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FOREWORD

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Excerpt:

Jesus is the center of this revelation. God saw Himself in flesh even before creation. God coming in flesh is not an afterthought of God because the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. "We were chosen in Christ" – Ephesians 1. "In Him we have redemption through His Blood, forgiveness according to the riches of His grace. We are accepted in the beloved; chosen and predestinated before the foundation of the world."

I want to repeat what I said yesterday: "Creation is for redemption; not redemption for creation." God had an Eternal Purpose and a plan. His Purpose is to reveal Himself. This revelation, this Purpose will be achieved through the plan of redemption.

The plan of redemption required God to become man. God never ever at any time saw Himself without flesh. This was settled in God's thought. What was the Lamb being slain for? For the remission of sins. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." [Hebrews 9:22 –Ed.] The Lamb had to die. The Lamb is doing a sacrificial work. The Lamb was an atonement. The Lamb was to make reconciliation. It was a propitiation for our sins. (Page16)

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I want to say a precious good night to all of God's servants. I want to certainly thank God for such a wonderful time we are having together. I find it was very amazing this morning that we could have had four people speak, and such quality that came out and such variety also. And truly, I believe God has directed His servant not just to have the meeting and invite different ones but to see the leadership in the way the service is unfolding.

You know, it brings confidence when you can see somebody with the mind of the Spirit because sometimes you can go in these kinds of meetings and you see all kinds of things, and you wonder if, sometimes, people know what they are doing. But it has been so wonderful to be relaxed, to enjoy what the Holy Spirit is doing, being blessed and edified and seeing the type of growth that you see God is giving.

I remember years ago, coming into the country and it was—everything looked kind of dark and hazy but you are seeing those lights coming out. You are seeing men catching the vision, focused, with confidence in the anointing in their lives and you can tell that they have given themselves to study and prayer.

Long ago you would see people just get up and say all kinds of things but when you listen to the brothers, you realize they are men spending time in the Word. That brings joy because you know the Body of Christ will benefit, because it's a challenge to give yourself over to the Spirit. It takes faith; as faith is increased, you become more surrendered, more yielded, the Spirit can have greater preeminence. That's what God desires; to have the preeminence, the oversight and the leading.

The Angel directed Paul in service but the sperm came through him. The Angel directed Peter in service and the sperm came through him. The Angel directed Philip in service and the sperm came through him. And you can see the difference in the ministries of Peter, of Paul, of Philip, but you can see the operation of the same Angel of God because these men were set in the Body and they were conscious it was not them, it was God having the Headship over the Church and they moved on the nudge of the Spirit.

And that same thing that God had there, where He could find men and empty them out, make them prisoners to the Word, that same God has ordained men that He could get the same kind of preeminence – that you could be convinced what you are looking at is the continuation of the Book of Acts. It's the same God, it's the children's hearts that are literally turned back to the fathers, and you can see men knowing the Spirit.

And it's a great thing, because that first Bride came back around the second time in the vision, and Alpha and Omega were the same. And it's a great thing when you can look and see God speaks a word, and God is His Own Interpreter, and God interprets His Word by making It actual in our life, in our experience; makes It personalized, that you know these men walk with God.

God loves them and they recognize the love that God has for them – Elective Love, that God chose them and predestinated them unto the adoption, unto the placing in Christ. God's gift finding its place, and when it finds its place, it is aligned. As you heard the song, *Align Me With My Theophany*. Once you get correct alignment, precise alignment, then you have clear transmission. There is no static in the communication. Amen.

And this is what we desire, that God would give such clear transmission from Him to the speakers, to the hearers. It would be one clear channel, and there would be the fullness of edification that God has ordained for us to receive in a time like this. Because, you know in the army when they have to go into war, you have times like this. You have some fighting in the navy, some in the air force, some on the land; then you have the special troops. And each one of them, they have their assignment. They have their field of operation and they understand their role and function. They know the cause. They know the urgency. They know their success is vital if we have to win the war. And so, they get them and they brief them and they bring them into a common vision.

And when we have a meeting like this, God is bringing us, though we are in different places, though we have different roles,

yet, we're united under one Headship, which is the Lord Jesus Who has taken the Headship over His Church. He is the Intelligence and that Intelligence, the Secret in the back-part of God's Mind is put in the heart of the Bride, and She knows it is He in Her fulfilling His Own Word He has left for this Hour.

And then those that are in support of us in our churches, in our places of service, it gives them confidence. It motivates and inspires them when they see true leadership; the Spirit of God working in their leader and they rally around the gift. And there is a revival there. There is a reality there. There is a Supernatural working, the gifts of the Spirit in operation. What is needed for the particular objective, God sends that anointing. God operates through those gifts to make these things manifest, and so, we desire this.

We are in the meeting here not just to want to say something that might personally bless us, but to understand why we're here, to understand the Hour; to go up into God's Mind and see why God wanted a meeting like this, what it is that God wants to achieve in this meeting; what is God's goal and objective for gathering us.

We all love Bro. Marcelo. I don't believe we come just because he wants to have a meeting. I believe it took a measure of confidence to believe if he wants to do this, it's some leadership he received from the Holy Spirit. And because we have confidence, seeing the Spirit work in his life before, because we want to see Jesus and His Program, and we're here because we believe this is part of that Program; it's not of man. And when we see the Spirit working in the meeting, It brings peace, It gives confidence that It's not of man; the Spirit of God is moving. And we know with the right attitude of approach, we will get the right results. It will benefit us, it will benefit our people, and in that way it advances the work of God. Amen.

I would like to invite you to stand, have a word of prayer and read the Scripture. I just want to pray before we read.

Lord, how we love You tonight, how we appreciate the working of Your Spirit. With gratitude in our hearts, we express our joy that You have given unto us, as we see Your goings in the sanctuary; this little sanctuary here, this place that is sanctified for these meetings, this place for us to gather on this seventeenth floor – ten and seven, the seventh prime number.

Lord, we know it is something happening. You ordained these things. Behind everything there is a reason and purpose. And so, dear God, we ask for Your continuing leadership and direction, and You would give the unction and the utterance, and You would make us sensitive as You lead and guide us – the great Guide, the Angel of God, the Spirit of Truth, Lord, moving in Your Word, in our hearts; stirring us, Lord, imparting to us a greater Measure, a Measure for the present challenge, for future service. May You grant it tonight.

Bless all these men of God. May You do something special for each one and may You bless us tonight! And Lord, we ask that You would just give Your servant grace that You could have the preeminence, Lord, that Your will could be accomplished. Bless Bro. Marcelo. Bless these precious brothers: Bro. Rovaldo, Bro. João, Lord, Bro. Mauricio, Bro. Raphael who spoke today; such a blessing, Father, such grace You gave to them. And bless every minister. Lord, not everyone will speak but each one is here because You appointed them to be here. May You give them double blessing, Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ! Take full and complete control now. We ask it for Your glory and for our edification. Amen.

Praise the Lord. I would like to invite your attention to St. John chapter 1. Just seems like I'm reading chapter ones. I was in Genesis 1 last night; now I am in John 1.

John is the Eagle. John is the fourth Gospel. John is the one whose head was on Jesus' bosom – the Eagle leaning on the bosom of the Lamb where the hidden Secrets of redemption were. John was the one who was caught up at the end of the Church Ages into Heaven. John was the one who ate the Book, who was to prophesy again, (amen) and John was the one who wrote his Gospel differently to all the others. They started off with Mary and Joseph, and Jesus being born and all these things but John went back before the beginning. Amen. John went back into the Eternal Thoughts of God. And we know this is the—They were talking about the anointing today – the fourth living creature, the Eagle Age, Eagle anointing.

Bro. Branham called God's sons in the last days, God's Eagles. He said they go way past the clapping of the hands, and the rhythm of the music, and the joy of the saints. They go up into the Supernatural realms and they bring down the thoughts of God, and they display the Mysteries to the Church. Amen. God ordained men in this Hour and gifted them in this way. And I believe that we are gathered here because we are part of that group.

