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¹ [Bro. Dale sings Amazing Grace with congregation.]

² Let's just remain standing. If you'd like to follow along in your Scripture reading, turn to Ephesians 6. This the Scripture we read last week, I believe it was, in the message and we'll just read it again this week because we want to continue on. Our last message was on how to be a soldier and tonight, we want to speak on a true soldier, a true soldier, not just a soldier but a *true* soldier.

³ Let's just read our Scripture.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high place. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

⁴ Let's just all pray together.

⁵ Father, we thank You for your loving grace and understanding of mankind. We pray that You would just undertake now as we speak upon these words that Your people may see what's upon our heart. Bless our voice, Lord, knowing that it's weak but yet we know who created the voice. Bless those that are not with us. You know the reasons why. Bring together your Bride in the end time that we may all, Lord, look to You. Forgive our sins. Guide us by Your grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

⁶ You may be seated.

⁷ I have an announcement to make that—Bro. Mote wanted me to make an announcement, but I will just read his announcement that he passed on to me this morning after the service. He says, “Bro. Dale, please announce that I will not be preaching or teaching any longer at the Lula Spoken Word Church for the time being. I don't want any tithes because I will not be ministering and the tithes are paid unto those that minister to them. I love all of God's church here and wherever they may be.” He put a P.S. “I will be seeing you in (coming to church) from time to time. With love in Christ, Ernest T. Mote.”

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- ⁸ Just remember that announcement. To comment any behind it would be out of order. Anyone that wants to know anything other, they go talk with him and maybe they would know better then. That's the announcement that was given but just remember these things.
- ⁹ Don't forget, we have a new book. I came to church this afternoon to pray a while and read it. It's really a wonderful message. It's split up off of the radio broadcast and it's many different messages.
- ¹⁰ Now, to me, as I said, we want to speak on the fourth seal. This would be eighth message on this and you might not think it's on the seal, but when we get back maybe one more message, you'll see a little more about why we've spoken in the way that we have about the things like the beginning of death and then coming down to the greatest battle, how that it was a battle in the mind that that was the things that we was to battle against, was the things in our mind, our memory, reasoning, conscience and all like that. That's where the greatest battle is going on.
- ¹¹ Now, to me, that's what Paul is showing. This Ephesians 6, it's kind of comical to me but it ain't really, but I'd heard that Scripture preached on so much in the Baptist church that I came out, you know, being Baptist. Naturally, they use that Baptist. Every preacher that ever preached, I guess, when he begins his sermons, he'd use that Scripture for a text to preach from and how that we wrestle not against flesh and blood and all like that. He'd preach on a message on it.
- ¹² Really, I'm honest, there is Scripture just like Bro. Branham said one time, he said, "It's hard for me to preach on communion." Do you remember that? He said it's been so mistaught that it was hard for him to speak on communion. Well, maybe that Scripture there has not been mistaught, but it's been taught so many times down through there until I honestly would read over that Scripture.
- ¹³ If I was using one for a text, you know, to preach a message from, I'd go to another Scripture somewhere else and try to pick up a thought from that—you know, another Scripture instead of that one because that Scripture had been used so many times. There's a quotation in the Church Age book that's been used so much until it's hard for me to quote it where Bro. Branham said that those that go out don't know how it is that they—that they only to speak exactly what he spoke.
- ¹⁴ So many people has read that and quoted that so many times, when I get to that quotation—there ain't nothing wrong with the quotation. It's just wrong with my thoughts, I guess. Maybe that's in the part of the battle of the mind. Then when I begin to study on this, I saw the real meaning of what Paul was saying more than

