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The Lord bless you, Brother Vayle. Good morning, friends. I'm always late. Billy was telling me this morning, that I've got around thirty private interviews, and I've had two of them, I believe (two or three). So I just can't get to everybody, you know, and people have been waiting on the list for months and months. And the Lord has been doing some great things in there. Oh, He's our God. Isn't He?

Now I'm sure that this morning we're all aware of the great sadness that's befallen this nation in the loss of our President, Mr. Kennedy. Though I disagreed with the man in his politics and in his religion, yet he didn't deserve to die like that, no, and leave those little children behind, with no daddy, and a mother that's a widow, Mrs. Kennedy. Though I certainly wouldn't agree with her and her ways and things, remember, she's a mother. She had just lost her babies, and she's lost her husband. He fell right into her lap, and her own husband's blood poured out over her lap. That's awful.

Sometimes we think she sets a pace for the nation in styles and things. That may be so, too. But did you know, Mrs. Kennedy never did hear one of these Messages in which I preach about that? If she had heard one of those Messages, she might do differently. Some of our sisters hear them, and still won't cope with them. See? See? She was raised a Catholic; that's all she knows. I've nothing against the people, the Catholic people. That's a system, the Catholic system, just like the Presbyterian, Methodist, or any of the rest of them (see?), or Pentecostal, any of them. It's the system, not the people.

Mr. Kennedy, I think, did a good job of being President. And my heart goes out to his wife. And I feel really sad about it, that even in our own nation the hoodlums and so forth would do a thing like that!

If you can't agree with a person, and take your own stand, that is no reason to kill another man, just because of things like that. And those little children one little fellow said, "Now I don't have anybody to play with me any more. Daddy is gone." See?

So I've always thought that would be my fate some day. It's almost happened several times, as you know, in foreign nations; when they've had to hold their bodies over me, to keep me from being shot at a distance.

So, a man dies like that! But, that's the price that's paid, that goes with the glory of different things. See? I think we average about every fourth President, one out of four, that's assassinated, and I feel very bad about it. It's a shame that we have such a person in America who would do a thing like that!

And now, yet, as I said, I disagreed with his politics. I didn't agree with his ideas or what he was trying to do. But, you see, he's another man. And I didn't agree with his system of religion, I certainly didn't agree with that. But, yet, he was raised that way. That's what it was. As I said, maybe if he'd heard something different, it might have been different.

We have a thing here, we do, that whenever one of our people dies or something, we think as an American church, or as a body of Americans.

The American people voted Mr. Kennedy in for President. That's because we're a democracy. I didn't vote for Mr. Kennedy. I voted for Mr. Nixon, because I knew Mr. Nixon personally. And I liked him. But the people of this country, Americans, my fellow citizens of this nation, elected Mr. Kennedy. And the way they did if- well, that's between them and God.

But for the sake of this mother, a human being, a mother of children, Mrs. Kennedy, couldn't we just stand a moment and pray for her?

Lord Jesus, we're human beings, we have a feeling for one another. And we are sorry, Lord, that our President was shot down the way he was, in cold-blooded murder. And we're so sorry that our nation has come to this spot, that people like that are in our nation who would kill a human being in cold-blooded murder; like the way they shot that coloured brother not long ago, and just shot him right down in cold blood because of race prejudice. And were sorry that such people exist among us, Lord. We, our weaknesses, have brought this about.

And we pray for Mrs. Kennedy, that wife of his, the President's. And know those little babies are looking upon their father who left them a few days before that a happy man, who scuffled and played with them on the floor. Now they have no father. And for that woman that was his wife, whose own husband fell right into her lap, his blood running out upon her dress; just having buried her baby.

And yet, Lord, we might believe the woman to be in the wrong, in the way that she has set a pace in the nation, by her dressing and so forth; but it could be that that is what the American people as a whole want. So we pray for her this morning, that You'll help her. And may there be a time in this deep bereavement where she'll find what is Truth, Jesus Christ! Grant it, Lord, the One Who only can give peace and comfort in the hour of trouble.

And help us, Lord, to continue to be with all our hearts a shining light, because we don't know what time or what influence we might be having upon somebody else. And let us shine forth the Light of Christ until He comes. And then the Great Shepherd of the flock, Who knows all justice, will bring every sin into recompense, and He'll know just how to do it. And till then, we commit ourselves into Your hands, for Your love and mercy upon us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Yes, I don't think any man deserves to die like that. Now, Mr. Lincoln didn't deserve to die like that. Mr. McKinley didn't deserve to die like that. Huey Long didn't deserve to die like that; none of those fellows did. I don't believe that. Murder, that's bad. Our boys didn't fight overseas for something like that. Our Rag wasn't raised for something like that. We're not American citizens for something like that. No. Because our nation is warped and twisted with sin, it's sin that does these things.

Now, today I'm going to teach Sunday school; and there are a couple of things that I would like to mention to the church. The first thing, I'd like you to forgive me for holding you all so long on Sunday mornings when I have these

messages. The reason I do this, is because I'm here in among my people and I teach doctrines just as strong as I know how. I don't teach these doctrines out in other places. I just stand on the main fundamentals of the Gospel. But these doctrines that are strong, I don't teach them out in other places. And then, here it takes me an hour, sometimes two or three hours, to get through my message. And I hold you here sometimes until twelve-thirty or one o'clock. And that's just minor compared with what I used to do. I'd stay all night, nearly, sometimes. I've started many a time at eight o'clock and we've gone home the next morning at two or three, that's right, from my meetings.

But I'm going to try, when I come with you again, to give just a little sermon instead of so much of this teaching, unless I notify you ahead of time that it will be something. Because, I've got the Seven Trumpets, I believe, coming up, which ties right in on the Sixth Seal. When the Sixth Seal sounded, all Seven Trumpets went off at once, you see. And so I'd like to get that to the Church before His Coming, or my going, or whatever it might be, if I can.

Now, if we do that, then we'll notify you ahead of time. And maybe then, if, as we see this morning, the hall's jammed and the walls and around, we've got a place now we might be able to get, up here. It seats about three-thousand people, and it's a nice auditorium of a school right above us here. And the Seven Trumpets, we'll try to preach them up there at that school. And that'll give plenty of seating room, you see, so that we can get the people in.

We want to report that at New York we've just had a wonderful time. At the Morris Auditorium there, we just had to turn the people away each night. They were jammed in. The man that owned the place said the fire marshall would close the place down if we let them stand, jammed in like that. And then we had to turn them out. And people were out on the street, walking up and down, praying that somebody would get tired and get up and go out, so that they could get in and get a seat. See? Just one person, they just wait out there for the one person, in order to get in. And the one that's next at the door they let in like that. When somebody gets up und gets out (had to go home early), well, they'd come in and share that much of it. See, they'd come. It's a very fine group of people. And I believe the world, the Christian church, is hungering for God.

Now I'm trusting that God will grant us this opportunity, when we can come together and have those last Seven Trumpets. I like to be led to do those things, so that you'll know.

Then at the Businessmen's breakfast, usually, their chapter there (I think they said) had anywhere from fifty up to a hundred at their breakfast. And that morning they sold seventeen-hundred tickets, and let the rest of the place in, to pack the place out. And every corridor, and around the walls, and up and down the steps, were filled with people standing, and some high-ranking ministers, a couple of priests, and so forth, were there to hear the Message. And so, I understand, I believe it helped a little. It might have done some good, better than we would really think it to be.

Now, then, tonight we're going to have a message, the Lord willing, on the subject of your condition with Christ. And now, it'll be short. I want to be on

the platform at seven-thirty. What time do you usually start, at seven-thirty? Oh, seven! So I'll be on the platform by seven-thirty, and that ought to get me off by eight thirty, if the Lord is willing, because I'm just going to be as quick as I can, and I'm going to start practising.

Then another thing, there might be some strangers hear the people laugh. That's because I try to get away from here, but I can't do it. I hope it doesn't sound sacrilegious, but my mother used to say, when people get together like that, it's just like sorghum molasses on a cold morning. You know, it's thick, and running slow. And so that's about the way it is. I run slow in these messages, because the sweetness of the sugar-cane of God (you know) kind of thickens us up together. And I wouldn't want it any other way. I want it just that way. I remember we used to stand and sing that song:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
Our fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that Above. See?

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

And I trust that that'll always be our goal here. Many of those old saints have fallen asleep since then, but we're still joined in heart. And I think of that vision that morning, seeing them over there, and the blessed appearance and glory of the young statures of manhood and womanhood, still looking like when they were hem on earth. I think they're awaiting our coming. Some day we will join them, God being willing.

Now remember that the am-vice, the song service, win be begin at seven o'clock tonight, instead of seven-thirty.

And then, next week, Fin at Shreveport, Louisiana, there at the Life Tabernacle. And I think they're trying to get the auditorium across the street. Brother Moore called last night and said, "It's an annual convention, and they're expecting a great host of people.

I want to give a little testimony just before I read the Scriptures. A lady was sitting here the other day, and this will show you the influence of somebody praying for another. I just happened to look down and saw another lady, Margie Cox, Brother Rodney Cox's wife, sitting right here. And last week (I believe it was) when we were here, the Holy Spirit was giving discernment across the building. You know what the people said. She is sitting right here now, but she was just beyond there somewhere. And I looked over, and there was a lady called that had sugar diabetes. And in the vision it was Margie. And Margie was standing there; and yet I looked down and I saw her. And I looked to see this other woman, and Margie was in the vision; but the Light was over the woman. So I watched.

And I thought, well, if I call Margie, they'll say for sure, "Somebody knows them. Why, her husband is one of his bosom friends! They live together, sleep together, hunt together, and everything. Sure, he would know that." But Margie didn't know that. But I called the other lady, who was, I believe, a sister out of Chicago (as I learned later).

But then it came, that in her factory, they're giving diabetic tests. And she had diabetes. And so she was on her road the day before yesterday to the clinic for it. And so, when she mentioned it, I called her memory of this. And I said, "Come here, Sister Margie." And I told her about how she had been getting numb in her hands, and about that really bad feeling.

The little lady works day and night, almost, up there, a loyal little mother, to help her husband to pay for their home that they're trying to build. And she and her little sister, Nellie, and Charlie, that's the brother of Rodney, his wife, and all of them working together in those factories there, just as hard as they can go, and standing the reproach. They let their hair grow out, and took makeup off, things like that, when they became Christians. I believe in giving credit where credit is deserved. And I certainly have a warm place in my heart for those two young women.

And then I took her by the hand and prayed for her. And she went up, and they couldn't find a trace of the diabetes anywhere. It's gone

A lady sat right in here somewhere, that was called; and it was a sister by the name of Bruce. I don't see her this morning, but she is always very much of a woman to pray. And this woman came in the last time I was here, and there were no prayer cards given out, nothing. So there wouldn't be anybody, any prayer line. But the Holy Spirit just called over the audience.

And this little Miss Bruce, she was healed once herself from cancer. And she always got a burden on her heart for somebody else, and she was just praying. And there was a lady from Louisville that was dying of cancer in the throat. And while she was praying, the Holy Spirit goes right to that woman, calls her, and whatever It did, told her who she was, what her trouble was, and about her having cancer, and said she would be all right. And the, little lady went home.

A couple of days after that she just started choking to death, nearly, her throat swelled up. She gave a big cough, and the cancer jumped out. And she's perfect. See?

