? Because the very idea that she is married to Christ means that there is nothing wrong; it means she is a Virgin. And if she goes to Judge­ment, what case is she going to settle? If she appears in Judgement then the Marriage should not have taken place. So in this case we realise that Christ therefore by His Love for the Church and for the Bride, has sanctified the Bride and purified her without spot or wrinkle to stand before Him in that **glorious Stand**, in the State of Holy Matrimony; to be married to the Son of God.
14. That is how she has been purified. There should be nothing less than that. She is to be a Vir­gin or there is no Holy Matrimony and she can't stand in that state with any question on her. If there is any spot on her, then she can't enter there. She can't be included. If there is any wrinkle, she can't. Purified by the Water of Washing by the Word. And if somebody commits fornication spiritually against the Word by accepting a man's word, she is defiled; he is defiled. That is right! See? That is why when people joke around with these things When time comes like these times, and God begins to send us the Word (the Message Which He promised), and people begin to take It so lightly and go off this way and make excuses, and begin to go with their preachers; they are found defiled; and, Christ shall never accept an adulteress.
15. Now you see many have taken it very lightly. Preachers take things very lightly with their congre­gations. They go for those things which are not in the Bible, committing fornication. And they are going to be found full of all dirt and filthiness. And by so doing, when they come before God they shall be thrown away in the Lake of Fire where all whoremon­gers must be.
16. So remember this Body is chaste, and we must keep it that way. If I may just read from Corinthians again; this is I Corinthians 6:9;

***Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate*** (these perverted women going with women) ***nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves nor covetous, nor dru­nkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.***

***Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them: Now the body*** *is* ***not for forni­cation, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make*** *them* ***the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.***

1. Now spiritually applying that Scripture, though it can also be applied naturally, but then we can also put a Spiritual application on it. You find that we are betrothed by the Holy Spirit to only one Lord, and that is Jesus Christ. And Jesus is the Word. Now if somebody goes and joins himself to a system which does not fear God's Word, he is gone away from God's Word, and joined himself to a harlot. That is right. He is partaking in the things which are against God's Word and becomes a harlot. Some of them can see the Message to be true. They are brought in their conscience to the Bible and shown exactly that it is the Truth. But because of fear and pre­suming they continue living in their own systems where there is corruption against God's Word.
2. Somebody eats on the table of God and he goes and joins himself to a harlot because of fear, stays there and **pretends** that he believes the Message, He sits there, eats that rotten food and then hides away to a place like this to eat on the Message. That is a hypocrite. A crow. Come out and show your colours. You either believe the Message or you don't!
3. That is worse because it is corruption. If som­ebody wants to stay with Belial, let him stay with Belial. But if he wants to stay with **Christ,** let him stay with **Christ.** There is a choice to make. So we find that we are not supposed to be members of har­lots. Spiritually speaking we are not supposed to be. The whole world is uniting themselves together into a big church union and religious systems to go to Rome and marry the devil through the Serpent. But the Virgin Bride of Jesus Christ is uniting herself by the fullness of the revealed Word to go to Heaven and marry the Son of God. The Word has been revealed to her from the Seventh Seal, the Capstone; and she is uniting with that Word which is Her Head in those Seven Thunders.
4. The serpent is also coming up to the fullness of the mystery of iniquity in the man of sin to marry the church. All churches that accept any form of antichrist (anti-Word, anti-promise) teachings shall be caught in that system.
5. So two things are happening and every man has a choice over that: either to unite with the system of the churches in their adultery and fornication and go to Rome, or to unite with the Word in the revealed Seventh Seal and go into Heaven to marry the Son of God. And every man and woman has a choice on that; to vote for Christ and unite in this Holy Matrimony for the Marriage that is going to be in the Heavens or to go to Rome with the rest of these harlots. And whoever is joined to a harlot is one body with the harlot. That's right! Whoever goes and says, "Let me stay in my denomination or in my church" rem­ember when a church begins to teach things contrary to the revelation of the Word in the day you are liv­ing in, **you should leave that church and go and find a better fellowship somewhere.** See? You are com­manded by God's Word to do that. I know there is some lukewarmness there as some try to preach say­ing, "You stay there as long as the Holy Ghost leads you". Which Holy Ghost is leading you to a place where they are against the very Word To a harlot? Never!!!
6. There is another kind of school that softens things saying, "It doesn't matter, just serve God. You stay in that church and shine the light". I know there is such kind but remember the same Word says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate and partake not on their evil things! And I will receive you. And you will be my sons and I will be your Father". The same Word says so, that join yourself not to a harlot. If a church denies one Word don't you never join up with her!
7. When Paul went preaching the Gospel of the Word of Life and met some people who were converted from Judaism, they left the synagogues! And they began to fellowship together with the Word of God which was given them. Isn't it? Paul never told them, "Continue in your synagogues".
8. And when the Word of God has come to our hour, as It has come, it is time for people to leave synagogues and go for Christ to be betrothed as holy Virgins, as chaste Virgins. When God has sent the Word! If we were just religious and walking all of us in darkness and not knowing where the Truth is and where the lie is; when we were just building on that and holding the Message of our fathers, and God had­n't visited us yet with another thing; it is alright. Continue shining that light in that church, no matter how much you feel they are wrong, because there is nothing else calling you out. So hold on as much Truth as you know and stay there.
9. But when God sends His Word! That is the time you have to come out of every synagogue that rejects God's revealed Word and dis-fellowship yourself from any system that is not going with God's Word. Because you are no longer a member of that harlot system; but by God's Word you are being betrothed to one Husband, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. And so long as that system is a blasphemer then you can't join yourself in that blasphemy. That is right! You can't stay with that blasphemy! And that is when the Word says, "Separate yourselves; come out from among them, and partake not in their sins because their sins have reached unto Heaven and God has remembered their iniquity, to punish them of that iniquity".
10. And when God has sent a Message, and then I know It is the Message, I won't hesitate to tell any­body to separate himself from filthiness and dirty things of the churches. And after all when you stay there (in that church), what is there, oh, but a ser­pent to defile you the spirit of the serpent. Of course you don't mean to do wrong; the women there don't mean to do wrong. They are trying to do right but the serpent is there trying to be mischievous and carnal. And when somebody stays under that ser­pent, he commits fornications because the serpent will try to pump his filthiness there. We are to sep­arate ourselves from every tradition and every man­ner of error. And from all false teachings, from all men's word and from every lie of the devil. Whatever it is. You must separate yourself because you are a chaste Virgin of the Word. And you should never go back to your husbands who had misled you mischievously and led you into fornication. That is right!
11. This time, when the Word has come, is the time of being espoused to the Word. Not to a man some­where. Not to a manmade system anywhere joining yourself with a byproduct somewhere. But it is the time for you to unite yourself with the Word. That is the glorious stand that we are seeking that the Bride of Jesus is seeking. That is the Holy Matri­mony that she is seeking. When God comes with His Word! The time for His Word comes, then by that Word He purifies the Body from all defilement. Of course we are saved, but as long as we are still partakers of that system, we arent't in the glorious stand. There is no Holy Matrimony there then.
12. That is why immediately the Holy Ghost is sent and is poured on earth, a Message must come out of that revival. Immediately the Holy Ghost is send, the Message follows that. And by that Message the Body of Christ is purged from all leaven and filthiness and dirty things in the system to stand as a holy Virgin; chaste and virtuous to the Word to marry the Bride­groom at His Revelation. That is how she should stand. And there is no taking things lightly! Of course we don't divide ourselves on religious matters, where the Bible says, "sensually or carnally, having not the Holy Ghost".
13. Of course somebody can take such a verse and try to threaten you. But the time for that has passed. At such a time it is, "Separate yourself from Korah's system and stand with the Word! If you are for Korah, get on the side of Korah!" That is the time when the Word is saying, "Come out of them". Because the Word wants to sanctify and purify you to a chaste Virgin.
14. Now I want you to get this if you don't get any other point; I want you to get this one very clearly. That God, when He has sent His Word, when He has sent the Message like the One He has sent; He wants to purify **every member** of that Body of Christ from all the dirty, filthy things that she has been forced to partake on, share in, and has dirtied herself with. All the formal, all the conglomeration of all tea­chings of the traditions of men, and all the filthiness that she has been taught by the craftiness of the devil. Where that Word comes. It begins to shave all that off (except purity).
15. But when God begins to send that Word, then it begins to purge out the leaven, purge out the unclean things, get out the lies and the false teach­ings. Remember, a false teachings is as bad as when somebody is backsliding, or even worse. If somebody receives a false teaching he is worse than somebody who backsides and does something wrong in the world. You would rather have somebody backslide than have somebody stray to a false teaching. Let me say a brother or sister commits fornication by back­sliding, unwillingly because of being enticed by his body, and he comes back repenting. That is bet­ter than to have a person filled with false teachings, with lies of the devil, misinterpretations and all forms of dirt and filthiness of the devil. I would rather see a brother failing, because after all we fail every day. I better see a brother failing somewhere but he is receiving God's Word in his season, than see a man somewhere or a woman somewhere sitting under false teachings and lies being vomited by the devil and he is feasting on that while trying to be holy. The lat­ter is worse! Because spiritually he is a prostitute.
16. Before God's Word comes, there is no trans­gres­sion in those matters. There is no sin imputed. But when God has sent the Word and identified His Word of Promise, then that is the time every sin is imputed (when somebody receives a lie instead of that Word he is act­ually defiled by those false teachings and he is thrown away from being in the Bride). And in many cases there is no more repentance. That is why such a matter is very serious in such an hour. You see? The main test is upon the Word of your season that should wash you.
17. Sometimes people take things lightly but I want you to see that in such matters and at such times when God has sent the Word the Headship of the Church that is the time when if somebody receives a lie sin is imputed. That is why in such a time the Body of Christ is expected to be purged, and purified and be separated. At this time now I woul­dn't hesi­tate to tell somebody, "Separate yourself from that fanatism and filthiness in all these churches. Get out!"
18. Of course I will not tell you to come to the church I go to, but I will tell you to go to the Word first. Unite with the Word and the Word will lead you from there on. Get to the Word first! That is the state of holiness we are talking about. The state of Holy Matrimony. So in this hour we are living in, this is the time we say we can't be members of a har­lot when we are members of the Body of Christ. That is right!
19. When the Message of the prophet came and got you a Methodist, could you believe that Message and fulfil all its righteousness and remain a Methodist? Same thing with the Message of Moses; you could not stay in Egypt and fulfil its righteousness.
20. The same thing in the hour we are living in. There is no way we can remain in the Branhamite church groupings and in their fallen state and their filthy state against God's Word, and fulfil the right­eousness of this Message. It behoves us to separate ourselves and fulfil this righteousness. So that if a man feel insulted or offended, let him suffer it to be so. Just tell him to suffer it to be so because it behooves you to fulfil the righteousness of the Mess­age that has come. That is right!
21. So in that state of Holy Matrimony, that is where we have come to and that is where every one of us should come to in separating ourselves and going to God with all our hearts to make the covenant to make this Holy Covenant. Remember after Moses leading his group up to the end of his ministry, he brought people forward to a covenant. This is found in Deuteronomy 29:915;
22. ***Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may pros­per in all that ye do.***
23. [I can't pass on without commenting on that in the light of the hour we are living in. Remember he says, "Keep the­refore the words of this covenant". When God has sent a Message to you, It is a Covenant. That Message is God's Co­venant with you. Therefore by that Mes­sage you enter into a Covenant with God and you are now behoved only to keep the righteousness of that Message reg­ardless of what happens. You are joined unto God through that Message. God accepts you only through that Message.]

***Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains*** and ***your tribes, your elders and your officers,*** *with* ***all the men of Israel, Your little ones*** and ***your wives, and thy stranger that*** *is* ***in thy camp, from the hewer of wood unto the drawer of thy water: That thou shouldest enter into*** a ***covenant with the LORD thy God, into his*** holy ***oath, which the LORD thy God*** has  ***maketh with thee this day:***

[And that is why I am now reading to you this one here because **I am bring­ing you up to the same grounds this day.** It is my prayer that the Holy Ghost (not I, but the Holy Ghost) may come here now and bring every one of us to this par­ticular point that I want; because finally Moses got them to this place and then pushed everybody before God and brought the Coven­ant between them. He said, "Now you stand before God and the words of this Covenant between you and God. I bring you together now in this solemn hour". So he says, and]

1. ***That thou shouldest enter into*** the ***covenant with the LORD thy God, into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself, and*** *that* ***he may be unto*** you ***a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with*** *him* ***that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with*** *him* ***that*** *is* ***not here with us this day***

So we find Moses finally brought his group to this place where he presented the group to God through the covenant which God had given him to make between the people and God. If we read about Joshua in the Book of Joshua 24:1327;

***And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.***

***And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that*** *were* ***on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;***

***For the LORD our God, he*** *it is* ***that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bond­age, and which did these great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amori­tes which dwelt in the land;*** *therefore* ***will we also serve the LORD, for he is our God.***

***And Joshua said unto to the people, Ye cannot serve the Lord: for he*** *is* ***an holy God; he*** *is* ***a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye*** *are* ***witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said,*** *We are* ***witnesses.***

***Now therefore put away,*** *said he****, the strange gods which*** *are* ***among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a stat­ute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in a book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that*** *was* ***by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a wit­ness unto*** you***; for it hath heard the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.***

1. So when the people under Joshua came to the end of the ministry, Joshua brought them to a coven­ant between them and the LORD. **Not between himself and the LORD!** But between them and the LORD. He made them swear; made them take an oath; made a vow to serve the LORD their God. He betrothed them (espoused them) to the LORD their God as a chaste virgin. He made them witness to themselves that they were betrothed to one Husband, one LORD.
2. And if we may also open in the Book of II Chr­onicles, Chapter 13. But if you have the time you may just read the whole story from Chapter 13 to understand my point. Chapter 13. The story con­tinues to 14 up to 15. But then I want us just to read from Verse 3 first.
3. ***And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war,*** *even* ***four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men,*** *being* ***mighty men of valour.***

So that is the king of Judah, Abijah, and the king of Israel, Jeroboam. They came to battle.

***And Abijah stood up*** on ***mount Ze­maraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam and all Israel; Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever,*** *even* ***to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.***

And let us go to verse 9;

***Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of*** all ***the nations of*** *other* ***lands? So that whosoever cometh to con­secrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams,*** *the same* ***may be a priest*** to*them that are* ***no gods. But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD,*** *are* ***the sons of Aaron, and Levites*** *wait* ***upon*** *their* ***business: And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also*** *set they in order* ***upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God himself*** *is* ***with us for*** *our* ***captain, and his priests with so­unding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.***

***But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment*** *was* ***behind them. And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle*** *was* ***before and behind: and they cried*** unto God ***unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.***

Because they had actually kept the command­ment of the Lord and remained in the covenant with the Lord, God gave them victory. Now, the same thing repeats in this Chapter 14 and 15 when Asa took over as the king of Judah and came against the Ethiopians; the Spirit of God upon Oded prophesises. And from Verse Two he says;

***And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD*** *is* ***with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel*** *hath been* ***without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.***

***And in those times*** *there was* ***no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations*** *were* ***upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. And when Asa heard*** those ***words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abom­inable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that*** *was* ***before the porch of the LORD.***