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- just a lot of a Baptist sermon of how that we wrestle not against flesh, and blood, and powers, and principalities and spiritual wickedness and all like that.
- ¹⁵ I begin to see that it was a battle that he was talking about, that there was a battle going on and that you had to have soldiers to fight that battle. Then he was telling them how to dress. As he was telling them the dress code that they would wear, the certain things, then when Bro. Branham begin to preach the message of The Stature of a Perfect Man, he had preached a lot of these things and went to a lot of different Scriptures and all. Then it came to him on The Stature of a Perfect Man of how to use II Peter there of faith—we'll read it in a minute—faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience. He says, “This just comes to me the other day.”
- ¹⁶ Well, see, he'd preached these messages and to me, that's what Paul is saying here. Now, anybody that hears it, last week, I used Paul in the message saying that Paul was saying in II Peter—well, now, you just—if you hear this on tape, you just laugh at my calamity and forgive my foolishness and my stupidity and not knowing better than to just say something like that because we know Paul didn't write Peter. Peter was the one that wrote that one so you just forgive me. That's just my foolishness. Sometimes you get caught up speaking something and you say the wrong thing. People laugh at you and think that you're really crazy and maybe we are. As the Bible said it that God chose the foolishness of preaching to save them that was lost.
- ¹⁷ Well, now, I tell you what, I agree. He chose about as foolish a thing as could be is a bunch of preachers to preach for people to get saved by. As the foolishness of preaching, He'd saved the lost but yet He still chose that so He'll work through that. You'll get something out of the message that will be very important to you.
- ¹⁸ To me, Paul is saying just what Peter is saying on how that a soldier is to be dressed and how that there was a battle going on in each one of us in our minds right now. Now, last week, you remember on the last message, we taught on how to be a soldier that we found that we just read the things over and didn't comment much on them. We saw that these soldiers that he was speaking of there, they were a well-dressed army, weren't they?
- ¹⁹ The early disciples, they were a well-dressed army, weren't they? They had the sword of the Spirit. They had the Word of God. They had faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness and brotherly kindness. They had them things in them. As we were bringing out the message, some of them before then, see, didn't receive it right when the Holy Ghost fell. They were manifested sons there that were fully grown that had been taught the Gospel. Then when the Holy Ghost came, it made them manifested sons.

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- ²⁰ Well, see, in doing that, then we've got to return to the place they were before we can ever even talk about seals, rapture, resurrection. That's, to me, why that I told you you can take that drawing this morning—I didn't sanction it. I just said take it and read it for whatever you want to that the man prove in '83 would be the time. Then there's another brother now that says he has it all figured out how it'll be '84.
- ²¹ Well, that's all right. That's their business. That's not mine. Maybe they know what they're talking about, but God couldn't have told both of them—one of them '83 and the other '84 because God's not that confused. Now, if we get down what He's told us we've got to have, then the Bible says we're not children of darkness that these things would come upon us unaware. Then we'll know where we're at and the prophet of God, if you've read the message—if you haven't or heard the tape of The Stature of a Perfect Man, listen to it real careful.
- ²² He says, "This is the kind of person that's going in the rapture, not the person that just time has run out on, not the person that just something he's figured out by dates and times and seasons. But the man that possesses these things, like the faith of the fathers was back there—" See, the man that returns to where they were, then that's the man that's going in the rapture.
- ²³ That's the soldier that's dressed truly as a soldier. That's your true soldier. To have the baptism of the Holy Ghost would make you a soldier, but these brothers that's been in service know that the first day you walked into boot camp and got you your GI haircut and a brand new pair of pants and a shirt and them stiff as a board and a pair of boots that's brand new everything, boy, just next day, he was standing out there full attention. Man, he was a full-dressed soldier. "I'm in the army. Boy, I'm a full-dressed soldier."
- ²⁴ About that time, here comes a sergeant walking out and he looks at him and he begins to look at up and down. He begins to ridicule them because maybe there, the soldier has got his shirt unbuttoned in one place or his belt buckle is turned a little off and maybe his shoes is a little wrong, maybe he's standing maybe pigeon-toed, you know. You've got people that stand way, but they didn't let them stand that way in service.
- ²⁵ He might walk that way later, but he had to stand at a certain 45-degree angle, everything had to be just right and everybody looked the same. When they looked up there, they saw a true soldier standing there. They saw a man that for maybe fifteen, 20 years had went through all of that dress, and vigor, and had fought many battles, and had many scars on him from many battles and enough metals to weigh his shoulder down. They saw a true soldier standing there.