What happened? You see, the lump itself, is a malignancy that's got a life in it. See? Cancer, that comes from the word of the medical term of "crab," which means it's got a lot of legs, like the crab you get from the sea, and it sucks your blood from you; and this malignant growth in her throat, that's what it was doing.

Now, see, I'm not dealing with the growth. I'm dealing with the life that's in the growth. See? The life that's in the growth is what we're dealing with. See? 'In My Name they shall cast out devils.' The word *devil* is "tormentor," as of the body. And this was a devil. And then, when the life went out of the growth, of course that let the growth begin to swell.

Just like a little dog that's run over on the street, something like that. Let it lie there in the sun for a few days, then it gets twice its size.

Well, that's what was making the little woman get worse. Many times I've explained it. If you get worse, that's the very sign that you're healed, you see? And so it was just getting worse all the time, and choking her, because it was swelling. But it had lot loose, the life was out of it. And her coughing like that, you see, [Brother Branham coughs - Ed.] like that, pulled it loose from the rest of her flesh. And the dead substance, just the body with no life in it (the cancer gone), jumped out, see W, fell out.

So, that's what happened, the body went out *then*. *That wasn't* the devil going out. That was the house that he lived in. He went out because of the woman's *faith in* what was told her, knowing that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. That's what killed the cancer, took the life out of it.

Now, she could have gone back to the doctor, and the doctor could have said, 'Nonsense, the thing is there just the same as it always *was*.' *That was right, the growth was still* there, but the life wasn't *there*. See?

Now, what if that had been somewhere where it could not have passed out?

Is that the picture? [Brother Neville says to Brother Branham, "That's a picture of a growth that passed from Mrs. Baker, from over at Springville, Indiana. This is an enlarged picture of that which she passed, after prayer." -Ed.] Here is the picture of the growth from Mrs. Baker, from Springfield, Indiana, that passed, after prayer. That's a picture of it. See, that's the body that the devil lived in.

It lived just as you live in the body you live in; it might be little, big, red-headed, black-headed, whatever it is. See? The devil either lives in this body, or Christ lives in that body. Well, when the life goes out of your body, it is still here on earth, see (?), but the life in the growth isn't there.

When the life went out, the body was still there. And then it tore loose from her body and was cast out, the body went out.

But if it's in a place where it can't pass out, then your heart has to pick up that dead substance and purify the blood, each time it beats. It causes fever, and everything else, because it's an infection. You see? I think the heart purifies the blood as it passes in through the liver. Is that right, Sister Dauch? I think that's right. The heart, as it beats, causes purification. She is a nurse, you know, and another one is sitting here in front of her. And that's what causes the fever, the infection. It picks up the infection and that runs up a fever.

Now, people, you see, it's your faith. It's never your feelings. It's nothing, whether it's so, if my hand isn't straight. That doesn't have one thing to do with it. It's my faith that does that. See? Right before us we see the image of a perfectly healed person, by faith. And then we just make a step at a time till we step right into that person, and just walk right on with it. See? There you are. And that's what does it, your faith; not your feelings. Your faith does it. The thanks and praise be to God!

Now, after a moment of prayer, we've got a subject here that we want to consider, and a little time so that the Lord would deal with us in accordance with this.

And, now, if some of you have to go this morning, and won't be in the evening service, the Lord willing, I want to be here again. The family is coming back Christmas week. And then, the Sunday after Christmas, the Lord willing, I want to preach my Christmas Message here at the Tabernacle. The Lord willing, the text will be, *The Tramp On The Street*.

So let us bow our heads now and offer prayer before we read the text.

Lord Jesus, be Thou near us just at this time. And we know that it's difficult in our small church when many stand. And we're here not because of the comfort of the place, to be given physical comfort, because it is not comfortable. And we're not here to be seen. But we're here because we feel Your Presence. And we know that You're here. We're here for correction. And we're here, knowing that were in the house of God. We feel good to be here, no matter how uncomfortable it is, standing and sitting crowded up. We're here because we feel that God is here, the same way that boy must have felt, that night, when Paul preached all night long-, a long message, probably from the going down of the sun until the rising of the sun the next morning. And a young fellow sitting up on high fell off, and they thought he was gone. But Paul laid his body over him, and the Spirit of God that was on the messenger brought back the spirit of life into the boy's body. And he said, "He'll be all right," and the young man lived. He was interested in what Paul was saying.

Likewise, God, we're interested this morning in what the Holy Spirit might say to our hearts. And we pray that You will break the Bread of Life to each one of us, that, when we leave here today well not leave this building the same people we were when we came in. May the Christians be closer to You. May the sinners turn today. May the sick be healed. And may the Kingdom of God come nigh unto us, even to be in us. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's Name, as we wait on His Spirit to give us the Words. Amen.

Now let's read some of the Scripture, for God's Word is always right.

And now, I see you're very kind to the ones that are standing. I see somebody getting up and giving somebody else a seat. That's very fine. I wish we had more room, but we just haven't got it at this time.

Turn to Matthew 27. Well read from the 11th verse, and then well speak on this subject.

And Jesus stood before the governor and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

And when he was accused of the chief priests and the elders, he answered nothing.

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

For he know that for envy they had delivered him.

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. '

The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? ... (Just think of that!) ... They said, Barabbas.

Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

And the governor said, Why, what evil has he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

Then released he Barabbas unto them, and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

What a sad picture! I call the text this, if you'd want to letter it that way, or call it that. And maybe the tape could be titled: *What Shall I Do With Jesus Called Christ?* And the subject I want to use, that being the text, is, "with Jesus on your hands." With Jesus on your hands, what will you do?

Our scene starts this morning in the judgment hall, where Pilate, the governor, had been called on the scene, to act and make a judgment. It was early in the morning, a while before daylight, and he had been disturbed out of his sleep and had been called out to hear the case of this Man.

It was the time of the crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He had done nothing that they could find out, and He had answered everything. It was just the hour in which it had to be that way.

Nothing can happen without there being something behind it to cause it to appear that way. There's got to be some reason for everything that takes place. Because it's motivated, of course, by the spirit that's in human beings, and so forth. There's a motivation, and an objective, and there's got to be a reason.

And the reason this had to happen to this greatest Man that ever lived on the earth, or ever could live; the reason it happened this way, was because it was time for it to happen. See? It had to be thus, and there was no way to escape it. It had to be that time.

And Jesus had come to the earth just exactly the way that God's Word had predicted He would come. He did just exactly what the Word said He would do. He lived the Life, just exactly, and God made known, or manifested, the Seed of that time.

The Bible begins in Genesis and goes to Revelation. Now here is the lesson that I want you to understand, that for each generation it's been spoken, in the Bible, of a certain thing happening through that generation.

Just as Daniel saw and interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar; how the Gentile kingdoms would come in, and how they would go down, and how they would go out. And each one of those people in those races and those nations, by which Gentile powers have controlled the world, has done just exactly the way that the visions said they would do.

When Nebuchadnezzar, the head of gold, was taken, then the Medes and Persians came in; and the nature of them, according to the nature of the material, was according to what the prophet said, just exactly. Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold, which is the greatest and first of the kingdoms. Then the Medes and Persians were silver. And then on down into the thighs of brass. And each metal gets harder and harder; gold being the softest. And it ends up in iron, which is the hardest of all of them.

Now, each one of those kingdoms came down just exactly, by nature, the way that the prophet said it would do. And what was he doing? He was sowing a seed for the nations to watch, and each time when that kingdom was ushered in, it had to do according to what that Word said.

And then Messiah was to come on the scene. And when Christ came on the scene, He had to answer those Words of God that were to be fulfilled, that the prophet spoke of, saying what He would do.

Moses said, "He'll be a Prophet like unto me." And if we had time to type that back and show just how in that tremendous time, when Israel was in captivity to Egypt, how Moses was born an odd, peculiar child; and how he came up, and was raised up, and how he was hid in the bulrushes; and how he became a leader, went into the mountains and got the law, and came back down. And he became not only a leader, but a priest, and a king, and a governor - all those things - and how he just typed up Christ exactly. And Moses said, "The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet like unto me." See?

Now, when Christ was born, Israel was again in captivity, this time to the Roman Empire. And what was He? Born a peculiar Child, and odd in the way He was raised up; in the way He went up into the mountains, and came down and said, "You've heard them say, them of old times, 'Thou shalt not steal.' You heard them say, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' but I say, whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery already." A LawGiver, see, and a King, a Priest, and also a Prophet, just exactly like Moses, So all these things had to be fulfilled, and it was when that space lying there for the life of the Messiah was fulfilled, that that was perfectly vindicated.

Now, this may be the last long lesson I teach for a while. I want you to get it close now.

When the Word has been spoken for this certain generation, there is going to be somebody rise up on the scene that'll fulfil that Word, because God has spoken It. It's a vindication of the spoken Word. And Jesus met every qualification, and was the Word, vindicated as Messiah, exactly. There are also Words spoken in the Bible for the last days. Those Words have to come to life.

And we find here that, in the days of our Lord, the church had already rejected Him before He came to Pilate's judgment hall. They had turned Him down, from the very day that His ministry started in prophesying and telling them a Truth about the Word. Then, they could not understand that, how He, being a Man, could know what was in the people's hearts. Little did they know that the Word is God! "And the Word," the Bible says, "is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

And they wanted to call Him an evil spirit. And He said, "I'll forgive you for that. But when the Holy Spirit comes to do the same thing, to speak a word against It will never be forgiven."

And all that which He prophesied to be in this day, something has to bring it to life. But when it's brought to life, it'll be so different from what people think it is, that it'll only be the Elected who will see it. Always, just the Elected are the only ones that'll see it, because they are elected and ordained to see it. Therefore, it cannot be any other way.

Jesus said, "You can't come to Me. No man can come except My Father draws him; and all that He has given Me will come to Me." See? So there was no way. He said, "You've got eyes and you can't see; ears and you can't hear." He said, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you." See? Isaiah's prophecy springing up, being made manifest.

Don't forget that, you here or a tape listener, that God's Word must be manifested. God is obligated to see that It does it.

Just as John the Baptist was foreordained to forerun the coming of Christ, there had to be some man rise up to take that place. That Word had to be fulfilled.

Then Jesus came as the anointed Messiah and did just exactly what the Word of God said He would do; and yet the Jews were looking for something else—a King coming with a rod of iron in His hand - which was away in the future. But He fulfilled every Word.

There one day in Capernaum, when He picked up the Scripture and read (did you notice?), He just read part of that Scripture. And then He laid the book down, and said, "Today this is fulfilled."

When he was to preach the year of jubilee, now, why didn't He read the rest of it? Because it pertains to His other Coming. They had no need to know that. That's for the age in which He will come.

But the age that He was in, that's the reason He could say, "This Scripture is fulfilled today in your ears." Right here you see it. "To preach the acceptable year, to bind up the broken-hearted and heal the sick," that's what He came for.

The rest of it was to bring judgment upon the Gentiles, and so forth, so that comes next. See, the Gentiles had to reject Him first.

Now, at the Crucifixion, where we are today with the subject "Jesus on your hands," God's Word had been thoroughly vindicated; it had been proved over and over, that He was the answer to God's Word.

You see, God has already got It laid out. Let the ministry study It. But, you see, they take somebody else's word about It; that of some group of men. They're so blinded to the Truth, that, when the Truth is presented, they fail to see it. But, you see, God is just, He's got It written out there. He's got It written out, right here in the Book, what's going to happen today; so It will be fulfilled. But others that are not ordained to see It will never see It, see? They've got It all mixed up.