John 1:

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Catch something here. When John begins in verse 1, "In the beginning," it's an allusion back to Genesis 1: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Heaven and earth are all things, the Prophet said. "All things" is Heaven and earth. Outside of Heaven and earth there is nothing. Heaven and earth are all things – celestial and terrestrial, as we were looking at last night.

But John does something differently to what Moses did. Moses said, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But when John says, "In the beginning", John brings in some things before he goes into verse 3, where he says, "All things were made by Him." Verse 3 says, "All things." In other words, Heaven and earth were made by Him. But before John comes to the creation, he tells us that the Word was with God. In other words, he tells us, what God was going to create, God had in His thoughts. Moses just said, "In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." But John said, "In the beginning," then he says, "was the Word." And he tells us where It was: "The Word was with God, and the Word was God."

² The same was in the beginning with God.

Word is Logos – the Logos. In the beginning was Elohim and Logos was with Elohim. All *things* were made by Him because before God could speak, He had to have His thoughts. When He is speaking, He is expressing His thoughts. God never thought a new thought. From the time God began to speak, everything was already conceptualized in His mind pertaining to Redemption.

God never had a new thought after that because "the works were finished," Paul said, "before the foundation of the world."

So before God created the Heavens and the earth, God's works were finished in God's thoughts. As Elohim, He thought everything but as Melchisedec, He began to speak. The Word began to speak.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Verse 14:

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Who is he talking about, "the Word was made flesh"? Jesus – (Elohim, Melchisedec and Jesus) in John 1. As Elohim, the Eternal Spirit, the Self-Existing One; everything was finished in His Mind.

Then God began to change His form into a Theophany; from those Seven Spirits, into a Theophany, in the form of a man – the Son of God, the Logos, the Angel of the Lord, and He began to speak: "Let there be." He began to express, now, the thoughts. And when He created heavens, there were three heavens and their hosts, and all the hosts that were to be in each heaven, were already in the thoughts of God before He spoke it.

So the fowls of the air, the bird life, went to the first heaven. The solar systems, the universe, the planets went into the second heaven, and that was shadow but the substance was in the Third Heaven.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats.

I want to just depend on the Lord here, because these are pretty big subjects and you can't really bring out sufficient in one session. But if God could direct me and say the right things, because He knows how He deals with each one; I don't. But He could speak through me because in my preaching, I really depend on that Living Person, the Angel of God; because the Scripture says, "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.'" What She says, the Prophet already said, and what the Prophet said was already written in the Word.

And so I believe that this same Logos Who is the Word, this Pillar of Fire, this Angel of God, He is omniscient because He was the One revealing to the Prophet—the Prophet was only the mouthpiece. He was transmitting to the Prophet everybody's name, everybody's sickness, everybody's condition, everybody's need. And what the Prophet saw in the vision is what he would say, and he could not do anything without that Angel being present. And we saw the omniscience of God working through the Prophet because that Angel of God is the Eternal I AM that I AM.

The Bible says the Angel of God appeared to Moses in a flame of fire burning in a bush. That Angel told Moses, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Moses asked that Angel, Who said He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, "Tell me Your name."

He said, "I AM THAT I AM, the Eternal, the Ever-present – not I was, not I will be – I AM THAT I AM."

That Angel of God is God Himself. He said the same One that came to Moses, Who told Moses He is the I AM, came to Paul. He saw the Light; he knew the Scripture. He knew that was Jehovah. He knew Exodus 3. He said, "Who art thou, Jehovah? Who art thou, Lord?"

He said, "I am Jesus."

And that same One told him—Jesus of the New Testament told the Prophet, "Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament. He just changed His mask."

Today in the Message, we have an invasion. It was promised it was going to come. Bro. Mauricio was talking this morning about keeping the garments, that you don't lose the garment. The Prophet tells us the first bride fell and the second bride fell. They both lost their garments, but the third Bride, She is predestinated not to lose the garment. And if you find out how the garment was lost in the beginning, how the first bride lost it, and how the second bride lost it, you will understand the attempt of the same enemy who was veiled in the Serpent, who was veiled in the Nicolaitanes—Satan transformed his angels as ministers of light, evening light, because the false anointed always comes after the True Anointed.

God spoke first; gave Adam the Word. Adam had the original Word, then Satan entered the Serpent – that was the Beast at the

beginning, and as he was showing there in Revelation 16, that is the Beast at the end. And the trail of the Serpent comes from the Beast at the beginning to the Beast at the end. And by the perversion of the original Word, which Adam had, when he said, "You shall *not* surely die," the glory that the original bride was clothed with, left them when she ate of the tree, when she ate from a false anointed one, when she ate perverted word. She became a deceived church. And when she became a deceived church, she became pregnated with the lie and she gave birth to a false worshipper, one who couldn't take correction – to a liar, to a murderer, the first false prophet, the one who was marked for apostasy for rejecting vindicated Truth.

When it came to the second bride in the middle of the Bible, "As the serpent beguiled Eve so shall these come corrupting the minds from the simplicity that is in Christ." [2nd Corinthians 11:3 –Ed.] And the Nicolaitanes came, and then sayings became deeds, and deeds became doctrine, and then the Church lost the Word. They forfeited their rights and they were clothed with the robe of organization. They made new aprons and they brought forth children that went in the way of Cain, in the error Balaam, in the gainsaying of Korah.

And so when you look and see—what did Cain do? He rejected vindicated Truth. He rebelled against the correction of the revealed Word. What was Balaam's error? He tried to curse what God blessed. And then Korah denied the official authority of a vindicated prophet who was the Exodus prophet, who was given two signs to confirm his commission to call the people out of the system.

And so, when we see how those things happened in the beginning of the Bible, because Israel was God's wife too, and she too was deceived. Jehovah's wife, she went a-whoring (Israel and Judah.) God scattered both of them: one went to Babylon – Judah and the others were scattered into the nations.

And when we see this, we see how important it is in this Hour when again, we see people changing the Word: misplacing, mislocating and misinterpreting. The Holy Spirit spoke expressly in the last days through the Seventh Angel Messenger and God vindicated the Word that we had the perfect interpretation of the

Word with vindication. "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away."

Luther, Wesley and Pentecost were the Word in part, but in this Day, the Grain, it takes all the Life and all the Word to become Seed. And that came when the Mystery was finished in the vindicated sounding of the Seventh Angel Messenger. And after him, there was going to come; it had to come... God had given Adam and Eve a promise, "multiply and replenish the earth." That was to come by the Spoken Word. But what happened in the waiting time; there was a waiting time, a testing time before they received the Spoken Word.

We have been promised the Spoken Word, and there is a waiting time. And the Church, that virgin Bride, lost her virgincy and became pregnated with seed that didn't come from the Husband, her Head, because she couldn't wait. Seducing spirits, enticing spirits turned the Truth into fables and she departed from the faith, from the Living Word.

And the same thing happened in the Second Age. When they realized that they were naked, they couldn't bring that Supernatural Robe back. They couldn't bring that Glory back. It was supernaturally given and supernaturally taken away, and so they went to manufacture a robe afterwards. They made aprons and they thought that that would fit them for fellowship with God. It was their carnal means to remedy their condition, but without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

And so God had to tear that thing off of them, and slay a lamb, and clothe them in lamb's skin. And He gave them a promise that a Redeemer is coming, the woman's Seed; the true Lamb of God will come. The Kinsman Redeemer would come one day for redemption, and through the death of that slain Lamb, the Robe will come back and when that Holy Ghost came, It started on the inside.

And so when we look and see, we are in that waiting time, in that testing time, when this Bride must prove She is not like Eve. A woman has three sacred virtues: sacred womanhood – how she conducts herself around men (preachers), they have seed; sacred motherhood – how she raises her children, whether she brings—she could give birth to a child but she could make them delinquents if she doesn't raise them right. One is child bearing; one is child-

raising. And thirdly, the sacred bedding ground, which is only for the husband's seed.