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- ²⁶ They saw a man standing there that represented what they would some day come to if they were real soldiers, if they were genuine in their heart. If they were just a bunch of renegades that was wanting to get by—Bro. Bob Renfrew (ph), up at Bro. Woodby's, said the day he walked in service, said he looked up there and saw that sergeant standing there all dressed out like that, said, he said that's the man I want to be like. He said he saw them others that was running around, hollering orders, you know, you got little corporals and all kind of things that scream orders at everybody else, but he said, "That's the man I wanted to be like." He said, "That was my goal," and said, "One day, I stand right there beside of him."
- ²⁷ That should be our goal then. Just being a soldier for the Lord, that might be fine, just to be in the battle, that might be fine. I want to be a true soldier. I want to be one standing there, not with all of the medals on me, but I'm like Paul. Paul said, "If nothing else, I want at least bear the marks in my life. At least, I want to have the marks in my life of standing for the Lord Jesus Christ." Many of those disciples honored the Lord so much—I believe it was Peter, wasn't it?—that when it come to the time to killing him, one of the disciples, they said, "Hang me upside down. Don't even put me like you put the Lord Jesus on the cross. Hang me a different way."
- ²⁸ They had seen a real true, manifested Son of the Living God. In their heart was beating something that they wanted to be like Him. Well, then as they did, then the Holy Ghost came on them on the day of the Pentecost and that's where they stood, stood there so much like Him until it's recorded there in the Bible, It said, "They were Christians." Why did they call them Christians? Because they were acting like Christ.
- ²⁹ They were full-dressed in their uniform. They looked just like Him. They could see Jesus among them. They didn't know nothing about what they know, but they said, "We know one thing: Jesus has been with these people." That's what the church is supposed to be striving for then, not just as a Baptist technology of, "Yes, we're all good and we're going to heaven. I'll read this Scripture and preach to you today how that we're great soldiers in the army of God. We'll take our little flags and march around and then go out tomorrow and live like the devil."
- ³⁰ The prophet said them things weren't right. He said that's where they made their mistake, the people, even to the Pentecostals made their mistakes. Everybody thinks you just get born again and that's it. You're automatically on your way to heaven and everything's done. That might be true. You might be on your way heaven, but that's not all of it.

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- 31 The church—now, just watch it. We want to find out what it takes to make a true soldier, not just a soldier tonight now but a *true* soldier. Look at II Peter now and let's read our Scripture that we read the other day. We'll just slow down verse by verse and comment just a little bit on each one of them. Then you can go home and read the book yourself. Read the message of The Stature of a Perfect Man or listen to the tape if you don't have the book and watch what he's saying. Then get Blasphemous Names down and read it, preached a couple of weeks after then. Watch what he's saying about it and how that you can know—remember on Blasphemous Names, Sis. Shepherd saw something like a big rock box thing sitting up on a mountain and they poured in the water and it ran down the mountain, come to her feet, then little, five little streams. She was wondering whether she had the Holy Ghost or not.
- 32 We don't teach—as I was trying to explain something to a man the other day, a lot of people teach you got speak in tongues to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you got to shout to have it. Each one of them might've been true. They might've believed, then got it as a Baptist when the age started there of the Baptist time, but see, you can't anchor that down. You can't put that in the Scriptures.
- 33 Then here comes along the people of the Message and you know what they say? They say, "You believe Bro. Branham was a prophet?" You say, "Yes, I believe." "Well, that's the evidence of the Holy Ghost." Now, where are you going to anchor that? What are you going to use to anchor that to? You got to have the Word to anchor your message to. Where are you going to use that when the devil believed that Bro. Branham was a prophet? The devil believed in one God and trembled at his believing of it of what he could see of it.
- 34 Then Bro. Branham didn't teach that to believe Bro. Branham's message was the evidence. What did he teach? He said in final analysis, you can use it—I've told that brother—you can use the fruits of the spirit. I can show you where he was the preaching of the evidence of the Holy Ghost and using the fruits of spirit: Love, joy, peace, you know, goodness, long-suffering and all like that because that's true. You can use looking at a fruit tree.
- 35 The Bible said, "By their fruits so shall be known." You can use that as an evidence and see him. What would be your final, final concrete, Scriptural evidence of the Holy Ghost? You'd say, "Well, it's love, joy, peace, goodness." Well, the kind old priest will beat you there.
- 36 Here, the Lord Jesus was that sure must've been Holy Ghost in human flesh if He's going to be God. Here, He was one day, He got a little angry and went down there and platted rope together and drove the moneychangers out of the temple. There was a kind, old priest standing over there that had so much love until the Bible said he visits you when you're sick or in prison or this, that and the