And that's the Way they had It then. They'd have never known that It was He. And by the signs that He was the Messenger of that time, nobody could deny it. His prophet spoke of it; "I've got to decrease, but He will increase. I'm not worthy to unloose His shoes, but He is standing among you now," said John. "And He will come. The axe is laid to the root of the trees; and the trees that don't bring forth fruit will be taken out of the forest, or out of the orchard. They won't be there any more."

Now, we find that those things happened just exactly the way He said. He could discern their thoughts in their heart. He was a prophet. Everything that He foretold, just happened exactly the way He said it.

"I go up to Jerusalem. There the Son of man will be delivered into the hands of sinful men. And they shall evilly mistreat Him, and He'll be crucified. And on the third day Hell rise up again." But He said, "See that you tell no man this." And He blinded it from them, that they didn't understand it until that was fulfilled.

See, many times He let's us become blind until the hour that we have need of it. He lets us become blind to the things that we see today, for this is the hour we have need of it, to vindicate the day that we're in. See? Our fathers didn't know these things. The Bible said that they wouldn't know them. He had hidden them, and in the last days it would be revealed to the sons of God; or, make that they would be manifested, to show His glory and His praises upon the earth.

And all that Daniel said about the last days, how that he said that "They that know their God will do exploits," and so many Scriptures tying in this day that we're living in! And how that these evil, deceiving time, would be on the earth. And what we're having now just exactly fulfils it.

They had been given a chance to see Him, but they rejected their very Messiah.

And today it's the same thing, the very same thing. We are given the opportunity, because God cannot judge without first being justified for His judgment.

Now, if you told a certain person going down the road speeding and you'd stop them to say, "There is a hole in the road down there. If you continue at that speed, you'll be killed."

And if they say, "Nonsense, I know what I'm doing," then, you see, the blood can't be upon you, because you have thoroughly warned them.

Well, God does the same thing by His Word. He thoroughly warns the people of oncoming judgment, and shows His signs and wonders that are predicted in the Bible for that age. He shows them, and the people just walk right over it.

It's not easy for a person to go to hell. A man fights his way to hell. The first lie you ever told, you knew it was wrong. The first cigarette you ever smoked, you knew it was wrong. The first evil you did, you knew it was wrong. But though your conscience told you it was wrong, you continually ran through the red light, ran over the barricades. You're reckless. You want to do it, anyhow, to show you're some big guy. See? But, remember, you fight your way to hell. It's not easy to go to hell. You have to reject Truth.

Before you have the crash, you have to run the red light. Before you have the smash down there in the road, you have to disregard the warnings that are put up. But, you got your own way about it, but he won't listen to the signs and warnings of the oncoming Judgment; those who reject Christ will not.

Now, notice, what they had accepted in the stead of Christ. Now think of the church of that day, the blindness of them. They had accepted a public murderer, Barabbas, a man who had been proved to be a murderer, and was really waiting for his judgment. And he had been proved to be a murderer, and was a bad man. And just because the Life of Jesus challenged them.

He said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of sin?" Sin is unbelief. "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not; if I haven't told you the Truth of the Scripture. And the Scripture Itself has spoken of Me. Search the Scriptures," He said, "for in Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are the Ones that testify of Me in this age."

But they said, "He makes Himself God. He makes Himself something." He made nothing of Himself. God made Him God; He was God. He was the fulfilling of the Scripture. He never made Himself anything. God made Him what He was. And, then, it was because it was the hour for that Word to be fulfilled. But they couldn't see it, because it was against their denominational ideas, which they had built up about the Christ. And they were too blinded to the Word.

Now, and besides that, to get rid of this Fellow, they had to accept a murderer, a public menace. He was a debtor to society, indebted to them; a murderer! They had to accept that, in order to reject Christ.

And before any man or woman can accept wrong, they have to reject right. There is something about nature, there is a law to it, that you have to reject the right thing before you can receive the wrong thing.

As I have just quoted, if you couldn't keep from telling a lie, you told a lie against your better judgment. You told a lie against your conscience. You told a lie against what your mother or parents taught you to do. Even nature itself teaches you you shouldn't do it. So, therefore, you have to reject Truth before you can accept the lie. See?

So that's the way these fellows had done, they had rejected the Truth. And He was the Truth. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

"In the beginning ' was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and manifested before us." I Timothy 3:18 "Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness, for God was manifested in the flesh, handled with our hands." God, Jehovah! It's astounding, it's startling, to think He was the God Who put the solar system into space, that made stars that are a thousand times bigger than this world!

And if one of those stars would start towards the earth at ten thousand miles an hour, why, it would take it a hundred-million years to get here, it's so far away. And two little stars looking about an inch apart from here can be further apart than we are from them. And, yet, there is not one of them ' but keeps its place. And that great galaxy! Oh, my, the massiveness and the vastness of God, Who could make those things! Each one has to hold the other one. That's the reason it stays the way it is. If they got out of cater, the whole system would fall.

And that's what happened in Eden. When Eve got out of cater with the commandments of God, the whole race fell.

That's what the trouble is today. We shouldn't be broken up in organizations and denominations, and so forth. We should be sons and daughters of God, holding the great galaxy of the world together.

Over at New York, last week, I was listening to a message quoting Einstein, the great scientist, who is called the brain of the present time. And I heard that. Then I went to hear Norman Vincent Peale on his psychology regarding how people should behave, or walk, and project themselves into psychology.

Then, on Einstein, he was speaking of a galaxy that was out between the system there, out from stars. And if a person could travel at the speed of light - a hundred-and-eighty-six-thousand miles per second - breaking that down, in five minutes how many millions and billions of miles would you be? And a hundred-and-twenty-million years of time it would take you to get to that galaxy! And then a hundred-and-twenty- or a hundred-and-fifty-million years going and a hundred-and-fifty-million back.

And they hit something that stumped them. And after going out there and coming back, you would actually take three-hundred-million years to make the trip, and when you get back to the earth, it seems you've actually only been gone fifty years. You break into Eternity. There is no end to it.

And to think that the God Who made all of that and set it in order, and spoke it into existence, came down and was made flesh among us, to redeem us; and would so honour us with His august Presence, that He would stand here on this sinful earth in the last days, and prove His Word to be so, because He's obligated to that Word. Amen. Oh, the sovereignty and the justice of that great One Who holds those things in His hand!

Notice, the nations. The church has to turn His Word down first. Then, after the church turned It down, and called Him "Beelzebub" - an evil spirit - then He was brought before the government, so that the whole race had to be condemned. Now we find Jesus, this morning, before a governor, Pilate, a

Roman, to be tried. And we find that the church turned Him down first, because they didn't believe His Message, because they didn't know the Word.

Jesus told them, "If you had heard Moses, you would believe My Word, because he is the one that spoke of Me." See? There is the Word that comes to the prophet, and the prophet spoke the Word for the hour to come. And here It was identified; and He said, "You say you know Moses and he is your guide. You don't know Moses, neither do you know his Word." In other words, He said, "I am the Word. I am the identified Word that Moses said would come, and you condemn Me." For their traditions, see, the church condemned Him.

Now, we find Him before Pilate, and throughly approved, too, identified to the church, by the messenger of the time. They had been given a chance to see and believe, but rejected It. Why did they reject It? Many of them wanted to believe, but their traditions - not the people - their traditions were the stumbling block.

Now, you see, like Nicodemus, who came by night. He said, "Master, we know that You're a teacher come from God. We know that Thou comest from God. No man can do these things that You do, except God be with him. We..." (Who are the "we" he's talking of? the church, the Pharisees, the leaders of that day.) "We know. We are thoroughly convinced that You're that Person." Why then couldn't they do it? Because of their system. I want that to soak in really deep, because that's what I'm getting to. See? The system, that they had already joined themselves to, was the one that they couldn't move. Though they did see that that was Messiah, the system that they were connected with would not let them accept It.

Do you understand? [The congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.] Now I want to ask of this visible audience, how many understand what I'm speaking of? Raise your hands. All right.

Now, a system! They believed It, and they knew. How I'd like to say that same thing today! We see what's supposed (foretold) to be here today. We see it, but the system won't let them accept It. They are so indoctrinated with the system! See, it isn't the person, it is the system.

It was as I have spoken of the President that was just assassinated. It's not the man (so far as I know, he's a good man, he never did anything evil that I know of), but it's the system. It isn't the people; it's the system.

It wasn't the Jews; it was their system. That system condemned Him, because He didn't tolerate or walk with their system. Do you understand? [The congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.] Now, the same thing takes place now. And they chose this public enemy, a murderer.

But the issue now involved the government. So the government had to pronounce this sentence, because to take a life, it had to come before the government. They couldn't be allowed to do that, because they were under the rulership of Rome, and they couldn't take a life, no matter how much their church said, "We've got to do it." Why, they couldn't do it without Rome first giving them the sanction to do it. So, it has to be brought before the government. Now the government is involved in the thing.

Now, if that isn't a picture of today, I don't see what is! See, just exactly!

The church turns it down, now it's the government involved. The time had come where the whole nation, all of it, had to come. The issue was made. The show-down was at hand. The whole nation had rejected Him, and was bringing down the wrath of God upon themselves. Before that, even the church had rejected Him, which will bring the wrath upon the church. But now the nation had rejected Him, to bring the wrath upon all.

And, today, the world has rejected Him, to bring judgment to the entire world. All nations must be judged.

And we know that that happened in the time of the great Roman general, Titus. He besieged Jerusalem, and then finally they ate one another's children; ate the bark off the trees, and the grass off the ground, And then Titus rode right in and just tore down the walls and burnt the city, and the blood ran down the streets like water, when he had murdered them in there.

And it had to be. Before a just God could let a people that He had chosen come under such a thing as that, there had to be a just reason. He is just. His laws demand His justice. And a law without penalty is no law.

If I made a law here in the city and said, "It's a fine to run past a red light," but then there's no penalty enforced, you'd just keep on running past red lights. So there's got to be a penalty.

And the penalty of God's law for rejecting His program is death. And there had to be a death, so it had to be paid.

We stand in a similar trial this morning, the world over, a trial. All denominations have turned down the Word. I know this sounds very harsh. And I want the ministers -who are listening here present, and those on tape also, to try to understand this now, while I try to make it plain. But I'm holding my point, or making my point here, and saying that we are standing today [Brother Branham knocks three times on the pulpit - Ed.] in another Pilate's judgment hall.

You say, "If I'd have stood there, I'd have spoken out for Jesus Christ." And, well, what are you doing about it now? That's the thing. See? "No matter how much the church had turned Him down, I'd have stood by His side." You've got the opportunity. Uh-huh. See? They turned Him down.

Now He is tried today, or just has been tried, or is on trial, for a world system to be formed, that is called the *World Council of Churches*.

Now, what have they done? They have voted that they will absolutely unite themselves together and have a council of churches. And that all churches must belong to this council: or, if you don't you're not even allowed to preach, you're not even allowed to have a prayer for the sick. And your church can be used for anything they want to use it for. If they want to store boxes in it, or ammunition, or whatever they want to do, you have no control over it at all. You either belong to the Council of Churches or you don't have a place at all.

And this is the system that's being formed here in the United States, that fulfils the Scripture to the dot. It fulfils what the Lord spoke to me in 1933, see (?), and we're standing at that time this morning.