And in Eve's womb, that sacred bedding ground, was found seed of another. And this is such a treacherous Hour because the Serpent didn't go after the female lioness. He didn't go after the female bear or something; he went after Adam's wife. The Nicolaitanes didn't go after the Sadducees or the Pharisees, they came after the second Adam's wife and these false anointed ones are not going after Pentecostals and Jehovah Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists, they're coming after the Bride.

So many churches today fail to understand the necessity of holding their virtue sacred, and because of that, you see many churches that started off virgin in the Message are no longer virgin today. When you give them the virgincy test, they have false doctrine in their womb that didn't come from the Message of the Hour.

That's why the Angel of God directed Peter, directed Paul, directed Philip – they were set in the Body by a New Birth through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Angel was directing them. You couldn't eat from Paul and die. You couldn't eat from Bro. Branham and die. You couldn't eat from Moses and die but if you eat from Balaam you'll die. If you eat from Korah you'll die. If you eat from Hymenaeus and Philetus, (their word eat like a gangrene) you'll die. If you eat from Oral Roberts and Billy Graham you will die, because that Angel is watching over that Word. Those men are secure channels; God holds them in His hand. That's why you couldn't eat from Christ and die. She ate from a perverted tree. It wasn't a good tree because it brought forth corrupt fruit. You don't gather thorns from grapes.

And so the true fivefold ministry is gifts in the Body. The false anointed ones are gifts outside of the Body. They have an anointing on their spirit. They have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but they aren't converted by their baptism because they have no representation in Heaven. They are not part of the Word. They are gifts outside the Body. This same Rain falls on the just and the unjust.

Many will come and say, "Lord, didn't we cast out devils in Thy Name?" Satan cannot cast out Satan. These men are anointed with the Holy Ghost but they could only cast out devils in the body. It takes one with the Word to take a devil out of that soul. Because there is demonology in the physical realm: cancers, tumors, cataracts, all these things — "Lord, didn't we heal the sick?" See? "Didn't we prophesy?"

He said, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity into everlasting fire; I never knew you."

Showing they could operate gifts because gifts and calling are without repentance. The Rain falls on gifted men who are not part of the Body. They are not considered in the Election. They are not considered in the Redemption; that's what Matthew 24:24 is.

That's what the Prophet saw in the camp meeting in Mishawaka, and he couldn't understand how could this man bring a genuine prophesy, how could this man interpret but was a hypocrite. He went in his cave. He is searching the Bible and he couldn't find anything. He was worried about this. The Angel of God came and blew the pages to Hebrews 6. He reads it but he didn't see anything so he closed the Book. The Angel came and blew it again to Hebrews 6. He got sensitive: "Something is happening here." He reads it but he still couldn't get it.

Then God gave a vision, some graphics, some PowerPoint – supernatural PowerPoint and he saw two men in a field. The first one is going forth dressed in white, sowing the seed; the wheat comes up. The next one is sowing the tares; the tares come up. And the rain is falling on the two – same rain.

You see, rain does not make wheat, wheat. In wheat seed there is wheat life. If you plant your garden: you have cabbages, tomatoes, lettuce and the rain comes down on it, your seed comes up. The rain brings up the tomatoes because it has tomato life in tomato seed. The rain is not making it that; the rain is bringing the life up. Then you see weeds growing on the side of it too, because that same rain is bringing up those weeds too.

When the Prophet saw it, he understood how you could have the baptism of the Holy Ghost from the cradle to the grave and be lost, because the real gift is that soul, that Gene of God, that predestinated seed; only they could be converted by the Baptism. In non-seed there is nothing to quicken. He said, "In their body they are moral men; in their spirit they're refined and cultured, theological students, men of the cloth, nice men, eloquent, but down in their soul..."

Like when Jesus met the rich young ruler: "What must I do to have Eternal Life?"

He said, "Keep the Commandments: thou shall not commit adultery, thou shall not do this—not steal and these things."

He said, "I have done all these things."

The Bible said, "Jesus beholding him, loved him." In the body, he checked out perfectly. In the spirit, "Good Master." Oh, he came out there so nice, courteous, disciplined, orderly, a refined man; his spirit worked out nice. When the Word went down in the third realm, He found the problem. "Go sell all you have, give it to the poor; pick up your cross and follow Me." He couldn't do it because down in the soul, there was a vulture down there.

And so when you look and we see in this Age that discernment, discernment of spirit, discerning the Body of the Lord; the Word in the Bride. This is the Secret; the Word is in the Bride and the Word is He Himself, quick and sharp and powerful, a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart and that's the true Church that could try the spirits and see what kind of spirit it is; that could prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

So when we see this, we see why people today, they find themselves—and it has already started in this country. People come out and for thirty years in the Message they were just believing the fundamentals. Then they started to see some Truth and they get excited and come out and then already, go into false doctrine. Why? Because their discernment, it has not gotten down in the heart yet; it is in the information realm still. It's not personalized. It's not made actual in their experience, so it appears like an angel of light but they don't know how to check those things.

There are no lights in perfection, no rainbow, no Urim and Thummim. So if somebody tells them their dream, they believe it. If somebody tells them their prophecy, they believe it. If somebody gives them the interpretation, they believe it because there is nothing there to check that. But if they bring that around a real man of God, one set in the Body, one that is not a child, tossed to and fro by winds of doctrine but one that is grown up, matured, one who is a man, who is not dealing with childish things.

Like when that man came to Martin, he had this special robe, shiny, and he gave himself this great importance and everybody

who heard him, they were fascinated. Then some old saint said, "Come to Martin; come to Martin. Tell Martin some of these revelations." From the time he came to Martin, that thing disappeared, because that devil knows when that Word is in that Bride and he meets genuine, Born Again believers, able ministers of the New Testament, where the Words are not written on tables of stone but written in the heart – living epistles, manifested epistles where the life and the prophecy dovetail, where the Word Herself is standing on the outside of the Bible, looking back in the Bible, and the Word Herself is taking the Word Itself and revealing Herself in the Word Itself, proving She is the interpretation to the prophesied promises. She is the One with the legal rights to claim those things.

The Prophet said you couldn't impersonate that tear. The Chinese Laundryman – that is one of the new titles of God. Bro. Branham gave Him a few new titles. He called Him the Chief Engineer, the Designer of the Church. He called Him the Chinese Laundryman Who tore the Word and put part in you and put part in the Bible. And the Word predestinated to the Word written for the Hour, when they come together, the two dovetail and God comes down.

Many people, the churches, many of them are still in that fragile state. And that's why I believe it was a good emphasis this morning: "Hold fast your garments" because some already lost theirs. In them, they already have another seed in their womb; people believing all kinds of strange things.

You see, that's why we have to be gentlemen but then we also have to be men with discernment; firm and friendly, but firm. People don't ask somebody what they believe. Somebody shows up, they take them and stick them in the pulpit. It shows they are immature. The Bible said they tried them who said that they were apostles and found them liars, and God complimented them for trying them. This is the thing – discernment, maturity.

Everybody doesn't jump in the pulpit unless you have a good scanner. See? Because there are people carrying virus – come in a church: "Achoo!" [Bro. Vin illustrates a sneeze –Ed.] The next thing you know, four or five people in that church who doesn't have repellent, who doesn't have immunity, who are not inoculated; the next thing, they go around, "Achoo! Achoo!" And before you

know it, you have an epidemic in the country. And you need some good virologists in this Hour and if you don't have quarantine to start to quarantine people—that is the only way to break the transmission: quarantine and then inoculation to keep the church immune, keep the revival; keep the church moving on.

Remember, the Serpent's seed was so close, it could have mixed with Eve's egg. Remember, the Nicolaitan seed was so close, it mixed with the second Eve's egg. Remember that. So, that just came out. I don't know where it came from. I guess I know too. [Bro. Vin laughs –Ed.] We are ministers. We are virologists in the Age of germ warfare. These bombs are more potent, lethal than atomic bombs.

I wanted to say something about John's Gospel before we go a little further. In John's Gospel, John has things that the other Gospels don't have. From John 1, when he brought the Mystery of Elohim, Melchisedec and Jesus, which is the condescending of God, he went back to God before creation, then he brings God in creation; then he brings God in redemption.