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- other, the kind, old priest who loans you money when you need it, the kind, old priest.
- ³⁷ Through our eyes of looking, he had Jesus beat on the fruits of the spirit, but as I told that brother, I said, “To be a real, true fruit inspector, you’d have to know the difference in fruit.” Now, I know a few trees and a few leaves on the trees, you know. I got out in the woods, I can’t pick out a maple from a—which I don’t even know what we got in here around here or not. I don’t know. I couldn’t pick out one. I might could tell you what a poplar is. I might could tell you an oak, but I couldn’t tell you whether it was a white one or a red one.
- ³⁸ There’s people that can look at the leaf of a tree and they can tell you by that leaf what kind of tree that is or by the bark of the tree. They are inspectors. They know what they’re talking about, but I don’t. Well, see, my point to him was the same to me and you. What’s your concrete evidence? It’s got to be something that Satan cannot copy.
- ³⁹ You say, “I shouted. I spoke in tongues. I saw great shining lights. I saw angels. I saw angelic beings moving. I saw forms come around. I saw all kind of—” What’s your evidence now? The prophet of God said there is only one true evidence when he came down to the final analysis. That didn’t mean he done away with the Scriptures on the other one because a genuine fruit inspector can tell the difference.
- ⁴⁰ I can’t hardly tell the difference in an orange and a tangerine. There’s one in the middle called a tangelo. There’s genuine fruit inspectors that can tell. That Scripture’s right of the fruits of the spirit. It’s right when you shouted. There was a lot of them that shouted and got it. It’s right when you believe it and a lot of them believed and got it. It’s right when you speak in tongues; a lot of them spoke in tongues and got it.
- ⁴¹ You can’t put that down as an evidence for everybody. Then if you talk to that person that was genuinely born again and they say, “Well, you’ve got to speak in tongues,” you’d think there’s something wrong with them. They didn’t have a real understanding of what a real, true soldier of God would have, did they?
- ⁴² Bro. Branham’s final evidence of the Holy Ghost was, what? If the spirit you have agrees with the Word. That’s your only evidence that you can take all the way through the Bible and line it up with Luther as he believed on the Lord. The spirit he had agreed with the Word. When Wesley shouted, the spirit he had agreed with the Word. When the Pentecostals spoke in tongues, the spirit they had agreed with the Word. When you believe Bro. Branham’s message to be true and your spirit agrees with the Word, then you’ve got the evidence.

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⁴³ That's dressing you right. Now, what we're looking at here in this II Peter is the same thing that we're looking over here that Paul was saying to the church at Ephesus. You got to have the right dress, the right uniform to put on. Then you'll be able to understand what the real genuine thing is.

⁴⁴ What does the Bible say? That in the last days, they that know their God shall do exploits. Now, what if you didn't know your God? God could walk among most of the people and they'd never know He's there. They've already missed Him. God, Himself, walking among the people and they've already missed Him because God's the Word and they're missing Him. Why? Because they're looking for something, some certain—

⁴⁵ As I said, the battle of the mind, see, these things, got it all figured out how it's got to be. Well, then God might not come that way. When you got that figured out that way, you just missed it, that's the only thing, with me, you or who it is, you know, whoever it wind up being. It'd be me or you, see? It wouldn't make no difference.

⁴⁶ Let's just look at II Peter now and just come down through here. I wish to you, younger ones that have never heard the Message, I wish you'd go back and like the last '71, I think it's the first of '72. They're back there. If they're not, I've got the copy at home. I wish you would listen to Bro. Mote as he preached on the stature of a perfect man, the message there and how that he come through faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience and all. I'm just scanning over it because we've come back to a place that it's time to review. Maybe I can stir up enough curiosity in you to get you to go back and listen to them and pay attention to the message.

⁴⁷ Now, watch Peter here as he's saying:

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith—

⁴⁸ Now, who is he talking to? He's going to preach a message now to people that have obtained like precious faith with us, the same faith they've got.

—through the righteousness of God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

⁴⁹ Bro. Branham says on Page 7 on The Stature of a Perfect Man he's not talking to the world. He's talking to them that's got the same kind of faith he's got. All right. Now, he's going to tell them how to grow, to be a full-grown soldier in the Lord and what to put on to have that garment that they must have. When he starts off, he says, "To them of like precious faith."