1. So he continues; that same story continues. In Verse 12 he says;

***And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;***

1. So these men made a covenant to seek God with all their hearts because they wanted to find favour before God. Now such kind of covenants are very important, especially in times when people have gone away from God; and then people want to find favour before God. You have to turn back to God with all your heart, with all your soul and actually be very zealous in seeking the LORD.
2. There is something else which I wanted to point out before we end this. Now I am trying to chase my time. So, of course some of you are getting tired, but I always feel that because some of you come from very far spending a lot of money on the way to come. It will be injustice for me to have one hour's message and just leave you go a-half hungry and without a solid substance. I always feel that it will be very much injustice on my side. So I always say, "Let me have something which is very substantial a real substance". And when God's Grace has given it to me I always make use of it.
3. Now I want to read something in the Book of II Kings 23:3;

***And the king stood by*** the ***pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all*** *their* ***heart and all*** *their* ***soul, to perform the words of this coven­ant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidrom, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.***

1. Now the whole story (if you read) is the works of King Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart after writing this covenant. He destroyed all the things that were contrary to God's covenant the Word of God by the mouth of Moses. And he found favour in the sight of God.
2. And time will fail us to talk about the children of Israel when they left Babylon and came back to Judah, and made that covenant with Ezra the priest and also with Nehemiah. And we would talk about Jehu who also destroyed Ahab's descendants and all those children of Jezebel and turned Israel's face towards their God and made a covenant with their LORD to serve Him. And he destroyed all Baal, his images and his priests and even came and deceived them cunningly and gathered all the priests of Baal together and said, "Come and I'll serve now Baal more than Ahab did". And he brought them unto the temple of Baal. [**End of part 3, side B Ed**]
3. Then he told the priests of Baal, "Make sure no servant of God is among you, because we want to serve Baal here. We don't want any servant of the LORD". Then they checked and every man who was not for Baal was taken out. Then he went out and told the slayers, "If any man escapes from your hand, you'll pay with your life!" He was zealous for the LORD God of his fathers and made that covenant to serve the LORD. And God enriched him with all bles­sings and honour and glory because of his zeal for the LORD.
4. There are so many other covenants, and so many times when people have turned to God with all their hearts. But we are now living in a time when the same thing has taken place, where churches have fallen from the Grace of God, went away from God's Word; forsaken the Word of God; lukewarm as they can be. And because they have done that, God has forsaken them. And the Face of God is hard against them. And the Blessings of God have been taken away from among the church; from the Catholic masses down to the Lutherans, the Methodist religious sys­tems, the Pentecostal meetings, and the Branhamite services. The Blessings of God were lifted away! And you just feel it. Isn't it? When you go to any of their churches whether it be Catholic, Pentecostal, Methodist or Branhamite, you feel the Blessings are lifted. The preacher is struggling to say some things and God doesn't even back him. If they be honest, they can confess it.
5. Therefore because the church has done that, and God has gone away; then because of that **we, this day, want to come to God and make a covenant and to seek the Face of God with all our hearts!** And restore all the things that these churches have destroyed. And put away all the evil and all the cor­ruption that they have put in the place of God's holy Things; and all the defilement that they have defiled themselves with; and all the false teachings contrary to God's Word; and all the worldliness that they have accepted. This day we want to take the Zeal of God upon our­selves and go forward and destroy every­thing! Every witchcraft; every wizards; every famil­iar spirits; every unholy thing; every image, whatso­ever image it is. Everything that is false teaching; every dogma or doctrine of the devil! Everything that is against the LORD God of our fathers! This day we want to go before God and make a vow and bind our­selves to the Word of the LORD that we shall seek His Face! And we shall be zealous of His Ways. And we shall separate ourselves from all the filthiness and dirty things that are in the churches! And we shall have nothing to do with a man's lie! But we shall turn our faces and seek the God of our fathers with all our hearts. And whatsoever we don't know, we shall seek His Face and ask Him to give it to us. and whatever we have missed anywhere and done any error anywhere, we want to set our face before Him and ask Him to send us His Holy Spirit in abundance, so that He can instruct us, admonish us, rebuke us, correct us and put us back on the line!
6. We don't want anything else! First, we want to be lined up with His Word! Precept upon precept! Line upon line! Word upon Word! Here a little and there a little, with stammering lips of the Holy Ghost by prophecy until every Word is in Its place in our hearts. That is what we want to bind ourselves with. Leave the rest of the things first. He may add us gifts after that. He may bless us after that with hea­lings, revivals and whatever He will choose. He may revive us again. He may send us miracles, signs, powers and angels. That is His Own Choice based upon His Own good Pleasure! If He may choose to do that, we shall thank Him for that and praise Him.
7. But we are not asking none of that! First of all we are saying we want to come back to the Word of God with all our hearts and leave all this nonsense of churches! This religious filthiness and dirty things that they have defiled themselves with! By going to partake on the tables of the devil, and drin­king from the devil's cups; mixing themselves with the world; walking in the carnal ways of the world; par­taking in the pleasures and things of this world and the same time going to churches and pretending to be believers. This day we want to destroy all the gods of Egypt!! And all the gods of the Amorites that are among us. And all the gods of our fathers which they served in the other land beyond the flood!
8. And we want to enter into the Covenant with the LORD that we shall be zealous and shall destroy every grove, every false prophecy of a prophet, every familiar spirit, every witchcraft, every filthi­ness, and every worldliness, all pleasure of this world, and all corruption that comes by this world! We want to set our faces before God and enter into a Covenant with Him and tell Him He is our God and we are seeking His Will and we want His Word, and noth­ing else apart from That. And we are binding our­selves to God to stop partaking in anything of this present age that has taken the Glory of God from the church! And where we are not able to perform it we are zealously yearning and praying that He gives us the Power or the Authority or the Support that can be given us from the Word. **Anywhere where there is a promise in the Word that can support our faith to go forward and destroy all these works of our fathers,** by which they have led us astray and now we have fallen short of the Glory of the LORD. That is right! This day we want to wash ourselves; we want to sanctify ourselves and enter into a Holy Cov­enant. That we shall seek the LORD; and by seeking the LORD means we shall seek the Word. And we shall allow the Word to rule over us. And we shall commit ourselves with all seriousness, with all dili­gence, with all soberness, with all our strength that we can have we shall surrender ourselves to the LORD God of our fathers. And He is the Word! So we shall sur­render ourselves as much as our strength can give to the Word and on top of that begin to seek His Grace that He may give us Overcoming Power until we have overcome all, until we are fully subject un­der God's Word, until His Word is manifest in us.
9. If He brings angels after that, that is up to Him. If He brings the Holy Ghost after that, that is up to Him. If He brings us miracles after that, that is up to Him. That is none of our business. But this day is a day of making a Covenant. A solemn assem­bly of restoring all the Authority of God's Word back to us! That is right! And we don't want any com­pro­mise. We want no nonsense of religious things. What we want in place here to rule our every soul is God's Word. And we want to covenant ourselves with the LORD, before the Angels, before the Holy Cherub­ims; we want to covenant ourselves that we have decided to go back to seek God the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Luther, the God of Wesley and the God of Branham. We are en­tering into a Covenant to seek the God of the Living. The God that was with Luther and blessed Wesley and sent Brother Branham, we are now enter­ing into a Covenant that we are not going to seek anything short of that God! That is what we are cov­enanting ourselves with. No other nonsense! If the Word of God is the Word, we must obey It! If God's Word is written in the Bible and It is God's Word, then that is the only Thing we are supposed to obey. Any other manmade thing, that is not our worry. We have no business with that. We have no worry with any manmade things. But since God's Grace and the Glory of God has been lifted from the churches until we are eye witnesses, then we want to say, "LORD, we want to come back to You. And if we have errored and we don't know where we have erro­red, now begin to show us because we have come back. And we are making our confession, and we want this Covenant to hold". That is right! Why has the church been left bankrupt, desolate, miserable, forsaken of her God? It is because they have for­saken the Word of God and His Commandment. And they have gone for the words of men, seeking the pleasures of men; seeking the glory of a man; seeking popularity in the eyes of men instead of seeking the Word of God. Instead of find­ing favour with God they try to find favour with men!
10. And because of that hypocrisy the Glory of the LORD has lifted from the church and now this after­noon we want to say whatsoever things that resulted into the Glory of the LORD leaving the church, this day by the Grace of God we are seeking those things! And if we can't get them by our own strength, then on top of that seeking we are saying, "**Now, LORD, for any promise anywhere in the Bible, a promise some­where that can support such a kind of decision and give us enough faith to go forward and achieve it, then we are also praying that now may the LORD see our zeal and add that also on us. So that we may achieve this great achievement**".
11. That is now what our hearts are set for. And that is what I wanted to do today. Is every one co­operating? How many are on my side; to make a Cov­enant with the LORD? How many? I want you to wit­ness. How many are going to make this Covenant? How many of you are going to turn away from the things of these churches in the world and covenant with the LORD and be zealous as much as the LORD will help you. As much as God gives Grace; as much as God gives you the breath, you want to go back to the LORD and seek the LORD with all your heart. You are ready to do that and you are not taking these words lightly. Then bow your heads now and I will read for you these words. Just listen, with your heads bowed:
12. *Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and His Holy Angels; to stand in Holy Matrimony with the Word that has been revealed to us. This therefore is a solemn moment and should not be entered into haphazardly, nor taken lightly, but soberly, descretfully, having received the revelation through His dear Son. Into this Holy State and in the fear of the LORD, reverently and humbly in all simplicity and lowliness of mind, we move forward to be espoused to our beloved Lord, Who loved us and has washed us through His Blood that He might pres­ent to Himself a beloved Bride having no spot nor blemish, but holy and without blame.*
13. *Therefore if there is anyone here that knows anything about this group of people that is unholy practice; may they go forward and speak it: every man to his neighbour. If they know anything about their neighbour that comes here, about their friends, about their brothers and sisters that come here; if they know anything that is an unholy practice, let them go forward. If you know of anyone among us that is not fulfilling our Lord's Righteousness per­tain­ing to this Holy State, ye are required to take them aside and instruct them accordingly. For know that whoso­ever will hold his peace at such a one is a partaker in his iniquity.*
14. *I will require, by the Authority of the Holy Ghost, and charge all of you, as we will have to answer before God when the secrets of all hearts are disclosed; that if any of you know any impediment that makes you fall short of the Glory of this Holy State; do you now confess it. If any of you know of ought; whatever habit you are having; whatever kind of condition you are going through that makes you fall short of the Glory of the Lord in this Holy State; may you now confess it. And be zealous in it. And be open hearted and allow the Holy Ghost to come in and let that thing be taken out of you. If there is anybody among us, and there is a habit and you know it, and it makes you fall short of the Holy State of Matrimony that the Bride of Jesus should attain to. May you now confess it. And any habit, any deeds, any faults, any misconduct that is against the Holy Covenant, may you do the same by raising up your hand to God. Anybody? If you realise that you are in the state where there is something a habit, you know it! You are not just fearing that because the Word has been spoken, but you know of a habit. You know of some impediment in your very life that makes you fall short of this Holy State of Matrimony, then may you now confess it by raising your hand to God.*
15. *For be it known unto you that any persons that shall presume to be joined unto the Lord otherwise than God's Word does allow; their covenant will be without effect. So if anybody is there, please, put up your hand and make that confession; not to me not to the preacher but to the LORD God. You are show­ing by your hand and you are telling Him, "LORD, You know I fear Your Word; I fear Your Name; I fear Your Holy Spirit which is speaking unto me. And I am found short of the Glory in this particular deed, or this habit, or this kind of misconduct, or this behav­iour here. But now see my hand and may You blot out my transgression and deliver me from this iniquity.*
16. *But believing that you have duly considered and discerned this solemn obligation that you are called unto; the Holiness that you are called unto; and that you are fully preparing in yourself in your own soul to enter into this State of Holiness in union with the Word of the LORD reverently, discretfully, wisely, and in the fear of the LORD; I shall propose to you the sealing of your confession of this Covenant in your hearts between you and God. Each one of you and before your Lord, I shall propose before you the sealing of this Covenant. That you have turned com­pletely unto God by this Covenant. And I shall pro­pose to you that you are now joined unto God in this Covenant to serve the LORD God only, and only serve Him only. And that you will be unto Him a chaste Virgin espoused to the Word. You will declare the same by raising up your right hand up towards Heaven while your heads are bowed. That you have entered into this most Holy State of Matrimony with the Word! To seek the Word with all your heart, to seek your Lord with all your heart and to only seek His Will in all your life. Do you all now as is required. And you have to confess with your own heart in these all things as the Holy Ghost talks to you.*
17. *Will you accept the Lord Jesus in the Fullness of His revealed Truth, and with all Authority thereof, to be your lawfully espoused Headship the Word; and shall keep yourselves in this state of Holy Matri­mony? Do you promise to love Him, to honour Him, to fear Him, to cherish His Word, to obey Him in rever­ence with all your hearts; whether in peril, or in dis­tress, or in pains, or in death, or in riches, or in poverty. And will forsake all others and cling to Him and His Word only as long Eternity lasts? Do you commit yo­urself there by His Grace and by His Mercy that you are going to do all you can without presum­ing, with­out carelessness; but you are going to keep this Cov­en­ant between you and the Lord? Do you promise?*
18. *If you all promise, I want you to say "AMEN" to that. Do you promise?* [**The congregation roars back, "AMEN!" Ed**]
19. Therefore let us pray.