Maybe I should read that little quotation for you. On the message *The Word Became Flesh* [1954-1003m, para. 167-174 –Ed.] Bro. Branham had read John 1. He said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The Word Itself was God. [He says] "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; and we beheld Him in the glory of the Father." He says, You see? We beheld the Word that was in the beginning, become flesh here on earth. Now, what a marvelous thing: to think that God, made flesh, to take away sin.

Now, but, here it tells us, that before there was a man. Before. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God. And the Word made flesh..." [He says] Now, just about as far as the human mind can go, that's as far as we can go back now to "the beginning." Is that right? "In the beginning was the Word." But now, that's as far as we can go by theology. That's as far as we can go by our mind. But revelation carries us beyond that. [But revelation carries us beyond that.] Is that right? he said.

Now, if you're teaching something on theology, you think, "'In the beginning was the Word,' that was God. 'And the Word was God,' that's right. 'And this same Word was made flesh and dwelt Ministers' Fellowship 2015-0620pm

among us.' (See?) 'And then, God was made flesh. That's without controversy,' that's true. 'God was made flesh.' We believe that." But now, before This was Word... [But now, before This was Word.]

What is a word? A word is the manifestation of a thought, is expression of a thought. Is that right? Before you say anything, subconsciously you think it before you speak it. Is that right?

So, "In the beginning was the Word," that's as far as we can go back by This, by theology. But before the Word was, It was a thought, and a thought was made manifest.

He is showing us that John is opening something here because when John said, "In the beginning" the Bible opens with that, Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But John does not say, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth", John said, "In the beginning" and he goes on and tells us where the Word was. Then he goes to tell us that same Word was with God. Then he comes after in verse 3 to say, "And all things were made by Him."

Hebrews 11:3 tells us, the worlds were framed by the Word of God. Genesis 1 tells us, "In the beginning God created." But John, with the revelation of who Jesus was, he knew He was the everlasting Father; He was the mighty God: "Unto us a Son is given; unto us a child is born. His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace, *the* Mighty God, *the* Everlasting Father." [Isaiah 9:6 –Ed.]

John knew, because in 1st John 1, he said, "This is the Word which was from the beginning, which we have seen and looked upon and handled of the Word of Life, which has been made manifest to us. This is that Eternal Life, which we declared unto you, that our fellowship is with the Father." Because they knew that this was God condescending. They had this Mystery.

And so, John opens this to show us the condescension of God, because God's thoughts... First, He was the Eternal Spirit, Self-existing, and the Lamb was slain in His Mind before the foundation of the world, and the names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world – these were His works. He would come to do a work of redemption that would cause Him to unveil Himself, to make Himself known, to show His

nature, to display His works, to show the kind of person He is, to show that this God is Love. Love is the Holy Spirit.

He said, "This is perfect love; what you preached is the Holy Ghost." We're not talking about, like, the fruit of the Spirit here, we're talking about God is love. "This is the Holy Ghost. Without this, a man can't come in here." [The Rejected King 1960-0515m, para. 21-4 –Ed.]

So watch here, as this opens and Bro. Branham is bringing this. Before the Word, It was a thought, and a thought was made manifest. Now, that's how that he said. First, He thought, and He spoke the Word, and the Word was made manifest.

It was in God's thinking, then God spoke it, then a world came into existence. Everything – the design, the size of it, the location of it, what it was going to be used for – it was all settled in the thoughts of God.

Jesus is the center of this revelation. God saw Himself in flesh even before creation. God coming in flesh is not an afterthought of God because the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. "We were chosen in Christ" – Ephesians 1. "In Him we have redemption through His Blood, forgiveness according to the riches of His grace. We are accepted in the beloved; chosen and predestinated before the foundation of the world."

I want to repeat what I said yesterday: "Creation is for redemption; not redemption for creation." God had an Eternal Purpose and a plan. His Purpose is to reveal Himself. This revelation, this Purpose will be achieved through the plan of redemption. The plan of redemption required God to become man. God never ever at any time saw Himself without flesh. This was settled in God's thought. What was the Lamb being slain for? For the remission of sins. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." [Hebrews 9:22 –Ed.] The Lamb had to die. The Lamb is doing a sacrificial work. The Lamb was an atonement. The Lamb was to make reconciliation. It was a propitiation for our sins.

The fall was part of the plan of redemption. There is nothing—you can't have redemption if something is not lost so God had to put—the fall was necessary for redemption to take place. If God didn't want the fall to take place, all He had to do was make the Serpent with a seed that couldn't mix with Eve's egg and make the

woman and the man, male and female together like all the rest of the creation. The reason she was made a byproduct and the reason she was made different to all the other females, it was so the fall could take place. Because remember, God made everything male and female, male and female. And if the Serpent didn't have a seed to mix with Eve's egg, who was Satan going to use to come into the human race? He couldn't.

Bro. Branham said, "It would have been dis-complimentary to God's wisdom if He had made Eve in the original creation." Invisible Union, [1965-1125, para. 12-5 -Ed] I'm quoting. And the reason that Adam couldn't fall is that he was not a byproduct. The woman was a byproduct. All the females do not have sex for They have a mating season and they have sex for multiplication. No female species ever commit adultery. They can't because of how God designed them. But the woman is made differently; she has no season. She is the one who have sex for pleasure. She could send a sexual message with any part of her body: with her tongue, with her finger, with her walk, the way she sits down. She is designed without a season. She is the only female species that has a virgin veil. She is the only one who has a monthly period where she is set apart for uncleanness. She is the only one who could commit adultery. She is the one who could tempt and seduce. No other female in God's universe could do that. So the fall was necessary to the plan of God.

I think I could read that for you, if I can find it quickly. It is from the *Church Age Book*. (I had it just now. I know I had it somewhere here.) I want you to see that God didn't make a mistake and tried to correct it. The Lamb being slain is the center. The only things the Bible shows you before the foundation of the world are – the Lamb being slain; the Bride's name being put in the Book; you were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, and before the foundation of the world, He is Elohim. There was no atom, no molecule; there was nothing. He was by Himself.

So this was His thought and the objective and purpose behind that thinking is that He wants to reveal Himself. And so, He had to devise a plan and when He devised this plan, it was a plan of redemption. But redemption has laws. There are laws of redemption. The kinsman had to be able, had to be related by blood, had to be willing to redeem a lost brother's property or the lost brother himself if he is in debt of slavery. Also, he had to marry his brother's wife if the brother died and she didn't bring any seed.

Adam was given seed and he was going to get the Spoken Word to multiply and replenish, but he died and never brought forth a Spoken Word son. So Genesis 1:28 has never been fulfilled – "Multiply and replenish; bring forth after your kind." And he was a created son, he didn't come by sex; he had to bring forth more like himself.

Sex was the animal's law of reproduction. That is why a sexual birth does not bring you in the Kingdom; it brings you outside the Kingdom. It brings you in the animal realm. And except a man is born of water and Spirit, he can't see the Kingdom, neither could he enter the Kingdom because he is born outside of the Kingdom. His birth is wrong. He needs a New Birth to put him in the Kingdom.

And so, when we look at that... I just want to read it. I found it. Bro. Branham says, We start with the fact... [this is Seven Church Ages, The Ephesian Church Age] [para. 102-2 -103-2 -Ed.] that there were TWO trees in the midst of the garden. The Tree of Life was Jesus. The other tree is definitely Satan because of what came forth of the fruit of that tree. Now then, we know that both of those trees had a relationship to man... [We know that both of these trees had a relationship to man] or they would never have been placed there.

My thought I'm speaking on is, "THE CONDESCENSION OF GOD" and later, I want to speak on our ascension. His condescension and then our ascension. It will take three bodies for our ascension. That Ascension will not stop until you have a glorified body. It takes a terrestrial body, a theophany (a celestial body), and a glorified body to bring this Ascension. God planned three bodies for you and three bodies for me. It's not three of you; it's one of you. God's attribute – the gene of God, but the gene of God has three bodies. He bypassed the second body and he came to the first body.