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⁵⁰ Well, then every person now—that's not to the world; that's to the Christians. Every person then that was ever born again, you're born again at faith. That puts you in the Body of Christ. Faith puts you in the Body of Christ. That's where it's at because as I said the other day, the disciples had these virtues, brotherly kindness, the Holy Spirit and all down this way. They had these virtues.

⁵¹ Now, Peter is going to tell us how to grow to a place that we can have these virtues. He's going to tell us now. He starts off talking about those of like precious faith with us. Watch.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto through the knowledge of God and of Jesus, our Lord, according as His divine power as given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

⁵² Now, what has it done? He's given us something now. What has he given us? He's given us His own life. As I said the other day about that God had to give the thought—do you remember that—that it wasn't Christian science. When you're trying the battle in the mind, it's not Christian science, you know, mind over matter. The thought has to come from somewhere. It's not just your thought, you know, that you get. It has to come from somewhere.

⁵³ We're still trying to get you to catch those points with this message because we're seeing now that this faith has to come from somewhere. This *like precious faith* has to be given unto us. Watch in a minute. There's only seven adds. That's on Page 33 of God's Only Provided Place of Worship and also on Sirs, What Time Is It?, Page 47, seven adds, the last is love. You know, love is an add up here. It didn't count this way. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, seven adds. You ain't down at faith yet, are you?

⁵⁴ Faith is not an add. Faith is a birth. That's when you're born again. That's a gift. That's something God has given you. That's when something there has come to the place. Then it's not your faith—now, watch.

It's not your faith because your faith is just your faithfulness—

⁵⁵ According to the Church Age book.

But it's His faith.

⁵⁶ Then when your own faith—now, watch as we get down and read it. Let's just read on down a little bit further and then we'll comment on that.

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Whereby (Verse 4) are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises.

⁵⁷ Now, listen. There's great and precious promises comes in that baptism of the Holy Ghost you've got. That faith that you received brings you great and precious promises. Now, look.

—that by these—

⁵⁸ He says on Page 7 of The Stature of a Perfect Man, these promises is what he's talking about.

—that by these promises, you might be partakers of divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

⁵⁹ Now, that's the man he's talking to. He's not talking to a sinner. He's talking to a person that has escaped the world through lust. He's talking to a person that has all of the divine promises given unto him. He's talking to a person that has like precious faith that Peter had. Then every person that's ever born again has that same faith that the apostles had.

⁶⁰ Now, I didn't say they had the faith of the fathers now. The faith of the fathers would be all the virtues put in, but they've got the same faith Peter had because the Bible says it's not seven faiths. What does the say about it? One faith, one Lord, one baptism.

⁶¹ All right. Then one faith, whether it be first church age, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh age. When that person was born again, he had faith. He had the same birth that Peter had. He had the same God living in him. He had the same promises that went with that of God living in him.

⁶² Then now, watch.

Beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue.

⁶³ Now, he calls that *your faith*. “Add to *your faith*.” Now, I've just said our faith is our faithfulness and that's all it is. One of them is 224 in the Church Age book and the other is 195, I think. If you'll check it, one of them says *your faith* and the other one says *his faith*. Our faith is just our faithfulness to believe God's Word.

⁶⁴ Now, here, it talks about *add to your faith*. It don't say *add faith*. Then you'd have seven—you've only got seven adds. You've got faith, that's not an add; that's a birth. You add virtue, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven adds. You try

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- to start down here, what do you got? Say you'd call that an add, you'd have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. You'd be out of the prophet's message because I gave you two places that he says there's seven adds and the headstone that will finally come to a church would be an add.
- ⁶⁵ Faith, the birth, is not an add. It's something—now, watch. These virtues are given to you to put on your faith, but it is your faith because what you have taken in, the Word—see, the battle of the mind. You let the Word through and then he covers on Page 22 and 23 of Blasphemous Names about how that your mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. He covers there how that the biggest portion of our faith is mental. You remember on The Stature of a Perfect Man where he said that there's people that have a portion of these virtues and not even born again? He makes the same statement almost identically on Blasphemous Names that the people can have those things and not even be born again. He said a portion of it.
- ⁶⁶ Then he goes on to tell there on those two pages, he said, “What you have most of the time is mental faith.” Now, as an example of it, you know yourself, you've seen a lot of times when you would say, “I'm sick and I need healing, but I believe God and I believe His Word.” That's nothing more than your own thought, your mental faith. You believe the Word, you've accepted it, that's good. Don't turn loose; hold on to it. That will bring you to a revelation, but that's not the revelation.
- ⁶⁷ People read Bro. Branham's message and they say, “Boy, I got it. I know what the revelation is. I've got it.” No. That's just being able to read. That's no more than Christian science. Christian science is what they can think in their mind controlling everything.
- ⁶⁸ Well, now, your mental faith must become a spiritual revelation. Then you've got His faith. All right. Now, once He's given it to you—as I said the other day about a thought, when a thought was given to Moses, first it was God, second, the thought was given to Moses. Who did it belong to then? It was Moses' thought, wasn't it?
- ⁶⁹ All right. First, it's your faith. You believe the Word. You see in the Word you need the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You read in the Word you know you're lost. You hear some preacher preaching that you're lost and you need to be saved. You say, “Well, I want to be a Christian. I want what these people are talking about. I want to be a Christian. I want Christ in my life.” That's your faith. That's your thought.
- ⁷⁰ Hold on to that until God comes down and quickens that to you and then when He quickens that to you, it's His thought then, it's His faith. Watch. When His faith