And Jesus Christ, the Word, is on trial, today, as He was at the crucifixion. And now He's on our hands. He's on the hands of the world. The Word has been clearly identified, around the world, see (?), and He stands on trial. All denominations have turned Him down. And now He is tried in the Council of Churches, and they reject Him again and choose rather as they did then.

See! The nature in history repeats itself, because nature continues on the same. Trees still continue to grow, and vegetables come up, and flowers, and the world turns just as it always did. It's nature. And the nature of each age produces again, and reproduces the reflection of what nature was before. And, today, we again find ourselves standing on that same place.

Now, Jesus was the Word (St. John, the 1st chapter). We all believe that. He was the Word.. And because He was the Word (please understand), He had to be against the system.

And they did not reject Him because of His miracles. They did not. He said, "Which one can accuse Me?"

"And what evil had He done?" said the little lady. "What evil has He done, but heal the sick?"

They said, "We don't condemn him for these things." See? "We condemn Him because He, being a man, makes Himself God." And their own Scriptures said that He would be God.

Isaiah, the great prophet who wrote the sixty-six-chapter Book of Isaiah, and started off at the first like the beginning; and in the middle of the Book comes John the Baptist; and it ends up in the millennial reign. And there are sixty-six Books in the Bible, as there is sixty-six chapters in Isaiah. It's remarkable it falls that way. In Isaiah 9: 6, he said, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and His Name shall be called, Counsellor, Prince of Peace, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, Wonderful."

And the blind traditions, or systems, could not see that that was God; nor by their own prophet, whom the Word come to, that said He would be God. The blind systems! So they rejected the Word, and desired instead a murderer, Barabbas.

And, today, the Word, being clearly for this day, has been vindicated. It's been made real. It's been shown to be the Truth. And at the last days, as Jesus said, "as it was in the days of Sodom," and so forth, "so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man." The very God, Himself, Who was the Word, predicted the end-time and what would happen; and that the Light would break forth in the evening time; and how that- Malachi 4 - He would send forth these things and prove them.

And it's been brought to the place of a decision, and the churches have turned it down. And what have the churches desired? A murderer of the Word, in taking a system. If the system is contrary to the Word, then it's a murderer of the Word. And they've desired a denominational tradition in the stead of the true Word manifested and proved to be God amongst the people; by science, through pictures, a Light, the same Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire.

The same One that lived on earth in the body of Jesus Christ, has come upon His people in the last days, where science has taken a photograph of It.

The church has seen Its works. It's thoroughly identified by tapes and everything, around and around the world, and personally ministered.

And still, in spite of all that, their systems are desiring a Council of Churches to condemn the Truth. See? Desiring a murderer that would shut off, or stop, or shut out. And, it'll do it, they'll stop such a Thing. And the Council of Churches will have to do it. There is the mark of the beast, antichrist, against the Word, which is Christ.

They think it's tradition. They think that their traditions were of God. See? But they won't stand up to the Word, and neither does God vindicate it to be right. Jesus stood up with the Word - not with their council, but with the Word, and the Word proved that He was God.

And It proves today that It's God, because it lives the same Life, It does the same thing among us that It did back there, and predicted.

So what do they do? They have accepted, already, the very system that'll crucify that. And the crucifixion of free interdenominationalism is at hand. That's right.

Now, that doesn't contradict the Scriptures. It's with the Scriptures. "And they formed an image unto the beast," uniting the world denominations in one Protestant denomination, forming the image of the beast, according to Revelation 13: 8. "And they made an image unto the beast."

The beast is Rome. We all know that. But always it's been Rome. How can it be Russia, when the Bible says Rome? See, the people just get the wrong impression. See? How can it be some other thing, when it's predicted it has to come out of Rome?

Go back to Daniel again, the iron and clay in the feet; the iron never ceased from the knees down to the end. And anyone knows that Russia wasn't even known of then. It was Rome. The red dragon was Rome. It's always Rome. And that iron never changed to something else, from Rome to something else; it remained Rome. And the beast is Rome!

And Rome had a religious system whose deadly wound killed it in its head, but it was revived again, from pagan Rome to papal Rome. And now they're to make an image to it, out of the beast that comes up in Revelation 13.

Did you ever notice? This nation is numbered thirteen, and appears - I don't say this is - (it's strange, though, that it would happen mathematically, just exactly in accord with the Scripture). It's found in the 13th chapter of Revelation, this nation.

All the other beasts come up out of water, which is multitudes of people, the Bible says; but this little beast come up out of the earth, where there were no people. Yet, he was a lamb (freedom of religion); then he spake like a dragon, and united himself with the power and did all that the dragon did before him. Exactly. So there you are. It's just got to be that way. There's no way of getting round it.

And here we are, today, forming a system. A system! We tried to make everybody become a Lutheran, and couldn't do it. We tried to make them all become Baptists, and couldn't do it. All become Methodists, or all Pentecostal; and couldn't do it. So, in order to do this (the time is so short), they have

formed a council, a head, an image to the beast. That's exactly what they've done. And what is it? The crucifixion of the Word, again, is at hand. It's on trial and will soon come to the floor.

Notice, the manifested Word differs from the denomination. It manifests. The Word differ from the denomination.

What is this? What is this system? It's a satellite of Rome. Did the Bible say it would be that? Yes, sir! In Revelation 17, we see Rome raise itself up in an ecclesiastical system, represented by a woman. A woman! The church is always represented by a woman.

That's because the Bride of Christ is a woman. Eve was the one that fell; she is the one to be redeemed. And the Church (is what?) is a woman that's redeemed.

And this woman sits upon the beast with seven heads. And we know about the seven hills, and so forth, as the Bible said it would be. There is no mistake. There is no chance for a mistake. See?

And notice then, we find out that she was a "MOTHER OF HARLOTS." See? And mother and daughters unite together again in friendship. Where, once, the daughter ran away from the mother, to try to live decently; for her mother was so low-down and lewd that the girls left home. Uh-huh. But now, since she's begun to get a little age and doing so many evil things herself, she sees her mother and thinks her mother was right. So she is forming a system of her own. See? Exactly.

Uniting denominations of Protestantism fulfil exactly what the Scripture says in Revelation 17. All whose name are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life would belong to her, to one or the other, either the beast or the image of the beast. The Bible says so.

And Jesus spoke of this, not of Communism. But in Matthew the 24th chapter, beginning with the 21st to the 26th verse, He predicted that the spirit in this system would be so much like the real thing that it would deceive the very Elect if it were possible; the Elect, whose Names are put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. And, frankly, it got them so tied up, that He said if He didn't cut the work short, for their sake, there would be no flesh saved upon the earth. And we've only got to '64.

This is '64, isn't it? And I think they claim about seventeen years is off of that, according to the calendar. And we've got '64, 1964, which will make (what is that?) thirty-six years left until the twenty-first century.

And every two-thousand years, the world has come to the end of its world system, religious system, to the end of all systems, and God has had to step in. He did in the days of Noah, the first two thousand years, The second two-thousand years, and the system comes back to where our text calls this morning, and He again sent His Word. He sent His Word by a prophet in Noah's time, the prophet Noah; and the people rejected it. And now it's 1964, leaving thirty-six years until the even two-thousand more years. The Word has been brought forth, and the system has rejected It.

How close are we? It may be later than we think. See, any time it could happen! Maybe it's already happening for all we know, as I spoke the last

Sunday I was here. The last name might have been on that Book; when it is, there are no more coming in. The world will move on just as it was doing, but the Church is sealed. Notice now as we go on from here. It's their names, now. He will not deceive those whose names are written on that Book.

What is it? It's got to be a system. See? And just think, to belong to that denomination in that system, what do you do then? What have you done? You're sealed away, see (?), from the Word to a murderous system, that takes away; "having a form of godliness, but denying the Power thereof." It's the mark of the beast. Exactly. See?

Over there it's the beast and what he did; and here is the image, the same thing. And the beast was so great, that formed that great universal church at Nicaea, see (?), that it made all the world come to that one system. And they thought it was so great. "Nobody was able to make war with it," says the Bible. Ultimately they made an image unto the beast, and brought all Protestants into the Council of Churches; which formed a system, that you were not even thought of as a Christian or anything else unless you belonged to that system.

There is the difference between the mark of the beast and the Sealing of God. God seals by His Word. You believe the Word is the Sealing? [The Congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.]

Now you say, "Is that right, Brother Branham?" Yes, sir.

Now, I know you Sabbatarians, or Seventh-Day Adventists, speak of it as "The keeping of the Sabbath day." But that is - not to be nasty with you - absolutely unscriptural.

Ephesians 4: 30, says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, **whereby you are sealed** unto the day of your redemption." See?

Now, the Holy Spirit is the Word. God is not three. He is the same God in three dispensations, three offices. God, the Father, over the law; God, the Son, in grace; and God, the Holy Ghost, as you call It, the same God in the Holy Ghost dispensation. God, the Father, is the Word. See, it's just three offices. And the Holy Ghost seals you, therefore you're sealed by the Word.

Now you say, "Well, I'm sealed by..."

Well, then, it identifies itself. See? It proves it. You can't belong to a system, and be sealed with the system and the Word, see, because they are contrary, one to the other. You can't do it. All right.

Now we find out, that there are the big-machine mechanics, the mechanics of the big machine.

The machine, an automobile, it's got pistons, valves, and carburettor, and so forth. These provide the mechanics.

I'd like to say something to the Church right here that comes to my memory. See, I believe we're so close to the end, that I'm going to say something now. See? See? There are so many people trying to explain the mechanics when they don't know how. See? And, you know, you should know it. The mechanics is known.

What if somebody would have said, "Noah, I want you to explain the mechanics of how the ark floats. How is that?" He couldn't do it.

You don't have to know the mechanics; just the dynamics of it. See, the dynamics is what you want to know.

"How?" Well, if somebody came up to Israel, and said, "Say, Moses, I want to understand. How could you create animals with your own word?"

He said, "It isn't my word. It's God's Word. He told me to do it." See?

"Tell, explain to me how you made flies come upon the earth, when there weren't that many flies on the earth." See? Moses himself couldn't explain it. You don't have to. "How did you make the east wind come and blow a hole across the Red Sea, and we all followed you on dry land? Explain the mechanics of that. What was the system that you used, Moses? What? Tell me the scientific research showing what atom you let loose." See? See?

He didn't know it. Well, he didn't know the mechanics; he just knew the dynamics. And that's the way.

I can't tell you how I'm living. I can't tell you how you're living, but you're living. I can't tell how your heart pumps, nor how your food going in makes blood by taking the strength of that food as it goes into that third wall of the intestinal track, turning it back to a blood life and sending it back up through you. I can't explain that, but it does it. See, it does it. I can't explain it. I don't know the mechanics. It's the dynamics we observe.

Now, Moses might have known the mechanics, but it wasn't anybody else's place to understand it but Moses'. They knew it worked, and that satisfied. Why can't the people be satisfied that way today? See? Everybody couldn't be a Moses. There was just one Moses. They just knew it was of God. They saw it was of God.

And they followed on and did fine until they began to question it and wanted to raise up somebody else to do the same thing: Korah, Dathan. And when they got somebody to bring in some carnal impersonations, finally God said, "Separate yourself. Don't get into that organizational system, see? Step out of it! I'm going to swallow it up." And He opened the earth and swallowed it. See?

You don't know, you don't have to know the mechanics. Just know the dynamics, the thing that pulsates it, that makes it true, and see if it hits the target that the Bible promised it would hit in this day. See, it's the Word again; we're back to the Word.