Bro. Branham already lived out his lifetime in his first body; now he is in his second body. When we see him again, we will see him in a glorified body. When they leave There, they will come to pick up that body and raise it unto glorification. We are here with the New Birth, being formed in the Word image and linked to the Word body, but we're still here in a terrestrial body. But at the last Trump, when we see them, we will come—that theophany, coming to this, will bring us into that third stage – the glorified body.

So it's a journey where we existed before creation, when we were chosen in Christ, in the Eternal Thoughts of Elohim – self-existing. We were in His thoughts as an unexpressed attribute. He planned the time and season for us to be expressed in a terrestrial body. Our time would be at the end of the Seventh Age. So all, down through the Ages have come and gone and now, we are at the end of the Age, when the Book is opened. He appointed us to live in this Day. We were born in this Day. We came from thought to flesh.

And under this Word, the opening of this Mystery, the opening of the Word, we began to recognize we are here in a negative form. We have a positive form in another dimension. We start to realize He foreknew us — those whom He foreknew, He predestinated; those He predestinated, it's them He called; those He called, He justified; those He justified, He also glorified. [Romans 8:30 –Ed.]

In God's thoughts these three bodies are inseparably linked together. God does not see any redeemable attribute without three bodies. If you don't have three bodies you are not a redeemable attribute because a redeemable attribute must first come in flesh, then theophany and then glorified. The tearing away of the veil of amnesia, where we can't go back...

He said, "Theology will just take you, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." He said, "But revelation will take you beyond theology; back to the Thought where you were." There is only one form of Eternal Life. If you have Eternal Life, you always were part of God. You are a son of God and your name was in that Book, and God planned that you will be in the first resurrection; not the second.

So Bro. Branham here, is showing us this plan because remember, Jesus is the center of this plan. The Lamb is slain. The only thing God shows you before the foundation of the world – He didn't tell you which angel, when Lucifer... nothing. He tells you the Lamb was slain and He tells you the names of the Elect, the Bride, chosen in Christ, the family of God is before the foundation

of the world, and the slaying of the Lamb is in connection with them.

Bro. John quoted the Scripture this morning, "The man has become as one of us, to know good and evil." [Genesis 3:22 –Ed.] Up until that time, Adam and Eve only knew God as Creator. They could only worship God like angels, as Creator. But because they are God's children, God had a deeper revelation for them beyond what angels had. Angels don't have the fullness of the worship God wants because the fullness of worship is not in creation.

Revelation 4, they sing, "And thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are created." We sing that too because we know that but the other one we sing, "And Thou has redeemed us by Thy Blood out of every kindred, and every tongue, and every nation, and everything in Heaven and on earth and under the earth heard John." [Revelation. 5:9, 13 –Ed.] Not some cherubim, not some seraphim, not some angel; a redeemed son, a redeemable attribute worshiping God because he was chosen before angels; he was chosen before any other. He was before Lucifer.

Lucifer only has temporal life. Lucifer doesn't have Eternal Life. Hell was created for Lucifer and his angels. Hell, is to put them out of existence. If you, an Eternal attribute, go to hell, you will outlive hell because you are Eternal. Hell had a beginning and hell has an end but the Life you have is without beginning and without end.

So God, back there, wanted to unveil Himself. It was not easy. Now God didn't twiddle His thumbs, wiggle His toes and say, "I'll have a plan of redemption." No. Now God could have made it easy on Himself because there was nobody there to advise Him; nobody for Him to counsel with to say, "Why are you going through this?"

God is such purity, such righteousness, such honesty – God knows, "Redemption is going to require Me to be humiliated, to suffer pain, to suffer rejection, to be scorned at, to be despised, to be humiliated, to be kicked and spat upon." Think of it – to die a shameful death. And He didn't have to make it to that extent, but the kind of Person He is, He knows, "If I have a fear of rejection, if I have embarrassment because My Love for My people is not to the extreme where I will go through the lowest of things to redeem them, if it is going to cost me that..."

Now, God could have made us with limitation in our minds that we could have said, "God loves us so much." And God knows, "They are saying they love Me so much because as a Creator, I gave them things, but they don't know, if I had to be stripped naked, I wasn't going to do it; if they were going to spit on me, I wasn't going to do it." God couldn't live knowing that.

Because remember, it's God designing the plan of redemption. It's God making the laws of redemption. The laws of redemption, though He's God, He's all powerful, He's putting limitation on Himself. So when He comes down and they start to beat Him and kick Him and spit on Him, and He could call for legions of angels, He knows, "They will not be redeemed if I get out of this."

And so, God knows He doesn't want more worship like what the seraphim and the cherubim were going to give, He wanted the highest form of worship. Because the word *god* means object of worship and God knows, "If I am really to have the highest form of worship, the purest form of worship, the greatest form of worship, as God, I already have a lot. I have creatures that say, 'Holy, holy, holy,' day and night without stopping." Day and night! But the Father seeketh a greater worship than that because He knows it exists. No angel knows that exists.

What if God had made angels go through what we have to go through? Now, they are servants. They don't have three bodies; we have three bodies. They don't share any throne; we'll share the Throne. They are not called wife, and son and daughter. No, that is family. We are family. They have their place but Bride, God thought this up: a closer relationship, a more intimate relationship, a deeper fellowship – He is thinking about redemption. He alone knows, nobody knows what it is going to cost and He decides to do it. He never did it before. Nobody ever spat on Elohim; nobody ever kicked Melchisedec.

For God to be perfected as God... He is God and He has worshipers, but He is not perfected as God. He has to get that other worship, but it will take the plan of redemption. It will cause Him to show His Love is so high you can't get over it; it's so low you can't get under it; it is so wide you can't get around it. This Unconditional Love, this Eternal Love, this Elective Love; this Love that is going to cause God to come down so low, God

decided to put Himself to the test to go where He had never gone before, for you and me.

That is why this last day Bride, when He opened the Seals and the Thunders uttered their voices to make known Who God is, what He had in His Mind, what kind of person He is; why He did the things the way He did it; we can see the humility of God. We could see how simple He is, in simplicity, hiding in humility. We see the love of God. We see God, no matter what the condition, He is determined to fulfill His promises. He is the God of the unfailing promise, the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness.

And He is going to be the beginning of a New Creation, and in this Creation, this was the One that was to fulfill Genesis1:28. But the first Adam, he died; he couldn't bring this. He is of the earth – earthy. The God of Heaven Himself is coming down to become the last Adam, to come into marriage. And through an elected people, Christ, the Person – not a gift, not one of the nine in 1st Corinthians 12 – the Person, Christ in you, the hope of glory, what we call the Third Pull, Christ reproduced in human beings; the Person of Christ, not the gift of the Giver, the Giver of the gift. "In that Day you will know 'I', personal pronoun, singular – 'I' in you; He that is in you." He said, "If people could only understand it's God, the Creator in man, which is His Church now;" this God. [Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 1963-0728, para. 69-1 –Ed.]

So when we look and we see this, God is conceiving this plan. And that's why in Hebrews, Paul said He came down lower than the angels and became seed of Abraham that He might destroy him who has power of death, and deliver them, who through fear of death was in bondage all their life, and become the Captain of our salvation, our redemption, to bring many sons back unto glory. [Hebrews 2:10-17 –Ed.]

And as Melchisedec, the Word that became flesh, He became the Forerunner Who went into the veil, a greater Priest than the Aaronic priest. This One ever liveth to make intercession by the power of an Endless Life. This One that has come down in this Day when he said, "Who Is This Melchisedec?" He said, "If He is without beginning of days and ending of life, He has to be Eternal; and if He is Eternal, having no father and no mother, then He has to be alive tonight." [1965-0221e, para. 32 –Ed.]

And when Bro. Branham began to understand Who This was—and I want to show you—I doubt I could get that tonight, but I just want to say it for you, how he saw Elohim in the form He was; he saw Melchisedec in the form He was, and he saw Jesus in the form He was in his life. But God Who came from Elohim to Melchisedec to Jesus predestinated in the life of this son of man – a son of man who is revealing *the* Son of Man – that this God will be unveiled.