Our dear Heavenly Father now, we believe You are here close with us and we have entered into this Covenant with You to make our confession to You because we have realised the churches have fallen away from You. Many groups have fallen from You and the Glory of God has departed from them because of the sin they have committed.

1. But this day, O God, we have come back to You and we have decided with our own feelings, with all that we know how to, we have decided to seek Your Face; to seek Your Word; to seek Your Will; to walk in Your Ways as much as You reveal to us.
2. Dear Lord Jesus Christ, for whatsoever things that have made You forsake the churches, now we ask You LORD, why can't You reveal to us, why can't You show us the Ways we can walk in so that we can be restored, so that You can be pleased with us. In whatsoever things we have sinned, anywhere where they have errored and that is why You have left the church, and that is why You don't come to them. Whatsoever they have committed and that is why You have left them, why can't You tell us and send us Your Grace and the Holy Ghost; because we are most willing! Any time, any moment You send us the Holy Ghost and You show us where we are wrong, and tell us what we are not doing and convince us of our sins; we are more than ready to turn back to You! We are ready to perform Your Righteousness.
3. Why can't You be gracious to us, O LORD, and help us now because we have turned back to You with all our hearts? We are seeking Your Word with all our hearts. We are seeking Your Will with all our hearts. We are seeking Your Way with all our hearts. Where is Your Way, LORD? Where is Your Word, LORD? Where is the Truth, LORD? Give us Strength, give us Your Help because we want It more life! We want Your Instructions more than life! We want Your Power more than life! We want Your Knowledge more that life! We want Your Will more than our own life! We want Your Corrections Your Word of rebuke! We want Your Perfection and Your Righteousness and Your Holiness more that our own life. And therefore because of that, LORD, we yield ourselves to You and ask You wherever we have ever gone wrong, this day we confess. Whatever we have ever taken lightly, this day we confess and we have now given our hearts to You. May You be gracious, that by this Covenant Thou shall come back to us and help us. By this Covenant we shall see Your Face. By this Co­venant we shall behold Your Glory. That by this Covenant we shall feel Your Experience in our hearts leading us. By this Covenant You will be joined back to us!
4. Oh, Jesus! May you now, by Your Grace, have mercy on us and answer our prayers. For we have come back to You with all our hearts, with all our desires we are laying before You and asking you Lord whatever we are doing wrong, we are willing to change! Any place where we have gone astray, we are willing to change! And we are asking for mercy because we may not be able to do it ourselves. But please, may You send us the Holy Spirit that will help each one of us to fulfil the Words of this Covenant.