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- is given to me, then whose faith is it? Moses' thought, when it was given to Moses, it became Moses' thought, didn't it?
- 71 Your faith when it was given unto you, first, it belongs to God. Then He gives it because there's only one faith. That's why we're the faith seed of Abraham through Jesus Christ. When He grants us a quickening of the Word that you've heard and that's your new birth, then in doing that, your mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. Now, you're ready to add.
- 72 What the trouble is—it's just what the prophet covered, Page 16, 17, 18, The Stature of a Perfect Man. He covers that you don't manufacture faith. He said it would be like a buzzard putting peacock feathers in him and strutting around saying he was a peacock. It's like a mule trying to say, "Well, I got to have some wool so I guess I better have some wool."
- 73 Now, you know better than that part of it. All right. Then you look at the people—now, what's he talking about? Watch it in a minute when we get on up to virtue. You'll see more of it. What's he talking about? He's talking about a person who doesn't possess but has a profession and he says, "I am a peacock." Yet at heart, what is he? At heart, what's wrong with him?
- 74 Page 18, he covers it just like he covers it on The Greatest Battle Ever Fought when he says in your soul is either—it's one sense: Either faith or doubt. Now, on The Stature of a Perfect Man, on Page 18, he says you are possessed by one of these things that dominates your life. It's either faith or doubt.
- 75 You got doubt in there, in your soul, you got doubt and out here you're trying to act right. What is it? It's a buzzard with peacock feathers, fooling nobody but themselves. Then you see them at work—now, I'm not throwing off the man that I'm fixing to emphasize, but at work, there's man there that's really got on to us and ridiculed us about our belief. He's Baptist, you know, and he's really made fun of us up one side, down the other. I mean things I could say that's comical but stupid too that he's ridiculed us about things.
- 76 The other day, here he comes down now. He's supposed to be a big deacon in a Baptist church and all of these things. Here, he comes down through the plant with a big old hat on with a bull sitting on it, the rear end of a bull and where the bull is taking a dump, plainly saying it, on his hat bill.
- 77 Now, what do you think his influence is upon the people around him? He said something to a brother that used to read a little bit and finally got—I don't know—I think he got baptized and went down to Bro. Hembrey's (ph). He said something to that man about it. That man turned around to him and said, "Look, man. There's one thing about it. There's a difference in their life." He wouldn't