And this revelation of God that was sealed with Seven Seals and was a hidden Mystery; when He breaks those Seals upon Himself and exposed Himself to His Bride in the last Days, the mighty God being unveiled before us; Christ the Mystery of God Who was sealed with Seven Seals now revealed, and Christ being revealed out of His Own Word, this Christ, and then Christ doing the same things that He did in every Age from Genesis 1, all the way to Revelation 22 to prove that this is that God, giving the revelation as He promised, "When the Seventh Angel begins to sound, in that sounding, the Mystery of God..." God was a mystery hid. God was sealed with Seven Seals and that hidden Mystery was opened and God was unveiled, and that's why He said, "Seal not up these things."

And God gave this great unveiling at the end, when these in the last Days are not going in the grave; they are coming to full redemption while they are on the earth. They will bruise Satan under their feet. He bruised Satan at the cross, but Paul said, "The God of peace shall shortly bruise Satan under your feet." [Romans 16:20 –Ed.] Because it was a woman who was deceived, and the second woman was deceived, but this One is He Himself. She is Him revealed. It is Jesus in Bride form in the Bride Age. All that God was He poured in Christ; all that Christ was He poured in the Bride.

And in each Age, each Age produced part of the Mystery, but God called a people out at the end of the Seventh Age whom He foreknew, whom He predestinated, whom He called, whom He justified; not like they had in the Age. "Sinless, spotless, virtuous Bride of the Son of the living God; never did it in the first place;" [The Invisible Union 1965-1125 –Ed.] "literal SPOKEN WORD SEED BRIDE." [Seven Church Ages, Smyrnean Age –Ed.]

This Bride that is the fullness of what each Age produced part of, all seven portions, all Seven Spirits became the Token, the Person, Christ walking in our feet, speaking through our lips, thinking with our minds. "As She nears the Headstone, She must be in the Image in order to be united with Him. She will be the Super Race, the Super Church." She is called this. "She will be an invincible army; not even death can harm her. And the same harmony that existed between the Father and the Son must now exist between the Bridegroom and the Bride." [Seven Church Ages, Pergamean Age –Ed.]

And so this Fullness is what has come down to us as Word and this Word has loosed this Holy Ghost, the Person, the Fullness into a Bride. And the water started at the ankles, and came up to the knees and came up to the thighs and the water keeps rising because this great River of the Water of Life is in Her. She is that Pyramid City. "Come, I will show you the Bride, the Lamb's wife. And He took me in a high mountain and He showed me a City built foursquare, having the glory of God and a River clear as crystal flowing out of the Throne, and in that River makes glad the City of God." [Revelation 21: 9-11 –Ed.]

So God with this plan, when He came to the Prophet, now, this man, the first thing He showed him was Jesus. He started from God made flesh, the Hofmann. [Referring to the corporal body of Christ which Heinrich Hofmann painted –Ed.] He said, "Since I saw Him that night in that field, anywhere I see that Hofmann picture... I have one in my house." He said, "The first time I saw one was in Billy Sunday's tabernacle and when I saw it, that was the closest thing to when I had seen Him as a young boy preacher, praying in the field for my father." [Spiritual Food In Due Season 1965-0718e, para. 85 –Ed.]

Then from there, the next thing, 1946, he saw the Light came in, like a little halo Light came in, and out of that Light came the body shape of a man. He said, "In weight He would be about two hundred pounds, with an olive skin complexion." He saw the Theophany, the One that was in the Fire talking to Moses, saying, "I AM THAT I AM"; the One called, the Angel of God, which is God in the form of the Angel that Paul said, "And Moses bore the reproach of Christ" – Hebrews 11. He said, "Where did Moses see Christ?" He said, "He was that Angel." It was Him. God came in the form of a Word.

Moses wanted to see Him. He was only hearing the Voice out of the Light; seeing the Cloud and hearing the Voice. He said, "Oh God, show me Your glory. I want to see You!" And God put him in the cleft of the rock, and when He passed by, he saw the back of a man, and he knew it was a man inside that Fire. He only saw the back of the Man. He didn't tell us the size, but in this Day, when this Moses in the Third Exodus, he didn't see the back part – He stepped out the Fire, because this is the one who was going to have the Message to unveil the Mystery of this God. The unveiling of God was left for this man.

Then he says, in 1961 he says, "Out of all the experiences I ever had..." in *Message of Grace* [1961-0827 -Ed.] and *Let Your Light So Shine* [1961-0903 -Ed.] he said, "Out of all the experiences I ever had, I never had one like this." In 1957, he had spoken to the fish. October 1959, "Let there be a squirrel." He said, "Superanointing." Then in Hattie Wright's house, in November 1959, "I give you your two boys" – super-anointing! But in 1961 he said, "Out of all the experiences I ever had, I never had anything like that."

He saw three rainbows. He had preached from way back in the early 1950's by inspiration, saying God is like a rainbow of seven colors, and that Rainbow came down in a body shape of a man. He was moving towards flesh. From Spirit, Elohim is becoming Word. He's coming down to flesh because the center of this revelation, of His purpose, is redemption. And He saw Himself, and before there was an atom or a molecule, He had shown us the Lamb slain.

And when the first thing happened in the Garden, the fall of man, He slew a lamb. The first revelation given to man after the fall, was given to Abel. Abel was the standard: "By faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice – the lamb." [Bro. Vin looks at his watch, then says, "I have twenty minutes." –Ed] Cain was bringing fruits and flowers, but Abel was catching the Secret of redemption, the Lamb that was slain.

And Paul is showing, the first revelation given to fallen man, the way back to God was approaching, because in Eden had the cherubim guarding every way of the Tree of Life. God did not seal up the tree of knowledge of good and evil, God sealed up the Tree of Life – Christ, sealed up and He became a Mystery. Adam was

going to take the Book to eat and He said, "No." And those cherubim in Eden, the Bible says... Listen, the word there is *shakan*, from where you get Shekinah, where God set up His tent, because where the cherubim are, the Throne of God is, because they are the guards of the Throne. And the throne of judgment and the throne of mercy are the same Throne. When there is Blood on it, it's a throne of mercy. When the Blood is removed, it's a throne of judgment.

Man comes to God on the merits of an accepted sacrifice, not in their own merit. Their guilt is transferred to the Lamb and the Lamb's righteousness, innocence, was transferred to them. And so the Lamb died instead of the man. It's a substitute, the Lamb taking the man's place, that God was unfolding God's great Mystery of Love expressed.

Today people are ending up with two persons, but I want to show you it's one. It was always one; not two, one. He said, Jesus says, "I and my Father are one." They're standing from the wrong place; and where they are standing with the intellectual mind, they make Jesus a lesser person. The Bible does not say that. This Jesus: "Unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord... [Luke 2:11 –Ed.] "...And His Name shall be called Jesus." [Matthew 1:21 –Ed.] Then Peter said, "This Jesus is made both Lord and Christ." [Acts 2:36 –Ed.]

That is why I'm saying, the only picture God gave you of Himself before creation, is a slain lamb. And I'm showing you from Genesis to Revelation, it's the Lamb being revealed. In Eden with the first worshiper, then Abraham, God created a ram, one that didn't come by sex – a Spoken Word ram to die instead of Isaac. Both types are one Person. Isaac, the heir, the appointed heir of all things, who is Abraham in another form, because that was the son in the bosom of the father; it is the life of the father coming forth to be revealed in a new way – in a new way.

Then in Exodus, God told Moses to get the lamb. Then all down through the Old Testament they had to bring the lamb. Then Isaiah caught the vision: "A virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son, Immanuel, God with us, [Isaiah 7:14 –Ed.] the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. [Isaiah 9:6 –Ed.] And He would be wounded for your transgressions, bruised for your iniquities. Like a lamb dumb before his shearers, He opened not His mouth."