The Chicago Boy

* 1. And we're living in a terrific time, the time that--that... You see, these things that we're in now, that we're studying right now, is after the Church is done gone. See? These things are the tribulation period. And I think it ought to be truly settled in every believer's heart that this Church never takes the tribulation period. You cannot put nowhere the Church in tribulation. I... You put the church there, but not the Bride. See, see? The Bride's gone on, 'cause (See?) She--she has not one sin, not a thing against Her. The grace of God has covered her over, and the Bleach has took every sin so far away, there's not even a--ever a remembrance of it, not a thing but purity, perfect in the Presence of God. Oh, it--it ought to make the Bride get down on her knees and cry out to God.
	2. I think of a--a little story, if I'm not taking too much of your time now in--in this preliminary. I--I do this for a purpose, to feel--till I feel the Spirit just right to start. This is a--this is a sacred thing. See, see? See, who knows them things there? Nobody but God, and they're not supposed to be revealed, and proved by the Bible that they would not be revealed till this day. That's exactly right. See? They was--they was guessed at, but now we're supposed to get it exactly the truth, vindicated truth. See?
	3. Notice now, it was a--a little girl in the west that how she'd--she'd fell in love with a--a man had fell in love with her. As a buyer of the cattle, come out there for the Armour Company, and--and they had a--a great... The boss come one day (the boss's son from Chicago), and 'course they put them on a regular western frontier. The--the girls there, they dressed up. Each one was going to get this boy, sure, you know, 'cause that was the main man's boy. So they dressed in their western frontier. And--and they do that out west.
	4. They just got through one of those episodes, and Brother Maguire (I think he's here now), they caught him downtown without his western clothes on and they throwed him in the--in the jail, and put him in a Kangaroo Court, and made him pay for it, and then made him go buy a western outfit. I seen the rest of them walking around with guns about that long hanging on them. They just go native out there. They're trying to live in something in the back gone days, bygone. See?
1. And then in Kentucky, you're trying to live in a bygone days of the east here. Get back in Renfro Valley and things. You like to go back to the old days. There's something causing that, but when it comes back to go back to a Gospel in the original, you don't want to do that. You want something modern. See? Goes to show that... See, you--you... There's a...
	1. And what makes a--a man do wrong? What makes him drink and carry on, or a woman do wrong? Is because she's trying to... There's something in her thirsting, and something in him thirsting. And they're trying to quench that holy thirst with the things of the world when God ought to be that quench. He made you that way to thirst. That's the reason you thirst for something. God made you that way so you'd turn that holy thirst to Him. See? But when you try to quench that thirst... How dare anybody to do that. You have no right to do that: to try to quench that holy thirst that you thirst for something... And--and then--and you turn it into the world, try to satisfy it with the world; you can't do it. There's only one thing that'll fill that up, and that's God. And He made you that way.
	2. So this--this... The young girls put on a--a regular western, a "carry-on" for this boy when he--he come out. And each one of them was sure they was going to get this boy.
2. There was a little cousin there on the ranch, and she was an orphan. And so she just done all the--the work for these, 'cause they had to have their fingernails fixed, you know, and they couldn't wash the dishes for their hands and things; and she done all the real hard work.
	1. And then finally when the boy came, they went out and got him in an old western style, the buckboard, and they come in shooting their guns and carrying on, you know, and--and acting up. And that night they had a great big dance out there, on an old fashion dance, and all the ranchers around about and coming in with their dancing and so forth. And the first thing you know, why, this went on, this jubilee, for two or three days.
	2. Then one night this boy stepped out to--of the place just to rest awhile from the dance, and got away from these girls, and he happened to look going down towards the corral. There went a little girl kind of ragged looking, and she had a dish pan full of water. She had washed the dishes. And he thought, "I never seen her before. I wonder where she come from?" So he just puts it in his way to go around by the side of the--the bunkhouse and go down there and come back side of the corral and met her. She was bare-footed. She stopped. She held her head down. She seen who it was, and she was very shy. She knew this great person. And she was just a cousin to these other girls. Their--their father was foreman on this big Armour outfit, so they... kept... She kept looking down. She was ashamed of being bare-footed.
	3. He said, "What's your name?" She told him. Said, "Well, why ain't you out there to the--where the rest of them is?" She kinda made excuses.
	4. And so the next night he watched for her again. Finally, he was setting out there, and they all got to carrying on and everything, he--he set on the corral fence and watched for her to come, throw the dishwater out. And he watched her, and he said to her; he said, "You know my real purpose of being here?"
	5. She said, "No, sir, I don't."
3. He said, "My purpose of being here is hunting a wife." He said, "I find a character in you that they don't have." (I was thinking of the Church. You see?) Said, "Will you marry me?"
	1. She said, "Me? Me? I--I can't think of such a thing." Said, "Me?" See, that's the main boss's son. He owned all the companies and ranches throughout the country, and everything. You see?
4. Said--said, "Yes," said, "I--I couldn't find one in Chicago. I--I want a real wife. I want a wife with character. And the things that I'm looking for, I see it in you." Said, "Will you marry me?"
	1. She said, "Well..." (It startled her.) She said, "Yes."
5. And he said, "Well," told her he would be back, said, "Now, you just make yourself ready, and a year from today I'll be back, and oh--and I'll get you, and I'll take you away from here. You won't have to work like this no more. I'll take you, and I'll go to Chicago, and I'll build you a home like you've never seen."
	1. She said, "I don't never--never had a home, I'm an orphan." She said...
	2. He said, "I'll build you a home, a real one"; said, "I'll be back."
	3. He kept in track with her through the time of the year. She worked everything that she could do to save enough money at her dollar a day or whatever she had with her board to buy her wedding dress: perfect type of the Church. See? She got her garments ready. You know, when she displayed this wedding garment, her--her cousins said, "Why, you poor silly kid. You mean to think that a man like that would have anything to do with you?"
	4. She said, "But he promised me." She said, "He promised"; said, "I believe his word."
	5. "Oh, he was just making a fool out of you." Said, "If he'd of got somebody he'd got one of the them."
6. Said, "But he promised me. I'm looking for him." Amen. I am too.
So it kept getting later and later. The day finally arrived. A certain hour he was to be there; so she dressed in her garment. And she hadn't even heard from him, but she knowed he'd be there. So she dressed up in her wedding clothes, got things ready. So then they really did laugh, there, 'cause the main boss had sent up to the--to the foreman, or--or to--and none of the girls had heard nothing about it. So it was just all a mysterious thing to them.
	1. That is too; sure it is. But this girl just in face it all of it upon the basis of his word that he'd be back for her. So they got to laughing, and put their hands around one another, dancing around there, said, "Ahhh," (laughing, you know, like that), said, "Poor little silly kid."
7. She just stood there--not a bit of blushing. She was holding her flowers, her wedding garment all fixed. She was struggling, you know. (His Bride has made herself ready.) She kept holding her flowers, waiting. They said, "Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain't coming."
8. Said, "I got five more minutes." Said, "He will be here." Oh, they just laughed. And just about the time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses a-galloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped. She jumped from between them and out the door, and he jumped out of the carriage, and she fell into his arms; he said, "It's all over now, honey"; left her little old cousins (denominations) setting there looking. She--she went to Chicago to her home.
	1. I know of another great promise like that too. It... "I've gone to prepare a place for you; coming back to receive you." They might be saying we're crazy, but, brother, to me right now and these Seals breaking like this under this supernatural thing, I can almost hear the sound as that clock of time ticks away into eternity there.
	2. I can almost see that Angel standing there and saying at the last of that seventh angel's message, "Time shall be no more." That little loyal Bride will fly away into the arms of Jesus one of these days when He takes her to Father's house. Let's think of these things as we go along now. [Sixth seal]