Now, the big machine is being set up now, and ready to move. The mechanics is already there. They've already got the mechanical system of an organization that's going to bring upon the earth "a peace," they say. They've got one like the U.N.

The nations are united together. It's a uniting time. I preached on it recently. They're uniting together, to bring what? A world peace. They did that in the League of Nations. They've always done it, and it never works. It can't work. The U.N. is nothing but a big rubber balloon that's carried about by every nation's wind of doctrine. It'll burst and blow up at anything. It can't work.

Neither can the Council of Churches work. It's an organization by men with their system contrary to the Word of God, and it can't work. "How can two

walk together unless they be agreed?" You can't do it. And how can the Christian church?

The Pentecostals, the Assemblies of God, and the great other churches of the Pentecostal world and of the Full Gospel people forfeit their evangelical teachings, the very principles that they've stood on? And when they were raised up, to come out of those organizations and condemn them? And they'd have to forfeit their evangelical doctrine to walk with men who disagree upon the principles of the Bible, and Divine Healing, and the Power of God, and Jesus Christ. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

There you are, that's the hour that we have arrived at, and that's the big machine that's set up. Now they've got the mechanics. The only thing they have to have is Satan in there, with the dynamics, to force the marking of the beast. When she is forced down, then the dynamics is working. The mechanics is there. They've already got that.

Let me say something, too; this is uniting time, to see churches uniting, nations uniting. It's a uniting time of God and His Bride, too. And I say this with reverence and respect. I believe that the Bride of Christ is called. I believe She is sealed in the Kingdom of God. I believe the mechanics is there. They're waiting for the Dynamics that'll take Her off the earth, into Glory, in the Rapture. I believe it with all my heart. Yes, sir. We don't know how He's going to do it, but He will do it.

He is the Dynamics. We just become members of the machine of His Body, forming ourselves into His image, and see Him uniting Himself with us, in His works, with His love gifts, as He hands them to us just before the Wedding Supper. And we're waiting, watching for that.

Their big church, too, is being united.

But the Dynamics of this Church will be a refilling of the Holy Spirit that we have received in a small measure while the Headstone is coming down to unite with the Body. But when that Head and Body unite together, the full power of the Holy Ghost will raise Her up just exactly like that; even the dead (that's the dead in Christ) of hundreds of years ago will rise in the beauty of His holiness, and take a flight to the skies. The Dynamics is the Holy Spirit.

And now the dynamics of that great regime that they've got built, that big machine, will work some day in the united council of the World Council of Churches, which will make a forcing, too. But remember!

You say, "When that happens -" It's going to be too late then for you. You're already in it. Whether you want to be, or not, you're already there. See? Notice, you've already got that spirit upon you in the day when the winds of the Spirit are blowing from east, north, west, and south, persuading people out of it, showing the people!

That's the reason I've been so against that system. I saw there was something there, a darkness. As I saw those women the way they wore that stuff on their faces. I told you last Sunday, I knew there was something coming.

Why was I always against such stuff? I didn't know it; but I know it now. Why was I always against organized religion? It's because (I see it now) - it's the mark of the beast. See? I never said that till just the last couple weeks. See?

Now, after the church politics, what then happens? After the Word has been truly vindicated? Now, look, it's finally got to a place where there's got to be a settlement. What will be their next move?

What was the Jews' next move after the church turned the Word down? They wanted nothing to do with it. "It was an evil spirit." It knew the thoughts that were in their hearts. "It was evil." Yet, It was the Word. The works that He did testified of Him, vindicated Who He was. They wanted nothing to do with It.

Then, the next thing, It comes before a government. And this is a church government, because whole nations are involved. Then a heathen nation had control over a religious nation. Now, all is religion, so it has to come before a world religion.

Oh, my, a blind man could see that! And what will a blind man say then he sees this? When he sees it, he'll come out of his blindness.

Notice when this world council comes together, it will be "What shall we do with this Jesus called Christ?" They certainly don't want anything to do with It. So there is only one thing to do, exactly what they did then, they'll crucify It, certainly, shut It up. "It can't continue any more. It mustn't be allowed to go on." The force of the religion of the nations won't let them do it any more. Such ministry as this that goes on here, and things like that, will be absolutely closed out. "You can't do it without a sanction from the headquarter, the head of the church." See? An image to the beast. Oh! We're here, that's all. We've arrived.

And It's truly vindicated; the next move is to crucify Him.

It will be the same again, causing all who don't join with them to be shut out and not allowed to preach, you see? That crucifies afresh the vindicated Word of promise, stops it. "You're not allowed to have it any more. No more healing services. No more prayer for the sick. No, sir! You can't do it. No, none of this other. No, sir! You'll come through the Council of Churches, or you don't have it at all."

Now you can see why I'm against denominational religion, because it is the Mark of the Beast. Rome is the head of it, the first one. That's exactly right. And she causes all to take it by joining the daughters; that is, the image. The mother of it made the same thing. Where was Rome first organized? What was the first organized religion in the world? The Roman Catholic. If anybody has got a word that says it isn't so, just let me hear it. It's not here. The first organization, the first church that was ever organized, was at Nicaea, Rome. Yes, sir. And that's exactly what they did.

And what did they do after Luther's death? They did the same thing they did at Nicaea, Rome. What did they do after Wesley? What did they do after all the great moves that came up? They did the same thing, made daughters unto the harlot, just exactly, perfectly.

I had a little Scripture written down here. Maybe I had better omit that. But watch!

The organized church has got the same system together today. The only thing they need is the dynamics for it, just something to set it in force. And it's coming to a show-down right away.

The Catholic church and the Protestant churches will become friends. I've told you that for the last thirty-something years. They will unite together. And you see exactly what they're doing now. The Protestant will never become Catholic, but they'll be an associated brotherhood, a mark of the beast, likened unto the beast.

It will be like the manner by which the mother, Eve, corrupted the whole world to a physical death. The mother, Eve! Listen! Mother Eve corrupted the whole human race to physical death. How? By rejecting the Word and accepting something almost like It. She caused all physical death, because she left the true Word, while believing the true Word all but just a little bit. One little disagreement with the full Word of God caused every heartache, every death and everything that has ever been on the earth. Eve did it, the mother of death. Now you see where we're coming to? The mother of death, notice, she just disbelieved the Word.

She said, "God has said..."

Satan said, "That's right."

"God has said..."

"That's right."

"God has said..."

"That's right."

"God has said..."

"Yes, that's exact. In a way, that's right, but, see, that isn't all of It. See, you'll have your eyes opened, you'll be..."

But God has said, and that settles it; the Word! [Brother Branham pats his Bible - Ed.] See, it started with just a little misconstruing of the Word, and, the same thing, it's ending the same way.

Notice, a daughter is a product of a mother and father, by a union. Now here is something shocking. But death, physical death is the uniting of mother Eve and Satan, together, by disbelieving God's word. They united and brought in the product of death. Death is a product of uniting Satan and Eve together.

Eve had the Word. Satan is against the Word. And, look, almost ninety-nine and ninety-nine hundredths of It, Satan admitted was right. "So close," the Bible says, that in the last days it would deceive the very Elect if it were possible. See how it comes in, how it's always been, how it's going out? - the same way, united in unbelief of all the full Word of God. Have you got it? That's what brought death, uniting unbelief with the Word. Unbelief, in just a little, tiny part of it; a little, bitty, teeny bit, one-hundredth of one per cent. It must be one-hundred per cent! That's all.

Notice, God's daughter, the true Church, the Bride, is also a product namely of God and His Word uniting. The Holy Spirit uniting with a body of flesh produced the Son of God, a product of the righteousness of God. And in the last days, we're told, "as it was in the days of Sodom," the Bride will be united by the Word of God made manifest in the flesh, the Holy Spirit sealing them into God, and sealing unbelief out, on the outside.

As I said, if the life of Beethoven was in you, you would live like Beethoven; if the life of Hitler was in you, you would live like Hitler. And when the Life of

Christ is in you, you'll live like Christ, and the works of Christ you'll do. And that'll be. If Christ lived today, He would do exactly what the Word said He would do today. And if the Word says that, "he is the same yesterday, today, and for ever," why can't this blind ecclesiastical world see the time that they're living in? See?

Eve caused all physical death, by trying to inject some heresy of Satan into the Word. And that's the same thing that happened to the church, at Nicaea, Rome, by taking dogmas instead of the Word. That's the same thing as happened to the Methodist church, the Baptist, Presbyterian, and so on; as the Light springs forth in each age and they turn It down.

That's the reason the Lutheran died when Wesley rose up. It was another age. The Word came forth, and they had to accept It or die. That's the reason that the Pentecostals are dying now, because the age is here. The Word has been made manifest, the eagle time, the time of the Word to return back "to restore the Faith of the fathers, back to the children again." And they're so united, they turn It down, and they become nothing but spiritual death, as always.

God's Body, united as His Bride, being One like Him and Christ, together, is by the Spirit working in the flesh of the Church as It worked in the flesh of Jesus Christ, because It's part of His Body. It's not twain, but One! They are One. A husband and wife are no longer two, but one. And Christ and His Body are One. And the same Spirit that was in Christ is in His Bride, in His Body, and unites Them together with all the Word, God Himself living in there, manifesting it.

And the antichrist, is to say: "Oh, I believe in Christ, I believe in the Gospel, I believe in these Things, but, you know..." There you are! "But, you know, the days of miracles are past. There are no such things as that now." See? There you are! "Oh, I don't believe you have to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."

But the Bible says you do. Now I want some theologian to disagree with that. See? See? It's got to be. You say, "Well, baptism doesn't make any difference." Well, then, why was it written? Why did it make a difference to Paul? Why did it make a difference to all the rest of them? You're either baptized or not.

The Bible says, "You have a name that you live, and you're dead," because there's not another name given under Heaven.

Why will you preach in It, pray in It, everything else, but when you come to the pool, you reject It? Uh-huh. See?

I said to a man the other day, I said, "What if a man

He said, "It doesn't make any difference."

I said, "If a man came to you, and then said he was baptized in the name of "the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, and the Morning Star," would you say he's all right?"

He said, "no, sir."

I said, "Would you rebaptised him?"

"Yes.

I said, "How would you baptize?"

He said, "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

I said, "All right, now you did exactly the same. If you call those 'names,' you did the same thing he did when he said 'Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley, and Morning Star,' because they are titles and 'Father, Son, and Holy Ghost' are titles. See?"

He said, "But Jesus said baptize 'in the Name.'"

I said, "That's exactly what He meant you to do. But He didn't say, 'call these words: 'Baptize them in the Name,' Name! Oh, my!' I said, "'Father, Son, and Holy Ghost' are titles. 'The Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.'" See? I said, "What did Peter say It was? What did the rest of them say It was? See? What is it? Uhhuh. The 'Lord Jesus Christ' is the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." He's got about thirty-thousand natives to be baptized again, now. See? All right. But that's right. Paul said, "If an Angel from Heaven..."

Paul told those people that weren't baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ (Acts 19: 5) that, in order to receive the Holy Ghost, they had to come. Though they were shouting and praising God, and doing great things, he said they had to come back and be baptized again, but in the Name of Jesus Christ. After John the Baptist had baptized them, they had to come back and be rebaptized.

And he said, in Galatians 1: 8, "If an Angel from Heaven teaches any other thing than I've taught you, let him be accursed." Yes, sir. So we have to stay right with that Word, every word of It. See?