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- talk to him no more. That man told him that there's a difference in their life and yours.
- 78 See, now, that to me is what Bro. Branham is talking about. You excuse the example in a plain language but that's what he's talking about: Somebody that's acting religious, maybe come in church, sing, shout, "Glory, hallelujah," have a wonderful time, but then go out the next day and live like the world. Now, that type of person is dominated, it looks like, by the wrong thing in their soul.
- 79 He said a genuine lamb—see, a mule, he can't bear no wool. He can say, "Well, I guess I was supposed to have a little wool so I better have a little. You know, I'm supposed to be like a Christian so I better act like one." Now, he ain't fooling nobody. Genuinely from down in the heart, let the Word come in and then from that going outwardly, you're a Christian.
- 80 Then you can see that person, they may have their ups and downs and problems of life, but every time you see them, they're praising Jesus Christ for what He's done. They're constantly talking about the Lord. They might have ups and downs in their life because they're just a baby in Christ, but you don't see them out living like the devil as the mule would say, "I've got to have some wool so I'll try to manufacture me some." Now, that kind of faith he's talking about right there on the pyramid, there's not one dab of that that's manufactured. It's got to be the inside controlling, dominating our lives or we're not even Christians to start with.
- 81 We might think we're in the army of the Lord, but we ain't found out where we're at yet. To get the point across, I saw a cartoon the other day. Maybe you'll see it in this. They said we could call on this beetle guy that's always giving him trouble in the cartoon service there. He's in the army, you know, and he's always giving the sergeant trouble. We'll just call on him and send him over to the enemy and defeat the enemy.
- 82 Well, that, to me, is what a man is talking about when he says, "I'm a soldier in the army." You look at him and he's got a Russian uniform on. Say, "Yes, but your uniform don't fit the US Army." Said, "Well, that don't matter. I got on the uniform. I've got it." That, to me, is a Christian that's going around every day living like the devil on one day and then coming to church the next day and saying, "I'm a Christian and I want to be a part of the economy of God."
- 83 That would be a manufactured something. It's got to be from the inside, see, all the way out, faith. Bro. Branham said, "Now, I didn't come to just take sides with this group and that group." He said, "I come to build individuals into the stature of a perfect man," or he come to bring the message that would build us to it.

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- ⁸⁴ Then you've got faith. He said have faith and be born again. Until you're born again—now, watch. It's at Page 32 of The Stature of a Perfect Man. He said, "Until you're born again, you'll argue against it." Now, until you're born again, you'll argue against anything God says through anybody.
- ⁸⁵ All right. Then I come out here and I say, "Women, it's wrong for you to cut your hair." You argue with me about it and fuss about it, then you know what's dominating you. I said, "Men, it's wrong for you to look like that and do them things you're doing and all. It's wrong to smoke, and drink, and chew, and dip snuff and stuff like that." Then you know right real quick something else is dominating you when you say that to you and you get upset about it, you know, get upset because of what I said.
- ⁸⁶ "Well, he don't understand. He ought not said that about me." Well, sometimes the Holy Ghost has you to say things. Sometimes I do it myself, but sometimes the Holy Ghost has it to be done. Whether it's me or the Holy Ghost or a dumb donkey, when they tell you the truth and you argue against it, then there's something wrong with your experience in God. I come to you and I talk to you about something you're doing and you get upset with me, then there's something wrong with your experience. You come and talk with me about something and I get upset, there's something wrong with my experience.
- ⁸⁷ Now, I might say, "Look, brother. I don't agree with you. Look, sister. I don't agree with you." We have rights to do that, but when you argue back, that's what the prophet said you'd have to argue with Him. He said until you're born again, you'll argue about it. Now, that's what he said.
- ⁸⁸ Now, watch as we go on now. You see what your faith is?
- [Recording paused]
- ⁸⁹ Now, I want to ask you a question before we start on this second one. Why would Bro. Branham call all of these "virtues"? Why would he call all of them virtues? You know he did that throughout the book. "If these virtues be in you..." He didn't just single-lize virtue as a second one, you know. He called all of these virtues, every one of them up through there. He called them virtues.
- ⁹⁰ Why did he call them "virtues"? Why did he just call it "virtues"? Why didn't he say faith, and virtue and then this, knowledge, and this temperance? He'd go up the line and he's talking about virtues. Why did he call them "virtues"?
- ⁹¹ Now, here is one that I told you the other day—because I had been a little mixed up on seeing because it said "add to your faith virtue." Now, read it on Page 23 and 24, basically those two pages of The Stature of a Perfect Man, you'll get what

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he said about it. Just summing it up on my own plain language, he says on Page 23:

If God had virtue—

⁹² Talking about Jesus Christ.

The little woman, said, she touched him. When she touched him, he said, “Virtue has gone out of me.”

⁹³ She touched him. He said, “Virtue has gone out of me.” He says, “Now, we’ve got to have virtue.” If we’re going to be like Jesus and He had virtue, he said now, we got to have virtue. He said we not only got to have virtue, but we got to have a pass to be able to get it out to others.

⁹⁴ Now, here is something that will sound so close but will miss it just in a hair. See if you can catch it. I’d always thought about virtue as the great Christian life that He had lived. I’d always thought about Jesus and the woman that touched Him as virtue went out of Him, the great life that He had lived there as a Christian before them brought that to a place and it was called virtue.