Take up the pen and write

* 1. You can only serve God as... You can only serve God as you do and--and believe the servants that God sends. You can only serve God on earth (See?) as God's servants that's sent on earth by Divine inspiration interprets the Word to you. You believe that? You want to put down some Scriptures for it? I Corinthians 14:16. Paul said, "You follow me as I follow Christ." Also, 11:1; Luke 10:16. See what He said, what Jesus said there: Luke 10:16. Believe we're right close to it here. Let's see what it says one time here. Luke 10:16, while they're writing the rest of them down. Now, that's I Corinthians 14:16, also 11:1, and Luke 10:16. Now, let's read. I'm getting to Luke 10:16 here just to read, while you all looking at the other now, just for a moment. All right, here we are.
	2. **He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despises you despises me; and he that despises me despises him that sent me.**
	That proves that God speaks His message through His servants: always has. That's right.
	3. Now, the power of the believing church: Christ has all power in heavens and earth. You believe that? Then what if He's in you? Has Christ got all power? Matthew 28:18. All right.
1. He is the Seed Word in His Body, and He in us becomes the Seed Word in us. What--all that God was, He poured into Christ, and all Christ was, was poured into the church; that's the power.
	1. Now, watch. Remember God's law of reproduction. Now, remember, after its kind. Is that right? The Seed of Christ, the Word, must come through His body. (Ah, are you getting tired? All right, just a minute now. Let's just hold quiet and pray.) I want to get this in real good. I want this to grind down. The Seed of Christ must (m-u-s-t), must come through His Body, not through a denomination, but through a borned again Seed of the Word: must come through.
	2. Now, remember, what is it? Christ's Seed... How does my seed come? Through the body. How does the apple tree seed come? Through the body. Seed is through the body, and the church is the body of Christ (Is that right?), the Bible church. This birth produces (That's the new birth.) Himself in body. His church is His Word, so that people can see the confirmation of Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." You believe it? These are not denominational hybrids now. This is those that's in the orbit waiting for the countdown (you know what I mean), fixing to take a rocket. Glory. These are not denominational hybrids; not standing in here, they're not. No, sir, it's the Seed.
	3. Paul was afraid that the people would watch some kind of a big words that he could say (some of his education). I Corinthians 2:1-8, you want to put it down. I Corinthians 2:1-8, Paul said, "I never come to you speaking words (intellectual, you know), that your faith might be in some seminary thing, but I come to you with the simplicity, in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, that your words--that your faith would rest in the Word of God." Yes, sir.
	4. Although the denominational churches will outnumber the Bride a thousand to one... Do you believe that? You believe the Bible teaches it? Isaiah 54:1, He promised it. For the--you... Don't you... You want me to read it? All right, let's get it. If you want to see where it's at where He promised that they'd outnumber, let's get over to Isaiah 54--53--54:1.
	**Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.**
	That right? More are the children of the whore than the married wife: sure, outnumber us many times. Though they--though they be more in numbers they have no true father.
	5. Now, the denominational kinds is represented in Jude 8-13. That's the secular church: "Clouds without rain, foaming out their own shame." The Pentecostal church is represented of that denominational group in II Timothy 3:1-8, "Having a form of godliness"; their seed produced their kind.
	6. Notice, the eunuch... Oh here, we're going to get in something deep now. Now, watch, this Seed-church, this real church with the real true sperm. Notice, the eunuch had been with all the D.D.'s. Now, remember, God never committed--God never committed His--His preaching and His Gospel to an Angel. How many knows that? How many knows that Galatians 1:8 said if an Angel come from heaven and preach something else besides they had preached, let it be accursed? So the Angel's wrong if he's different from the Word. God came on down below Angels and committed it to men, which were sons. You believe that? Now, watch. Now, He never committed it to Angels. Notice, He did not do it.
	7. Now, Philip had been up to Pentecost, Jerusalem, to worship. How many says, "Amen," to that? The eunuch, he had been with all the D.D.'s and L.D.'s and everything. But why didn't he get something? He come back down studying the prophecy of Isaiah.
2. Although an Angel directed Philip to him, but the germ of Life had to come through the body: Philip. Oh, brother, now we're on the line. Where did the germ come from? Through the Angel? The Angel showed him where to go. A Angel is a messenger; here's a son. Philip had the Germ, the Message, the Word. That's how a child can be born. Philip laid his hands upon him. Philip baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. There come forth the Spirit of God. Sure.
	1. Now, the germ had to come from the body. What body? Christ's body. Correct. And Philip was a member of the Body.
	2. Now, listen, the same thing took place in Acts 10:48. Peter was on the housetop. An Angel directed him to Cornelius' house, but where did the Word come from? The body. Oh, I feel pretty good, feel like traveling on. An Angel come and said, "Don't worry; don't call nothing unclean; just go on; don't think nothing." And while Peter spake these words, not the Angel, not the cardinal, while Peter spake these words... What? He was the body. He had the Word. The Word took hold. Oh, brother. Whew. Umph. Oh, my. Angel directed it, but the Life come through the body of Christ.
3. 118-4 Paul, on his way to Damascus, a vision directed him; but Ananias had the germ, had the Word. Amen. That prophet Ananias saw a vision. And said, "Go up there and lay your hands on him."
4. Said, "Brother Saul, the Lord appeared to you on the road coming down here." How'd he know? He had the Word. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet. Prophesied, went up there, and said, "He come up--sent me up here that I might lay my hands upon you, and you'd healed and receive the Holy Ghost, and receive your sight." And the scales fell off his eyes, and he rose and was baptized in the Name of Jesus and went to studying. Angel directed it. That's right. But Paul had the Seed germ.
5. It takes the Spirit of God, the Seed to give Life Eternal. Whew. My.
	1. Is it two o'clock yet? I know it. I'm going to read some then. Let me read just for about ten minutes, will you? I got a good notion; I could stay here, but I just better move on a little bit here, and we've got--our time. It's just twenty-five minutes until five, I don't know what time we'll get in Georgia. I wish I could stop and comment on this just a little bit, but I'm just going to read it real slowly.
	2. Now, listen close. **Here's what I picked up the pen for**, part of it. Do you see, friends, what I have--the way I have stood the way I have? See why I am contending--get away from them denominations and get a real church of God? See why it's got to come out of the Word? It can't come by the wisdom of man; it's got to come by the Word of God. That's the reason I believe the Word just the way It's written. I won't add nothing or take nothing; just preach It that way; just keep going.
6. Now, brethren (you all on the tape), if you disagree with me, I'll pray for you; if I'm wrong, you pray for me. I'm going to read some now just... I want you to listen real close to this. Here's where the Spirit said, **"Pick up the pen."** I'll have to leave some of it go, but I've got to bring some of it to you.
	1. **All right. Now, here is what I'm trying to say to you: The law of reproduction bring forth of its kind (Genesis 1:11). These last days, true church Bride comes to the Headstone, will be the super church, a super race. As they near the great Headstone they will be much like--so much like Him, even they will be in His very image in the order to be united with Him. They will be One. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God. Denominations can never produce this. This will be... They will produce their creeds and dogmas mixed with the Word and--and brings a hybrid product.**
	2. **The first son was spoken Seed Word of God. He was given a bride (I'm just reviewing the Spirit, and I was picking up what I said. See?) a bride produce--to produce himself. She fell. (See, that's what the bride was given, to produce himself again another son of God, but she fell by hybreeding. See?)--produced himself, but she fell: caused him to die.
	The second Son, a spoken Seed-Word of God was given a bride like Adam, but before He could marry her, she had fallen also; for she was put to a free moral agency like Adam's wife was: to believe God's Word and live, or doubt It and die; and she did.**
	3. **Then from a little group of the true Seed of the Word, God will present Christ a beloved Bride, a Virgin, a Virgin of His Word. And through them and by them will be fulfilled all that has been promised for His Word in the Virgin, who knows no manmade creeds or dogmas. The Word of promise in Himself like it was in Mary, God Himself made manifest... He will act Himself by His own Word of promise so to fulfill all that has been written of Him. As He did when He came from the virgin womb (type of the spirit womb now), so will the Virgin now, accepting His Word: "Be it unto me as Thou has said," though it was said by an Angel while it yet was the written Word (Isaiah 9:6). They will love Him (love His--), and will have His potentials, for He is their Head, and they are His subjects, subject to His Head. Headship of Christ was His.**
	4. **Notice, what harmony. Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? John 5:19) So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It. She never doubts it.**
7. **Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD.**
	1. **Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here--He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.**
	2. **Now, let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. (Now, watch close, this is going to have a spiritual background.) Now, let us stand like Joshua and Caleb as we see the promised land coming in sight. It's nearing the time to be given. "Joshua" in Hebrew means "Saviour" and represents the promised end time leader to take the church over. Caleb represents the true believer who stayed with Joshua. God started Israel as a virgin, with His Word, but they wanted something different. So did the last day church.**
	3. **Notice how God did not move Israel until His own appointed time. (Now, listen. This is going to mean something.) Joshua waited for that time. No how--matter how much people might've said, "God gave us the land, the promise; let us go now and take it." They might've said, "Joshua, you lost your commission. You're all washed up. Why are you not doing something? You used to do--know THUS SAITH THE LORD in a moment and what was the will of God." But this wise God-sent prophet knew the promise of God, but also knew to wait for that promise, a clear-cut decision from God for his time.**
	4. **(These parables, now, watch.) And when the time come, God gave it to Joshua, who had stayed with Him by the Word, for He could not trust others; He could trust him. So will it repeat.**
8. TREMENDOUS VICTORY IN LOVE DIVINE