[Isaiah 53:5-7.] And Isaiah brings the lamb from an animal lamb that they had and tells them of a greater Lamb that is going to be Immanuel. It will be God Himself becoming this Lamb.

And then when this Lamb came, John the prophet, Elijah, the forerunner of the first Coming, his ministry was to bring them from an Age of shadow into substance. From Adam to John they had animal blood, but John was the first one who pointed out the true Lamb, the One Who was slain in the thoughts of God. And then, when that Lamb came, we see that Lamb taking the Book at the end of the Seventh Age. We see that Lamb go all the way and is the Light of the City in Revelation 22. This Lamb from Genesis 1—from the fall in Genesis 3, all the way, the whole Book is unfolding the Mystery of the Lamb because it is a Book of Redemption sealed with Seven Seals, revealing one Person.

And when He comes to the end of the Age, He said, "I am Alpha; I am Omega. I am the First; I am the Last. I am the Beginning; I am the End. I am the Lord Who is, Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty." Bro. Branham says, "Who is that?" That is Deity. That's Him at the end giving a final look at Who He is; that this God Who is above us, this God Who came with us, this God Who came in us, is God condescending, coming down, all down through the Age. And then when we come into a New Birth, It starts to bring our ascension from the Word Seed, to the Word Image, to the Word Body, to glorification, until we come back just like Him.

So I want to finish reading this quote. I'm going to make my time – it will take me five minutes to read it.

So he says, ...both those trees had a relationship to man... They must have had a part in the sovereign plan and purpose of God in their relationship to mankind and to Himself or we could never impute omniscience unto God.

In other words, if they didn't have part of the plan and the devil pulled something off on God, what we'd be saying is that God didn't know that Satan would have deceived them, so God, now, has to come down to die. That is not the Bible. The Bible is, "the Lamb was slain and God fixed it to bring the fall. Now watch.

He says, Now the Word most definitely set forth that from BEFORE the foundation of the earth, [before the foundation of the earth,] the purpose of God was to share His Eternal Life with man.

Then he goes into Ephesians 1:4 to 11, tells us how He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, predestinated us unto adoption, how we have redemption through His Blood, forgiveness of sins, all of this before the foundation of the world.

Then he quotes again Revelation 13:8 that all that dwell on the earth will worship Satan whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. "Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world; slain from the foundation of the world," Bro. Branham is opening this to show to us God's purpose before the foundation of the world. Now that will have to be as Elohim, because there is not an atom. He is self-existing. He has not even changed form yet, but all His thoughts, everything, is already decreed: His purpose, His plan, everybody, every hair on their head, where each one was going to be born, what Age they are going to come, who is going to be male, who is going to be female, what message they were going to receive, how they are going to be gifted, what their position in the Body would be – everything about everybody. Even the hair on our heads were numbered back there.

So he says here ... BEFORE the foundation of the earth the purpose of God was to share His Eternal Life with man.

But that Life could not, and would not, be shared in any other way than through the way of "God manifested in the flesh." [of God manifested in the flesh.] That Life can't be shared.

Before the foundation of the world God desired, "I want to have people; I don't want all this power for Myself. I want to have sons and daughters. I want them to be just like Me." God saw the family. The family in Heaven and earth is named after the Lord Jesus Christ. [Ephesians 3:15 –Ed.] In the dispensation of the fullness of times, He will gather all things in Christ, that which is in heaven and that which is on the earth. [Ephesians 1:10 –Ed.] And at the last Trump that which is in Heaven and we who are alive and remain on earth, we together with them will be caught up to be with Him.

So watch. So we are in the Hour of the climax of this plan. The Shout already gathered the living ones and He is descending. It is going to end with a resurrection, where the resurrected and the living will be gathered together and together will be caught up. He showed a preview already: Moses — resurrected saints; Elijah — translated saints. He showed that there already. So look.

...that Life could not, and would not, be shared in any other way through the way of "God manifested in the flesh." This was a part of His eternal and predestinated purpose. This plan was to be to the praise of the glory of His grace. It was the plan of Redemption. It was the plan of Salvation. Now listen closely [He says.] "God being a Saviour it was necessary [it was necessary] that He predestinate a man who would require salvation in order to give Himself reason and purpose of being."

He is a Saviour. He is a Healer. He is a Deliverer. He is a Provider. He is a Comforter, but there was no man lost. This could only be expressed if there is a man who has this need and is in this condition. So God with His Divine wisdom, saw how He could do all of this, and He is the One Who made up the Laws of Redemption that there has to be a kinsman, so nobody else in the universe will be able to do it. Angels are not coming there, and all men who started in Adam — "in Adam we all die," so it will take a New Creation.

The Serpent's seed made a way for the virgin birth. It would have no need... The virgin birth is bringing the Kinsman. The virgin birth is what is bringing the incarnation of God. The virgin birth is what is bringing a New Race. And the Head of the New Creation is called the *last* Adam, connecting Him back to the first Adam, One coming through the human race to redeem the descendants, Adam and his descendants, out of the condition that they were in. And He fixed His Law that outside of a New Creation, it can't be done; the whole race is lost, so He Himself has to come down.

He says, That is one hundred percent correct and multitudes of Scriptures bear it out as does the very pointed verse of Romans 11:36.

"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are ALL THINGS: to Whom be GLORY for ever. Amen."

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That is why the Tree was sealed up, "lest man put forth his hand and take." But Revelation 10, the same Angel says, "Go and take." So at the end of the Age, here is the same Tree of Life come down with the Seals broken off of Him – the One that was sealed up, the

One that was a hidden Mystery, and now He is saying, "Go and take the Fruit from the Tree." What is the Fruit from the Tree? He has the Book in His hand. That is the Fruit – the Word that man must live by. Now watch.

Man could not directly come and partake of that Tree of Life in the midst of the garden. That Eternal Life of that Tree had to become flesh first.

Elohim couldn't die for us as the Eternal Spirit. Spirits can't die. Melchisedec as King Word couldn't die for us, but Jesus could die for us. God in the form of man coming down to reveal Himself, could die. He became flesh to die but He didn't become flesh as an afterthought – He never saw Himself outside of flesh. It's just that He was at that time and season when that manifestation was going to take place, because it was slowly unfolding His Mystery. Now, we are getting to it now.

But before God could raise and save a sinner, He had to have a sinner to raise and save. Man had to fall. The fall which would be caused by Satan, had to have flesh to make fall.

So God had to make a beast that was a link to the animal kingdom and the human race; a beast that even had the gift of speech, who was there manifested before Adam and the woman came. Because Adam was the last thing God had made; he was the capstone. When God made the Serpent, He gave him the gift of speech, but God did not yet say anything about the trees. But Genesis 2, when God spoke to Adam, He said, "You shall not eat of this tree. The day you eat of this tree you will die; this tree that is in the midst of the Garden, this tree of death, Satan." The Serpent was right there, and the Serpent knew that. He heard that too.

And so he went to the woman and said, "Has God said you shall eat of all the trees?"

She said, "No," because Adam had already told his wife the Word, because she was part of him and he's bringing the Word to the church.

And then this fellow who heard said, "No, no, no. I was there when God said it. Adam and I were there together. You didn't come around yet; you recently came forth. When Adam was still single and the marriage did not take place yet, Adam and I knew about this. We used to talk about this tree, and what God said."

What is the synagogue of Satan? They who are claiming originality – "I was there in the meetings. After that meeting we sat in First Cafeteria, and he told me *so* and *so*, sitting there in the restaurant. I was on that hunt with him and he told me *so* and *so*. Oh yes, he is a great man. Yeah, he has something that none of us has – he has something we don't have Word for." [Bro. Vin laughs – Ed.]

Satan had to come through flesh also. But Satan could not come through human flesh to make the fall as would Christ come in human flesh to restore the fallen.

But there was an animal, the serpent, so close to man...

Who made him, and for what purpose was he made? It was already in Heaven. What was about to live out on earth had already lived out in Heaven, in the Third Heaven. Sin didn't start on earth, sin started in Heaven. And as Adam was there, and he had the Serpent next to him – the most beautiful creature in all the earth, because in the male all the males were more beautiful than the female. And when God came to man, He made the woman more beautiful. Watch the second Adam. He had no form nor comeliness, no beauty that we should desire Him. He had no outward beauty.