Notice. Oh, It doesn't have any flaws, be absolutely sure. If there is any doubt in your mind, you had better straighten it up now. Don't wait till then, because it's too late. Don't wait till you take the mark so deeply that you'll never see It any more, you'll be blind.

He blinded Israel, that He might manifest His Word. He's doing the same thing to the Gentiles, because here they are walking right in to it, just the same as they did then.

Notice, Eve rejected and forfeited her rights. After she had seen the Word vindicated by God, what He had done, she rejected It and *forfeited her* rights. They did the same thing at Nicaea. And the same thing they're doing now in the Council of Churches, just exactly. Brethren, there is, from Genesis to Revelation, the same thing. That's what Israel did. That's what Pilate did. That's what the whole thing did, always, from Eve till now, the same thing? They reject the vindicated Word and take a dogma, instead. That forms death, spiritual death.

Dead! The Word is still preached to the dead. Exactly! It won't be through the Millennium, now, see! They're already preached to. They may be getting It right now. See?

Cain's sons, which were the product of unbelief of the Word of God, scoffed at the prophet Noah's message. You notice that? With God's Word he had brought the predicted judgment, and had vivid signs, vindicated signs that the time was at the end, and Cain's sons scoffed at It.

So as they do now, they did in the days of Jesus. So they did all through the ages. It's always been. They scoff and make fun of It. He said, "In the last days

there will come scoffers, saying, "There is no difference in the time, since our fathers fell asleep." You, see?

So did the sons of the devil, through the religious system, at the Word made manifest in the time of Jesus Christ. Look, religious systems of Jewish people [Brother Branham knocks several tomes on the pulpit, and says, "Sister Rose." - Ed.] Jewish people who should have known better, but their system caused them to reject and scoff at the Word of God (That they claimed they believed) made manifest, not one Word out of the way. They did the same thing.

It is the same as they do today. The religious system in this big machine that they've got set up now had, absolutely, turned down the promises at the end-time; with the end-time Message, and the end-time sign, the end-time everything that's supposed to be, as God predicted it, Word by Word.

It's on tape. If they shoot me down, or whatever they might do, they'll never stop that Message! See? It'll go on just the same. See? It's already out. It's taped. It's gone. See? They could never stop it. It's the Word of the end, right now. It's thoroughly vindicated and proved, over and over and over, by signs, wonders, by mechanics, by Dynamics, by science, by the church, by God Himself. Everything has proved that it's the hour; both by the Word, and by signs and wonders.

A Message approved of God among you, by signs and wonders of the hour. A Message that Jesus Christ is not dead, but is living just the same as he ever was, and sending forth. And it exactly fulfils Malachi 4 and all the other Scriptures that Jesus said would be in the last days. They are totally fulfilled, both scientifically, and by the world. And the magazines carried big pictures of circles of Light, as was predicted here, and Angels of God, which have come down, that they know nothing about. And all over, everywhere, it's proven, world-over!

The next thing is crucifixion, and we're facing it. As Jesus said then, "What shall I say, 'Save Me, Father, from this hour?' But, no. Thy will, not mine, be done," see (?), on earth, as it is in Heaven.

That's what the Church says, today, from its heart, "I join with something? No, Lord, no. Thy will be done, as it is in Heaven."

Notice, after the promised Word for the age that was vindicated, they turned It down. They have done the same today. And now I'm coming down to the close. And as He came then, clearly identifying Himself to be the Word, and it came to the show-down, where they must choose the Word or take the system, it's come to the same thing today, where they must choose the Word or take the system. And they have taken the system. Now what does that do? In closing, He, Jesus, is on the hands of the world. Right.

Now, my text. That's a long way to build around, but now I've just got started, you see? Don't get up. I was just teasing. Look, here is my text. We know that. That's laying the background. We've got it all laid in one streak here now. Let's set it right down home and see what it looks like, put it under the glass.

Jesus is on the hands of the people. He's on the hands of the church. What will you do with this Jesus that's called the anointed Word? Christ means the "anointed Word." See?

"What did the world call out? What does the church call out? 'Crucify It! Stop It! We don't want It any more.'"

I'm going to ask you something. Can you imagine the guilt on Oswald's hands, this morning, the one that murdered the President? Can you imagine what his judgment will be if he's proven to be the one that did it? Could you imagine that any mercy would be left for him? The blood of the President of the United States is on his hands. Do you think the Federal Court - No matter how much he pleads, "I didn't mean to do it," that won't excuse him a bit. He'll perish. Why? He's got the President's blood on his hands. Could you imagine his feelings? Would you want that on your hands? [The Congregation says, "No." - Ed.]

Well, what about the Blood of Jesus Christ then? Do you think you'll be excused, after It's thoroughly vindicated? How are you going to escape It? His Blood is on your hands. "Guilty!" Sinner, where are you going from here? What are you going to do after the meeting this morning?

Do you think you'll say, "Well, I intended - I didn't mean to be bad."? Oswald might say the same thing.

If the justice of our Supreme Court will call for justice, it'll call. It's the absolute of the nation. The whole nation is tied to that Supreme Court, and there can be nothing left. He's committed the crime. He has to pay for it. No matter how much he didn't mean it, what his intentions were, or anything else about it; he is going to pay for it, anyhow.

If our Supreme Court and its justice demands a recompense of reward, how much more will you find yourself at the Judgment Bar of God, when you come with the Blood of Jesus Christ on your hands? "What will I do with this Jesus called the anointed Word?" You've heard It. You know It's the Truth. It's thoroughly vindicated.

A murderer? Would you desire a denominational murderer of the Word, rather than the innocent Christ? Would you crucify? Would you dare to take Barabbas? Could you call for Barabbas? How dare anyone to do that, to call for Barabbas, the murderer of the Word; rather than take the Word, Itself, which is Life? And It's on your hands.

When I heard of the murder of President Kennedy, this Message fell on my heart. I thought, what will that man do? And there's no way out of it now. He might have woken up by this time and realized what lies ahead.

And you're going to awake some time. Here, or on the tape, wherever you are, you're going to wake some time, sinner, and realize that there is Blood on your hands, and the Blood of the Son of God, and you're guilty of murdering Him. Your sin murdered Him. Your unbelief in I-lis Word, your failing to see His identification, grieved away the Holy Spirit. And what can you do but stand at the Judgment of God, knowing what's going to happen to you! Yes, the blood of John Kennedy on the hands of Oswald will be a minor thing, compared with the Blood of Jesus Christ on your hands when you stand before God.

"What will I do with this Jesus called Christ?" Pilate said. He had been placed on his hands. [Brother Branham knocks several times on the pulpit - Ed.]

And the Blood of Jesus Christ is placed again on the hands of this congregation. It's placed on the hands of this nation, and around this world, where these tapes have been; and the things have been vindicated and proved of God.

Now what will we do with this Jesus that's called, "The same yesterday, today, and for ever"? What will we do with this Jesus? Are you ready to take your place at His side? [The congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.]

As was the case with Pilate, there remain three things you can do with Him. Pilate tried all three, and missed. There are three schemes that you might try, but it'll never work. Pilate tried to get Him off of his hands. But when once placed on your hands, JVe's on your hands. Pilate tried three different ways, and failed.

We must face the facts that He's on our hands. We've seen Him in His Word. We see Him vindicate Himself. We know that He's the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Is that right? [The congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.]

Then, I'm not only talking to this congregation here this morning, because I'm only talking to six- or seven-hundred people, maybe, but I'm talking to millions in this tape that will go around the world. See? He's on your hands, in tape-land, wherever you are. You know It's the Truth. If you don't, then you're blind; you can't see the Word, neither can you see God in the Word. And He's on your hands. Now what are you going to do with Him?

Pilate tried to get rid of Him, but we have to face the facts. Pilate had to face It. He knew. He had heard.

Well, you say, "I never did see any of it." You've heard It, anyhow. You're hearing It now. See?

He wanted Jesus to do a miracle, or a trick, for him. But He wasn't playing tricks; He was only doing as God told Him to do.

You've heard, "Faith cometh by hearing." You have faith, to get away from having this on your hands. But he had to face the facts, anyhow. He did, and so do we have to face the facts. He is fully identified. Think, with the Blood of a Man on your hands!

Man has to watch when he's got another man's blood on his hands. Look at an airplane. The pilot of a plane, when he runs that plane out, he checks every instrument. Why? He's got the blood of somebody on his hands. Every little instrument that can be checked, he checks it. When he gets out and turns the plane around, he revs up the engine, and sees that it's warmed up. He throws the throttle all the way, to see if the blast will be able to take the plane off the ground.

You've been, many of you, in a plane, and sat there while the whole plane shakes as it gets all the ground. He's giving it all it's got, to see if there is anything out of line. If there is, it'll spit and conk out. But he checks it again, and you have to sit there a moment while he checks it again. And if they hold him back a little, he checks it yet again.

How the Church ought to be checking it again, and again, and again, and again! We're waiting for His Coming. We're waiting for the take-off. We had better check it with the Word, not with what somebody said. Be sure you know, yourself, as a personal experience with Christ. Check it again, and again, and again.

Why? He's got the blood of man upon his hands. He had better check!

How about a doctor before an operation? We've got a couple doctors sitting here this morning. Notice, what a doctor does before he goes to surgery. He wants an X-ray. He wants to check the blood. He wants to check the heart. He wants to see if you've got a cold, before he gives the anaesthetic. He checks every instrument; he boils them thoroughly, to ensure there are no germs on it. He does everything. He checks over, and over, and over, and over, again. Why? He's got the blood of a man on his hands. He wants to be dead sure that everything is just as right as it can be.

What about you? What about you, sinner, what do you feel about it?

To have the blood of a man on your hands, means you have responsibility like a pilot; and he checks, the doctor does. He checks; and what else more, so many scientific instruments. When you've got the blood of a man on your hands, what won't you do?

When a judge is going to pronounce sentence, look how he reads those books, over and over and over and over and over; he goes over every little thing that he can, see (?), before he pronounces sentence. Because he's got the blood of a man on his hands, there must be something there to justify that. See?

How about us, when we see it thoroughly identified that "He's the same yesterday, today, and for ever"? He is here. He's on our hands. He's on your hands! What are you going to do with Him? "What will I do with this Jesus that's the anointed Christ?"

"What does it do? How do you know it's He?"

According to the promise of this day, the day that we're living in, so much of the Scripture, say, so many inches of It, is supposed to be fulfilled, these last inches of these last days. There is something sitting here that's supposed to happen, and here it is. What is it? The same anointed Christ, the anointed Word! What are you going to do with It? Are you going to sell It off to the denomination?

Now what did Pilate do? The first thing Pilate did, was to try and wash Him off of his hands, by saying, "Oh, He's in order. He's an right." See?

You say, "Oh, poor Pilate!" Pilate! Do a lot of people justify him? No, no, no! He was on his hands. He had heard the Message, he had seen the Word, and He was on his hands. And so is He on your hands. That's right.

What did he do? He tried to say, "Oh, well, He's a good Man. I find no fault in Him."

If that's not the answer of so many today! "Oh, there is nothing wrong with the Word. I guess it's O.K. The Bible is all right, but we believe the church. Our denomination doesn't agree with It." See? See? There is one class of people trying to wash Him off its hands.