	1. People has called me a prophet. I don't call myself no prophet, because I'd be daresn't to say that. But I have say--I can say this, that the Lord has let me foresee things, tell things that has happened, will happen, is happening; and not one time has it ever failed in the tens of thousands of times. Everything that He said would happen, happened. We all know that. If there's a person in this visible audience this morning or anywhere could say one time it failed, you're at liberty to stand up and say so. But if everybody knows that every time, of the thousands of times it's been perfectly right, say, "Amen."[Congregation replies, "Amen."--Ed.] So that would be the same thing around the world.
9. Something is just about to happen. God never sends these things without being a purpose behind it.
10. 6-3 I was just thinking here (I placed it here, one of my notes) that I'm wearing this morning a set of cuff links. And many of you have heard of this movie star, Jane Russell, and her mother is a Pentecostal; and Danny Henry is her cousin, her first cousin, her mother's sister's child. He was Baptist. He was standing at the meeting, a businessman's meeting in Los Angeles, California, two years ago. And I had just got through speaking of a great, powerful, forceful statement that even the overseer (one of the general overseers of the Assemblies of God) stepped down to the platform from up in the balcony where he was setting, and he said, "I don't believe that Brother Branham meant that."
11. I said, "I have to mean it, sir. It's THUS SAITH THE LORD." And then... It was about the church in this age.
12. 6-5 And about that time this young man who is a businessman (his brother is over...), he--he was there taking pictures for television that morning. (His other brother is--is a--a state road supervisor of California.) And Danny Henry walked forward after the meeting was closed, on the platform like this, where the men were all seated, walked down to put his arms around me, and he said these words: "Brother Branham, I hope this don't sound sacrilegious," but said, "that could be made the 23rd chapter of Revelations," (which there's only 22 chapters in Revelations). He said, "I hope this don't sound sacrilegious."
13. He had no more than said it (Now, the boy was a Baptist and knowed nothing about the supernatural.), with his arms around me, he started talking in a unknown language. And when he got through speaking in an unknown language, there was a--a heavyset, dark woman setting right in front of me; she raised up, said, "That don't need any interpretation." She said, "I'm from Shreveport, Louisiana--or Baton Rouge, Louisiana." Said, "That is clearly French."
14. Victor Le Doux, which was a Frenchman, also setting up there, said, "Certainly, I'm a Frenchman, and that was perfectly French."
I said, "Wait a minute. You write down what he said, and you write down what he said, before you say anything. Write down what you said, and let's see your notes."
15. And so one wrote down, and the other wrote down. It was--even the punctuation was the same. And then, just about that time, when they brought the notes up, a fine looking young, blond-headed boy come walking from the back where there's--not enough room for him to set down. (He was standing up in the back.) He come walking forth, said, "Just a minute. I'd like to place a note too." He said, "I am the French interpreter for the U.N." (United Nations.) He said, "I'd like to leave my note."
16. 7-5 And here all three notes exactly the same--of French. And here's the way it reads (This is the original notes take-note taken right off. This is Danny's note hisself. He packed it in his pocket. Of course it went in the Christian Business Men and so forth):
17. *"Because thou hast chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou hast walked in your own choosing. Thou hast picked the correct and precise decision and it is My way. Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of heaven will await thee. What a glorious decision thou has made. This in itself is that which will give and make come to pass the* ***tremendous victory in the love Divine.****"*(Now, the man signed his name here.)*"The above statement was interpreted by--of--of Danny Henry prophesying over Brother Branham, given by three witnesses in the cafeteria in Los Angeles, California."*
18. 8-1 Now, this same young man that give this prophecy, not knowing what he was saying, was in Jerusalem about a month ago. He had the privilege of going out and--and laying in the tomb where Jesus had died and was buried. And so while he was laying there, he said I come upon his mind real strong, and he started weeping. Said how that, "It has been so hard for Brother Branham to stand against the world and these things and all churches." Like as it was once said of one of the Billy Graham's parts, said, "We can see Billy Graham, 'cause all churches are united together for him; we see Oral Roberts, the Pentecostals; but how do we ever have anything when it's contrary to what people have been taught?" It's God.
And Danny, what he does for a hobby, he makes little stones. He walked out to where the cross had been put down, where they said the cross set in the rock. No one was around, so he broke off a little piece of rock, and he put it into his pocket for a souvenir, come home and made me a pair of cuff links out of it. And strangely, when he made them, they looked to be bloodstained, and right through each one of them, in continuity, runs a straight, narrow path right through both of them. Now, that might be just a... See, I--someone else might not notice it, but to me it's complimentary to the things I believe. I believe that everything has a meaning to it.
19. 31-1 A few weeks ago I was in a vision, and I was standing upon a--a high place, and I was to see the preview of the church. And I noticed coming from my... I was standing more like this way, facing the west, and coming this way was a--the lovely bunch of women, real nice dressed, long hair fixed nice in the back, sleeves, and skirts down neatly, and they were all in a marching tune, like "Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before." And as they passed by, I stood, and there's something there, some Spirit was God, and He said, "There is the Bride." And I looked and my heart was happy. And she went around this way, and passed around behind me.
20. After while when She come back this a-way, It said, "Now, the modern church will come into preview." And here come the Asian church up. I never seen such a filthy bunch. Here come the other churches up of the different nations. They looked horrible.
21. 31-3 And I--I say this because I am duty bound to tell the truth before God. And when He said, "Here comes the church of America now to be previewed," if I ever seen a bunch of devils, it was that. Them women were stripped naked with a old gray looking thing like a color of an elephant's hide, and they was holding it in front of them with no upper part on it at all, and they were doing this kind of stuff that these--these dances that these kids do out here, that twist and stuff and that kind of music going on. And when I seen Miss U.S.A. come up, I almost fainted.
22. Now, this is THUS SAITH THE LORD. If you believe me to be His servant, you believe me now. I wouldn't say that for nothing in the world; there's not enough money in all the world to get me to say that if it wasn't true.
And when she come by, that was the filthiest looking thing I ever seen. I thought, "God, as hard as preachers and we brethren have labored to get You a Bride, and that's the best we could do." She was twisting, holding this in front of her like one of these hula skirts of a thing, holding it in front of her parts, her lower parts like this, dancing and twisting like these kids do out here on the--on these vulgar shows that they have, twisting. That was Miss Christianity of America.
23. 31-5 So help me, by the help of God, that's what it looks like in His face. I--I just... I start... I could've fainted. I thought of all the trying, and the preaching, and the persuading: every one of them with bobbed hair, and they were twisting and carrying on, holding this in front. They come around where I was standing there with this supernatural Being. I couldn't see Him. I could hear Him talking to me. He was right around me. But when they turned this way, they hold... they was just twisting and laughing and going on, carrying on like that, holding this in front of them. Now, me standing in His Presence there, and His servant, and of all I'd tried, that's the best I could do. I thought, "God, what good did it do me? What good did it do? All the crying, and begging, and persuading, and the great signs and wonders and miracles that You showed. And how I stood there and go home and cry after preaching to them and things, and what good did it do me? And then I have to present something like that for You for a Bride."
24. 32-1 And as I stood there looking, she passed on by, and you can imagine the back part of her with nothing on, holding this in front of her as she went shimmying by like that to this twist, throwing her limbs out like that in her... Oh, it was vulgar how she was carrying on, her body shaking around like that. Now, I...
25. You say, "What does it mean, Brother Branham?" I don't know. I'm just telling you what I seen. And when she passed by like that, I looked at her, and oh, I just got real faint. And I just turned around. I thought, "God, then I--I'm condemned. There's--there's no need of me trying any how. I just might as well quit."
26. Mrs. Carl Williams, if you're setting here, and that dream that you told me about awhile ago that you had the other night that's been bothering you; there it is. The steering wheel is taken from my hand.
27. 32-4 Then I just thought I--I just might as well forget it; I was gone. Then all at once, I heard them coming again, and coming upon this side come the same Bride that went around this a-way. Here come them little ladies again, and each one of them was dressed in their national garb from where they come from, like Switzerland, Germany and so forth, each one wearing that kind of garb, all long haired, just exactly like the one at the first. And here they was coming, walking, "Onward Christian soldiers marching as to war..."
28. And when they had passed by the preview stand where we were standing, you just all at once every eye went that way, and then they turned back, and on they went marching. And just as they started to going right up into the skies, this other one went up to a brink of a hill and went down like that. These started marching right up into the skies. And when they went to marching, I noticed a couple of little girls from the back (looked like they might be of some foreign girl, like Sweden or Switzerland, or somewhere's,) they started looking around and got... I said, "Don't do that. Don't get out of that step." And as I screamed like that, I come to in the vision, standing there with my hand out like that. I thought, "Well..."
29. 33-1 That's the reason I've said what I have tonight. I want to ask you a question: Is it later that we think? Could she already be called, and chosen, sealed away? There won't be one extra one, you know. Could it be possible? Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Remember what I said the other day at the breakfast? In the pollen of breeding male and female, there's a million germs goes forth, million eggs goes forth, but there's only one of them live, and yet they're everyone just alike: one out of a million. Every one of them the same egg and the same kind of germ, one of them lives; the rest of them dies. No one can tell which is the one that's the ripe egg and what about it. God has to decide that. Whether it's going to be a boy or girl, blond or brunette, or whatever it's going to be; God decides that. Not the first one meets, but the first one God's decided. Maybe one come up here, and one... If you ever noticed in a test tube to see them come together. I've watched it. God has to decide that. One... Every one of them just alike, but by election. The natural birth is by election. God takes one out of the million.