When the Serpent came, he was the most beautiful, and she was the most beautiful. Both of them had glory; he had glory more than every male; she had glory more than every female. But she was attributes at one time in Adam, just like in Heaven, but she was expressed in a season to be tested and proven. And so it's the same way up There. And Lucifer was the most beautiful of all the creatures in Heaven. Ezekiel tells you; it gives the whole description, all the pipes, all the music; all the different things. He was the anointed cherub; the very name means son of the morning. He was this special light.

But Jesus says, "I saw him fall like lightning from heaven, from the highest to the lowest." And Adam saw him come from the highest of the animals to the lowest in the Garden. He was cursed: "Upon thy belly thou shalt go, and the dust thou shall eat!" His speech was gone, beauty gone, everything gone; changed, and he slithered out of there. Why? He didn't keep his first estate. He left his habitation. He crossed over from the animal realm into the human realm to go after the Elect.

And so it's the same. The angels didn't keep their first estate, but they left their own habitation; they fell from light to darkness. They fell from life to death, and they lost all their beauty and all their glory and all these things, and they became demons, spirits of darkness; cursed, no redemption for them. But God had redemption when Adam and Eve fell because they were family, they were His children. But He didn't go to redeem Lucifer and his angels because they did not have redeemable life. Lucifer thought, with all the gifts and manifestations and beauty and eloquence, he thought he had Eternal Life.

Bro. Branham said what is the Pentecostals today? They think they are Born Again when they aren't really Born Again. They are deceived thinking that they are Spirit-filled. They are only anointed in the spirit; there is no representation. There is no place for the Word. Like Cain, they choose organization instead of the vindicated Truth.

[So] there was an animal, the serpent, so close to man that Satan could get to that beast and through that beast he could get to human flesh and cause the fall, and inject himself thereby into the human race, even as Jesus would one day come and inject Himself into the human race, into the human bodies, even to the extent of a resurrection wherein we will have bodies like unto His glorified one. Thus what God worked out here in the garden... [Thus what God worked out here in the Garden] was His predestinated plan. And when Satan had brought about that which was necessary to the purpose of God, then the man could not get to the Tree Of Life in the garden... It wasn't time.

God created a creature that Satan could have access to. Now remember, when the demons wanted to go... They were roaming around, and when they saw Jesus, they said, "Jesus, don't cast us into the abyss. Please! Please!" They didn't want to go back to the prison house. They said, "Let us go in the swine."

He said, "Go in the swine."

He gave them permission. Instead of sending them back to the abyss, He gave them permission to inhabit the animals. God will not live in animals, but Satan will live in animals. Man is created for the temple of God's rest.

For Satan to get into the Serpent, he had to get in there by the permissive will of God. God permitted him, because we see that in the Scriptures. Jesus had to give permission because they are already condemned prisoners, and if they are out on parole or something and they are moving around, and they violate their parole, they could put them right back in. Doesn't he go in the bottomless pit for a thousand years and serve a sentence, and then is loosed again? Didn't He give him the key to open the bottomless pit? Because, until that happened, there were no days of Noah, there were no days like Sodom because all those demons were locked up.

To bring back those demons who could take the knowledge from the tree of knowledge and bring about motorcars, computers, airplanes, space travel, all these different things; it was special demons who were there in that first Age that brought out those demons: vile, ungodly, promiscuous. Those demons were loosed, and when those demons of that nature and personality were given access—rejection of the Word makes a way for the devil to become incarnate in flesh, because when you reject the Word, you are no longer covered by the Blood.

The whole world was covered by the Blood. The Blood was shed for everybody, in one sense. But then, when the Gospel is preached and shows you God's provided Way, the Light is come. This is the condemnation. If you walk in the Light, the Blood will cleanse you. You reject the Light, this is your condemnation. God couldn't condemn Cain without first giving him Light. He said, "Do like your brother. Your revelation is wrong, your approach is wrong; your concept is wrong."

When he rejected Light, he could not plead ignorance. Next time he goes to sin, he is sinning willfully. "He that sinneth willfully after he comes to the knowledge of the Truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." [Hebrews 10:26 –Ed.] So this was Cain, he trampled the blood of Abel's sacrifice after God instructed him how to come; what to bring. God was revealing God's only provided Place of worship; God's provided Way for that Day to do Him a true service, but Cain didn't want that. He was seeing a way that seemeth right to him and he rejected the vindicated Truth.

And so it's the same way, Satan, God had to give him permission to go into the Serpent. God didn't stop him because

that Serpent was made. It was necessary to the plan of God. The fall was necessary to the plan and purpose of God.

I have to stop, my time is up. But I want to show you God, as Elohim, coming down to Melchisedec, from Spirit to Word to flesh. Then Bro. Branham, he showed Him first - Jesus; not Elohim first - Jesus. He saw the Hoffman Head; he saw the garment blowing in the breeze. He said, "Jesus!" And when He turned to watched him, he passed out. Then a few years after, he saw God stepping out of the Fire, the Angel of God. Then later on he said, "I never had one like this." He saw those three rainbows and the Voice said, "Jesus of the New is Jehovah of the Old. He changed His mask from Spirit to man." He said, "Out of all my experiences, I never had one like that." Because we who come from that Fountain, to get back There, we have to see Jesus first – the Atonement Who died for us. Then we have to become Word – Melchisedec, and then we go back to our origin, where we come from, where we were in the beginning, our origin and our destiny, going all the way back.

And so, Bro. Branham, when he stood there, he said, "He confirmed my revelation that I have been preaching of Him for the last thirty-one years." He was preaching by inspiration, about this Rainbow. He said, "It wasn't like a rainbow in the sky." He said, "This was living." He said, "I started to go close to It; I felt checked. I went to take off my shoes" because he knew the Bible, like Moses, preempting God. He stopped. He said, "I knew that was far enough." And then the Voice spoke.

Every form that God manifested in the Bible, God manifested that form, came in that form, to this Prophet in this Message, revealing Himself, the Mystery of Himself in plain view to those considered in the plan of Redemption, those who are part of the Ascension. *Easter Seal*, [1965-0410 –Ed] at the rising of the Son that Quickening Power is quickening who first? The predestinated. He is going for the predestinated first. They have the Life. When that seed is quickened, what happens? *Power Of Transformation* [1965-1031m –Ed.] *God's Power To Transform* [1965-0911 –Ed.] changing it from glory unto glory, bringing out the image from the Word seed in the dirt, this earth, [Bro. Vin points to his body –Ed.] then the Word image coming up; the New Man, a man after the order of

Melchisedec coming up; a man in the Word image, so you could go to the Word Body.

Bro. Branham was Word seed. He came to find out, "I am not the son of Charles and Ella Branham." He saw his name; he saw his picture in the Lamb's section of the Book. He was set in his position. And then he grew to the full stature, Unveiled the Mighty God [1964-0629 -Ed.] *The Token, The Stature Of A Perfect Man* [1962-1014m -Ed.] Came back – *The Masterpiece*, [1964-0705 -Ed.] *The Identified Christ* [1964-0401 -Ed.] He came back there; he could speak into existence and now he has gone on to the theophany. The only part left for him is the glorified body.

We are ascending. We too are coming up, growing up into Christ. From the birth, faith... (Raphael was saying that, I think. Was it you?) Faith at the bottom of the pyramid; that is your birth. The top is your adoption.

"Bro. Branham, I see you on the mountain. A Cloud overshadowed you, said, "This is My Prophet. I give him power to speak into existence." He said, "Bro. Branham, what does that mean?"

He said, "Like Matthew 17." [Standing In The Gap 1963-0623m, para. 91-97 –Ed.] What is Matthew 17? "This is My beloved son. Hear ye Him." Adoption – placed positionally with all authority.

So brothers, God bless you. Thank you very much for your attention. I just want to pass the baton to the teacher, a special man.