"I find no fault in the Word. It was all right for the apostles in their day, but we live in another day. We don't live in the apostles' day, so therefore I don't have to do as the apostles did. I don't have to be baptized the way they were; I live in another day. I don't have to have the things that they had; I live in another day. The Holy Ghost was just given for that group."

Hebrews 13: 8 puts Him back on your hands again, [Brother Branham knocks three times on pulpit - Ed.] with no escape! He is thoroughly vindicated: "He is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. "You have no escape. You can't pass Him off to some other age. Hebrews 13: 8 condemns your thoughts, and puts Him right back on your hands again. So Jesus is on your hands, just as He was on Pilate's.

Look! You say, "But I don't know." Well, why are you listening?

Pilate was a pagan. His wife was a pagan. But God, to make it just, sent that woman in there to say, "Don't you have anything to do with this just Man." She said, "I suffered this day." Of course, it was during the night, and one period of twenty-four hours is considered a day. "I suffered some dreams tonight of that just Man. Don't you have anything to do with Him!"

Now he said, "Well, then, if that be so, I'll just wash Him off my hands." But he couldn't do it.

Neither can you. Once you hear the Truth, you've got to accept It or deny It. Yes, sir, you have to do it. Warnings are from the Lord!

The Jews screamed out, "Let His Blood ' be upon us; for we would believe our priests, our denominational system, before we would believe Him."

There you are! See the classes today? But all must face God's issue. You've all got to do it, anyhow, pagan or whatever you might be, unbeliever, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, lukewarm, cold, hot, or whatever you might be, you've got to face the issue just the same. Whether you want to, or not, It's on your hands. That's exactly so.

Then there are those who try Pilate's other scheme to dodge the issue, pass Him on to some other Caesar. See?

Pilate said, "Now wait a minute. I - I don't want anything. to do with It. Now, he's a just man. I don't want anything to do with Him. Oh, I believe what I've heard. I've never seen Him do a miracle, but there are to many witnesses of Him. I - I believe He's a just Man. He's a good Man, but - but I don't want anything to do with It myself. I'll just wash Him off of my hands. Bring me some water. You all bear me record here." Yes. But God was bearing record, too. He was on his hands.

And so is He on your hands. See, you know what I'm talking about. See? Not only you here, but the tape audience. He's on your hands. What are you going to do with Him, this Jesus called Christ? Christ is the Anointed Word. See? What are you going to do with It? It's the Message of the hour. The day is here, thoroughly proved by the Bible and by God. What are you going to do with It? How are you going to dodge the issue now? How are you going to get by with it? He's on your hands! And Oswald's case will be a minor one compared with yours, though a minister, or whoever you may be.

Those Jews were priests, and rabbis, teachers, holy men; but He was on their hands just the same. He was the Word, the issue of God for that day, and they failed to see R. Just the elected saw It, the ones that believe It.

Now all must face the issue. In every age it's been so, every time. Through the age of Eve and Adam, on down to the age of Noah, on down to the time of Daniel or Belteshazzar and Nebuchadnezzar, on down into Christ's time, on down into this very hour we're living in, it's been the same, the issue of the Word has come forth. It's not their creed, or not the denomination, not the dogma, but the issue of the Word that has been against those things; It's on now, It's on their hands now.

Then how about those who try Pilate's other scheme, try to get rid of Him by passing Him off on to somebody else? Pilate said, 'Now, you know what? I'll just get Him off my hands. I'll wash Him off my hands with this water. I've got to do something with Him. So what will I do? I'll send Him over to the headquarters, with the bishop.' Uh-huh. Yes.

That's what they try to do today. See? They sent Him to a Caesar. That didn't take Him off Pilate's hands, or take Him off anybody's hands. What did it do? It back-fired on him. It comes right back to the individual.

You say, 'Well, I would do it. I would accept It if my denomination would accept It.'

Your denomination is in the Council of Churches, condemned! How are they going to receive It? It back-fires, right back to you. It isn't what your denomination says, it's what do you say? They've rejected It; now what are you going to do with It? That's the next thing. See? That doesn't take Him off your hands.

He is thoroughly vindicated. He is thoroughly identified, the Word of this hour, the promise of this hour. Not the promise of Luther's hour; that was It then, that was the Word in the reformers' age went out, the Beast with the face like a man (organization) issued; but this Beast has the face of an eagle, the Beast that went out to make the challenge today.

And who would dare to say that wasn't the inspired Word of God, when He foretold It here, and sent out yonder to Arizona and brought It right back, even with signs and everything else, and proved It so! This Book is already opened, that's right, just waiting for the Seventh Seal to be identified concerning the Coming of Christ.

All right, He is on your hands. You've got to do something with Him. Don't cast Him off. Yes, sir. In this category, I'd like to say, don't try to "pass Him on to somebody else."

"If my denomination would accept It, Brother Branham, I'd accept It. But, you see, my mother belonged to this church." She lived in her age; that isn't yours. It's you now. Look what she had to come out of, to be what she was. What about you? All right.

Look. You say, "My mother was a Pentecostal. She did so-and-so. She came out of the organization." But I'm trying to talk about you now. What about you? See?

In this category, we find many educated. Now, I know I'm going to hurt feelings here, but I don't do it intentionally. If I did, then I should be down at the altar, repenting. I'm saying this in godly love.

Jesus, when He stood there facing those Pharisees, He had to say, "You are of your father, the devil; his works you'll do." Yet call for peace and mercy for them, at the cross, that crucified Him. See, He wasn't angry with them. He said, "You generation of snakes." See? See? Everything, he cursed them to everything He could, see, and then prayed for them at the cross. See? It wasn't that He wanted to do that! It wasn't that, but they had to see the mistake they were making.

And I'm saying the same thing today, in this category of "passing the buck on to somebody else." We are trying to pass it on, like Adam and Eve did.

Eve tried. Adam said, "The woman You gave me," and that was no excuse for him. See? The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me. He was the one that enticed me to the sexual affair. He beguiled me. He did this." That didn't keep it away at all. They went right on to the judgment, just the same. Yes, sir. All right.

They can't pass it. They can't say, "If my denomination would believe this, I would too. But, I've been a long time in this denomination." That hasn't got one thing to do with it. The Jews had the same thing, so do you.

And, note there are many in this. We find fine-cultured men in this category. Now listen close!

See, culture, what we call culture today, is what Satan produced to Eve, a little wisdom. He said, "Your eyes are not open, so you don't understand all of it." She knew the Word, and that was all. She saw God vindicating that Word, and that ought to have been fine. He was keeping her in Eternal Life, as long as she stayed with that Word. When she broke that Word, she had the promise of God that she would die the day that she broke It. And, when she broke It, she died, that's right.

We've got the vindicated Word of God here, vindicating, proving by the Spirit, that He's received us and given us the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We are baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ. The same Gospel, the same signs, the same wonders, the same ministry, even the same Pillar of Fire visible before us, showing the signs and wonders. There is not an excuse anywhere.

And that's exactly what the Bible says would take place in the last days, and a call from Malachi 4, "to restore the Faith of the children back to their fathers again." And right after that, the righteous walk out upon the ashes of the wicked; the whole world was to be burned. And the atom bombs are hanging over yonder, the bombs are in the rack.

You see what Germany did as soon as they found out that the President was assassinated? They threw their army together really quickly, because that was the only thing that was holding Russia from bombing there. Kennedy just sent them word, that, the hour they did that, he would sweep them off the earth, right out of Germany. See? And they thought they could take it over, but it wasn't the hour yet, see? See?

We find smart, educated preachers, evangelists, trying to pass It on to somebody else. See?

Why didn't Pilate say, "Well, wait a minute, my wife has come and told me, and I've heard many testimonies of Thee. You know, I'm interested; I'd like to find out. What can I do to have Eternal Life, Sir? You're on my hands. What can I do?" But he said, "Are You the Messiah? Are You the King of the Jews?"

He said, "That's what you said. You said it."

Or, "Tell us, truly, are You the King of Jews?"

He said, "To that end I was born."

Pilate said, "I can't find any fault in Him." Uh-huh. "Well, I'll just wash Him off my hands."

He answered him, but he couldn't receive It. Why? It would lower his prestige. So he thought he would send Him up to the state presbyter and see what he did about It. See?

It's the same thing now, the issue comes forth again, what will you do with It, the Word? What do you have to do, ask the presbyter, or the bishop, or somebody, if you can change your mode of baptism, if you can do this or do that? You ask, and the answer is, "Certainly you can't." He'll pass It right back to you. If you do it, you'll be kicked out. See?

It would lower the prestige of the people. Yes, they think that. And the denominational council wouldn't stand for it. Like Pilate passing It to Caesar; they wouldn't stand for it. Caesar put It back in Pilate's hands. So they try to pass Him on to their denominational heads, and it doesn't work for Pilate; it won't work for anybody else.

Now, thirdly, the thing you can do is to accept Him or reject Him. You can't wash Him off your hands. You can't pass Him on to some other system, or to somebody else. You've got to face the issue. So what can you do?

Like Pilate; when he stood with the same thing, he said, "Give me some water, I'll wash It off my hands as proof" When he returned back, he still had to pass the judgment; it didn't excuse him- He tried to say, "Well, if I can't get Him off my hands, I'll put Him on Caesar's hands." And It back-fired right back to him.

It does to you, too, as an individual. What are you going to do? Not what mother did, what papa did, what the pastor does, what Brother Branham does, what anybody else does. It's an your hands! What are you going to do about It, with this Jesus called Christ? Because, you'll get Blood on your hands, and It's the Blood of God. Now what are you going to do? Be guilty of the crucifixion? See?

You can crucify Him, accept your creed or whatever you want to, or say, "Well, I'll just pass It on, I won't have anything to do with any of this church stuff." You can't do that. He's on your hands. That's right. You can't do it. "I'll just forget the whole thing." You can't do it. He's still on your hands. "Well, I'll just say, 'My pastor taught me this.' It back-fires, right back. It's back to you. You know. Now, you can either receive Him or you can reject Him, just either way you want to do it. What? It has to come to one of them.

Now what? It's as Jesus said to these Pharisees. He said, "You're blind Pharisees," see? Who would say the same thing today, "You blind religious teachers, you can discern the time of communism. You're fighting that, and don't know that God raised the very thing up to destroy you." See, not knowing the Scriptures. See? "You, you can discern that communism is going to take the world. You can see that. You can discern that."

All of our subject is on Communism. "Beat Communism out!" I hear it till I get sick of listening to it. I'm against it, too. Certainly, I'm against it. But I'm more against the man or the woman that rejects *Jesus Christ*, the Word. Or, whether you be a preacher or whatever you are, you're more indebted to Christ than that communist is. He is ignorant and knows nothing about It. You are supposed to know. See? You can discern the time of Communism, but you can't discern the sign of the day you're living in.

Jesus told those Pharisees, saying, "You hypocrites!" He said, "You go out and look at the skies, and say the sun is red and lowering, tomorrow will be foul. If the sky's clear, you say, tomorrow will be a fine day." He said, "You can discern the signs of the skies and the weather, but the signs of the time you don't know." There He was, the Messiah, and they rejecting Him.

And we're always talking about Communism and some of this stuff, but, the signs of the time, we fail to understand. See? We overlook that, omit that. Uniting together right now in unbelief, they receive it, but fall to understand and see the signs of the time that the Bible said would be.

Have you got It? [The congregation says, "Amen." - Ed.] We have to dose, really quickly now. It's getting late, see?