HE ROLL CALL

1. I want to tell you a little thing happened. This was a dream. I was asleep. And now, I've never told this publicly before. I told it to a couple of people but never publicly before as I know of. I--I dreamed about a month after that that I was standing one day, and I was watching the great time that... Not the judgment now. I don't believe the church ever comes to the--I mean the Bride goes to a judgment. But I was there when the crowns was being given out. See?
2. And the great--great big throne set up here, and Jesus and the recording Angel and all was standing there. And there was a stair-steps-like coming down this way of white ivory (run down in a circle and made a panoramic like this and went out), so that all this great host standing out there could see what was happening.
	1. And I was standing back over to--way back to one side. And I was just standing there, never an idea I had to walk them steps. I was standing there, and I'd see a recording Angel would call a certain name, and I know--recognized that name. I looked and way back out there, here come the brother walking, or the sister, walk up here like that, the recording Angel standing there by the side of Christ (just a dream now), and was watching, and their names was on there. It was found in the Book of Life; He'd look out over them and say, "It was well done, my good and faithful servant. Now, enter in."
	2. I looked back where they was going, there was a new world and the joys. And said, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been--that's been for--yours since the foundation of the world." See?
	3. And oh, I thought, "They go through there and meet one another and just rejoicing and going over mountains and great big places." I thought, "Oh, isn't that wonderful. Glory. Hallelujah," just jumping up and down.
	4. Then I'd hear another name called, I would say, "Oh, I know him. I know him. I--I... There--there he goes. There... Watch him right up..."
	5. "Enter into the joys of the Lord, my good and..."
	6. "Oh," I said, "praise God. Praise God."
	7. Just think, just like they would say, "Orman Neville." See? And then," I'd say, "that's old Brother Neville; there he is," and here he come out of the crowd, goes up. I hear Him say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you since before the foundation of the world. Enter in." And old Brother Neville just changed and just start back in there just screaming and hollering. Boy, I'd just shout and say, "Glory to God." Standing over here by myself, having a wonderful time, watching my brethren go in.
3. And a recording Angel stood and said, "William Branham."
4. I never thought I'd have to walk that. So then I was scared. I thought, "Oh, my, will I have to do that?" So I went walking down there and just everybody patting me on the, like that, "Hi, Brother Branham." "God bless you, Brother Branham," patting me as I go along through a great big crowd of people. And all of them reaching over and patting me like that. "God bless you, brother." "God bless you, brother."
5. I was going; I said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you," like coming out of a meeting or something; you know, and I was going to have to walk these great big ivory steps.
6. I started walking up through there and just as I made the first step, I stopped, and I thought... I looked at His face, and I thought, "I want to get a good look at Him this way," and I stopped. I had my hands like this; I felt something slip in my arm here. It was somebody else's arm. I looked around, and there stood Hope, those big black eyes and that dark hair hanging down her back, white robe on, looking up at me like that.
7. I said, "Hope." I felt something hit this arm, looked around and there was Meda, that dark eyes looking up, and that black hair hanging down, a white robe on. And I said, "Meda." And they looked at one another, you know, like that. They... I got them in my arms and here we went...?... home.
8. I woke... Oh. I woke up, and I--I got up and set down in a chair and cried, you know. I thought, "Oh, God, I hope that comes like that." Both associated with me in life and bringing children and things like that, and here we are walking into the new world, oh, my, where perfection and everything. No nothing... Why, it's going to be a wonderful thing. Don't miss it; don't miss it. By the grace of God, do all you can do, and then it'll be up to God to take care of the rest of it.
9.