As their fathers did, so do they, the same thing today. Sow, the decision has been reached. It's got to be reached. You've got to reach it, some way. See? It's crucifixion of the Word again, or what are you going to do the crucifixion of the Word is at hand. Crucify and stop the vindicated Word, for the denomination's sake, just as Pilate did, trying to pass It off to somebody. Now what will you, as an individual, do with the anointed Word which is called the Christ?

The same yesterday, the same Christ that anointed the Word in the days of Noah; the same Christ, that Tree that was in the Garden of Eden, that Eve left, instead eating of this Tree of life, to take the tree of wisdom; she left the Tree of Life, to take the tree of death. In Noah's time they did the same thing. In the days of the prophets, they did the same thing. In the days of Christ, they did the same thing.

And here they are today. For each man is speaking of his time; and, when that thing was fulfilled, each time they took their denominational reasons, and so forth, and the wisdom of the world instead of the anointed Word of Christ. What win you do as an individual?

Win closing, so be really quiet just for a moment.) Pilate never got Him off of his hands. Neither will you, any more than he did, trying any of these schemes. He never did it. You know what happened to Pilate? He lost his mind. It got so that all he could hear was that crucifixion. All he could hear was a rage, so that he finally went insane.

And they've got a legend way up in Switzerland, where, I've been as a missionary. They claim thousands gather there, from all over the world on Good Friday at a hole of water where Pilate committed suicide. He finally dashed himself to death in this pool of water. And they claim that every Good Friday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the Water turns blue and boils up from where Pilate's body lay. He rejected It. There is still Blood on his hands. And he rejected, he refused. The water availed nothing.

You can't wash Him off your hands. There is no water, no fuller's soap, that can cleanse them. He is on your hands. What will you do with Him?

Here is the only thing that you can do. You cannot wash Him off your hands; you can't pass Him on to somebody else; you can't just heedlessly pass Him by. There is no way in the world. The only thing you can do is accept It, in your heart. That's the way to get rid of Him. Take Him off your hands and put Him in your heart, or leave Him on your hands and stand the Judgment! That's the only thing that you can do.

Pilate's end was a terrible one.

The Word says that those who keep Him on their hands ... I was going to read It. But It says, "They cried to the rocks and the mountains. They prayed, but their prayers were too late." See? They cried, "Hide us from the face of Him that sits upon the Throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb that is to come. For, the great Day of Judgment has happened, and who shall be able to stand?"

What do you think Oswald is going to do now when he walks out before the Supreme Court, and sees those angry eyes of the jury and all sitting there? He knows what's going to happen. It'll be either a gas chamber, or a rope hanging there, or something. He's got to face it.

But what if you walk out there with the Blood on your hands, by rejecting, and know that hell lies before you, Eternal destruction? What if you cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on you, but having prayed, the prayers are too late?

In Hebrews 10: "If we sin wilfully..." Sin is unbelief "If we disbelieve wilfully after we have received the Truth, the knowledge of the Truth..." You don't have to receive It; just know about It. You don't have to have It. Oh, no! See? It doesn't say, "... after we received the Truth."

... if we sin wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But a certain fearful looking for judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Because God said, Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompence, saith the Lord.

If we disbelieve It wilfully, after the Truth has been presented to us, there will be no more mercy. No more mercy will be granted.

Pastor, listening to this tape, what about it? Member of the church, listening to this tape, what about it? What are you going to do, if we disbelieve It wilfully? You can't wash It off your hands. You can't pass It on to the

headquarters. It's going to back-fire right back to you. You've heard It. What about you? How are you going to stand in that Day?

He is either on your hands or in your heart, one or the other. God help us.

If you can just imagine an assassination and what's bound to be going through that man's heart. What has he done? He woke up too late, after he had already done it.

Look, he had the opportunity. He was born a free American. He was an American. But he wanted to sell his birthright to become a Russian, and it back-fired. He married a Russian girl. Now, he's a free-thinker of the Communist party of Cuba.

Free thinking is, "I do my own thinking." You haven't got any thought coming. What will you do with Jesus called Christ? You aren't any free-thinker. There is no free-thinking. Let the mind that was in the Christ be in you.

Let's pray.

Think these thoughts: "If them be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on this." In our midst this morning, and on this tape also, I'm speaking. If you are here present this morning, and you know that you're not right with God, and you're not born of His Spirit, what are you going to do?

You say, "Well, I've made a confession." That isn't what I'm talking about. Has God accepted it? You can say, "Yes, I've made a confession" (and so forth). "Yes, I believe." So did Pilate, he made a confession, surely, "What will I do with this just Man?" You can't wash Him off your hands like that. No, no!

What will you do with Him? If you're not a born-again Christian, with the Holy Spirit living in you, enriching your Life, then why don't you take It now? You'll never wash This off your hands. You'll never hear the last of this Message. It'll ring through until you bring the Message into your heart, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

In this visible audience this morning, will there be those here who realize that, that they're wrong, and would raise up their hands? We have no room for an altar call, the place is so packed. But just say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham. God help me." God bless you, I see your hand. It's "I want to, now. Right here I want, before God, Him to know that I'm guilty, and I realize I'm guilty. I want Him off my hands; I want Him in my heart. Raise your hand, say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham." The Lord bless you. I see, in this number of people here, maybe forty, fifty hands up here.

Calling today,
Calling today.

Think of it now, He is calling. Jesus is calling. That's He speaking to you.

Have you sinned so far, till your heart is calloused, till you won't, can't even, hear It any more? Once, as a little boy or a little girl, you heard It. You had a desire to do it, but you put It off, and you just calloused those cuts and pulls. Is it so far gone, that you can't hear It any more? Are you standing at a place like that where Oswald stands this morning, that you know? Uh! How can you do it?

Will there be another before we close and I offer prayer? Just anywhere in the building, you that never raised your hand, say, "Brother Branham, just since you said the last words, I feel that." Anybody, outside, in the corridors, around the windows, anywhere, doesn't matter.

God bless you, young lady! God bless you, sir, you. He's got you. God bless you, lady. Someone else? God bless you, lady. God bless you, here. And God bless you over there, little boy, little girl. Yes, the Lord bless you, back there, sir. Yes.

Now, just let's think of it now. I want you to do this while we softly sing, Jesus is Calling. Now I want you just to say, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner, or a pretender, I'm a church member, Lord, but I want You. I want You. Help me! I'll serve You. I promise it, right now. I've raised *my* hand, that I want You. Now You raise my heart, that I receive You, and I will receive You into my heart." While we sing this verse again, will you do it?

Calling today,
Calling today.

Now, pray your own way. Pray now. "Jesus calling." That's Jesus speaking. That's the reason you raised your hand.

... -derly calling today.
Jesus is calling, O list to His Voice;
Hear Him...

Right now, hear Him. Say, "Lord, I'm guilty. Your Blood is on my hands. I'm a sinner. I don't want It on there any longer. I can't wash It off; I've tried it, for years. I'm not going to turn You away like Pilate did, and try to send You to somebody else. I want You. Come into my heart, right now, Lord. I receive You. I see You standing right before me, like an image standing there; by faith I'm walking right into You, knowing that You forgive me. And You're going to be in my heart, from this moment on."

...today (everybody pray)
Jesus is calling,
He's tenderly calling today.

[Brother Branham begins to hum *Jesus Is Calling* - Ed.]

Heavenly Father, the little message is ended. And now, the decisions. The court is set this morning. Angels are gathered into the room. The great Holy Spirit here is giving vindications that Jesus still lives. He is the fountain of Eternal Life. The grave couldn't hold Him, neither could hell keep Him. He ascended up, loose from hell, loose from the grave. And He stands among us, today.

And our creeds and denominations have bound many of our people, Lord. Sin has bound them, but today they want to be free.

They stand like Pilate, and, instead of trying to pass Him on to somebody else, they've raised their hands. "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. I'll not wash You away from me any more. I can't do it. You were still on my hands I just washed and washed, and You wouldn't come off, but now I receive you. I want you in my life, and I receive You into my life. Lord, receive me into Your Kingdom, by the pardoning of my sins, and give me faith to believe that you receive me, Father." Grant it. Through Jesus Christ's Name, we pray.

And now, as you have your heads bowed, say by faith, "And, God, You help me to be honest. But knowing that You promise that: 'He that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise turn him out. And I'll give him Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up at the last day. He that will confess Me before men, him will I confess before my Father and the holy angels. He that heareth' (the real, true interpretation of Saint John 5: 24 is: he that understandeth, that receiveth My Word.)' He that receiveth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting Life, and will not be called into Judgment.'" You won't come to the Judgment Bar like Oswald will, but you've passed, with a free pardon, from death unto Life.

"Lord, I don't know how, I don't know why, but I believe it's happened. I believe that, in my heart, my unbelief is gone. I can freely say "Amen" to every Word that You say, and I accept It right now. I believe it."

Now, with your heads bowed, you that believed that, that raised your hands a few moments ago, and by faith you see the image of Christ standing there, which you should be in, you're walking now by faith. Believe that your sins are pardoned. And from this day on, you're ready for Christian baptism, and you're ready now to walk in Christ. Would you, as a testimony to Him, raise your hands back, say, "By faith I believe It with all my heart." God bless you. That's fine. "I now accept It. I accept. There's nothing I can do." God bless you. It looked like every one that I saw. "I now accept."

See, you're no good, you never were any good, you can't be any good, but Jesus died for no-good people. "What do I have to do, Brother Branham?" Just accept what He did, just accept what He did for you, now, by believing It and accepting It.

Now, I believe - the pastor, the pool will be open? [Brother Neville says, "Yes." - Ed.] Baptism will be in order, if you want to be baptized.

If you have taken the titles, "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," (I say this with reverence and respect), to my way of seeing it, you are not baptized. You are not, for you haven't carried out what He said.

He said, "Baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." If you just had those titles called over you, He never said, "Go call these *titles*; go call these *names*." It never was done in the Bible. It never was done that way. They baptized the way Jesus said, "In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," which is Jesus Christ.

Peter, with the keys, said the same thing; as did every other apostle, the whole Church, until the early Nicaean Council, when the Roman Catholic church organized, and accepted titles instead of the Name. You're either baptized into the Roman dogma of denomination, or baptized in the Name of

Jesus Christ, one or the other. It's on your hands; you can't wash It off. It's there.

You've accepted It now. I'll ask you, as the organist and the pianist turn to the famous old hymn.

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour Divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
And let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

Don't anyone leave the building. Just reverently stand now, and let's just raise our hands to Him.

My faith looks up to Thee (and He is the Word),
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour Divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my sin away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly, wholly and completely, Thine!
I now surrender my life.

The water will be ready in a few minutes. If you can't take the baptism now, we'll baptize again tonight.

Think of it, all afternoon, "On your hands." Get It off. The only way you can do it, is to wash in the Blood of Jesus Christ. See? Yes sir. Remember it now as we bow our heads. Look to Him now.

While life's dark maze...

The decision is in your heart now. He is on trial. The Word is ready for crucifixion. Christ is on trial. What will you do with Jesus called Christ?

Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow, tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

Now, bowing our hearts to it. [Brother Branham begins humming *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* - Ed.]

Think deeply, friends. It might be that your name is the last one that goes on the Book. We're at the end time. Now think really deeply. Is there anyone here who has turned Him away?

Remember, it may never come again. Pilate didn't have any other chance. He tried his best to get saved, and he couldn't do it. It was on his hands. And what will you do with the anointed Word for this day, called the Christ?