⁹⁵ Then in doing it that way, I couldn’t fit the other virtues. I knew what he said. I knew what he said throughout the message. Don’t get me wrong. I read all of it too so I know what he said on the next pages. I mean the Holy Ghost had never quickened that thought to me until just the other day of really what was he saying.

⁹⁶ You say, “Well, it was virtue.” He lived so holy and so pious and so dedicated a life until they saw virtue in Him. That’s close. That’s not good enough because I just covered that the kind old priest showed more of a godly life according to man’s interpretation of God and what he should be than Jesus did because Jesus got angry and took a whip and drove them out. The kind old priest loved them, and petted them, and pampered them, and lived so holy and all until one mark against him—you never hear the kind old priest “cracking a joke”.

⁹⁷ One day, Jesus said—and Bro. Branham said He had a sense of humor. Now, I don’t get what all the joke there, but when He said, “Go tell—” talking about Herod and send him word about some—He said, “Go tell that fox—” Now, there was something in that day that Herod was called a fox about that was comical, you know, like I’d call Bro. Smars (ph) a pumpkin head. Well, see, then everybody would get that scattered out somewhere and then when I mention “pumpkin head”, they’d know who I was talking about and it’d be a comical joke to all of us, see. He had a sense of humor.

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- ⁹⁸ You never hear recorded in the Bible about the priest doing any of those things or getting weary, and hungry and wore out, driving people out of the temple. He was the man that put them in the temple and telling them—you know what was happening in the case of the people being in there in the temple? If a man couldn't buy an animal of his own, didn't have sheep that he raised or birds that he raised for scent offering or whatever he had to make, he'd go into town, he'd take his money and they had a money changer there that would change his money and get it all situated. He'd get him a lamb from them and buy it and go make the sacrifice.
- ⁹⁹ Well, that was a great thing. That was really helping the poor, old man. Here comes Jesus walking in and said, "You bunch of crooks. You've made my house a den of thieves." He grabs Him a whip and starts beating. Don't look much like virtue to me, does it? Don't look like my thoughts about virtue. See, my human thoughts about virtue is He was so godly and holy.
- ¹⁰⁰ What does virtue mean? The little woman touched the hem of his garment and said virtue went out of him. Bro. Branham said now, we got to have virtue and a pass for it to go out of us. What does virtue mean?
- ¹⁰¹ Page 24, watch what he says. He says virtue means strength, not a strong person now physically. It means strength or power. Now, the Lord Jesus had power with God, the Bible says. What's that, power with God and honor among men or something like that? I forgot what the Scripture said.
- ¹⁰² Now, the example he gave is the key. We could argue and blunder backwards and forth about virtue and what it means this way and what it means that way. Watch it now. I'll get back to it and you'll see the whole thing fit together in just a second if you'll just hold your peace, you on tape if you hear it.
- ¹⁰³ Virtue means strength, power. When talked to the illustration of strength and power, he used the Scripture of the little woman that touched the hem of His garment and power went out from Him. Strength went out from Him. Just as I read in this book today here where Bro. Branham was talking about that man that he was out there with him on that hunting trip. You know, he reached over and took him by the ear. You'll read it when you see the book.
- ¹⁰⁴ He said, "I didn't say a word, didn't a pray a thing," said, "Just took him by the ear." He said two days later, there wasn't even a sign. His ear was swelled up, big thing of cancer. He said there wasn't even a scar or nothing left in two days. He said, "I didn't say a word." The Bible don't say they'll pray for the sick and they shall recover. It says "lay hands on the sick," and it's been scientifically proven that you can lay your hand on a person and rays go out of your body into theirs. That's something in you. That's the power that's in you.

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- ¹⁰⁵ Now, God has power. Bro. Branham says it like this. He said, “Why, the church, they don’t even teach that no more because they think the days of power is gone.” Now, there ain’t a church in the land hardly that don’t teach you’re supposed to live a good life so then virtue is not talking about living a good life. The little woman that touched His garment, she said within herself, “If I can touch His garment, I’ll be made whole.” She maybe never seen His life. She maybe never seen Him living day by day a good, holy, pious life.
- ¹⁰⁶ Now, watch. It all has to tie together. I told you to hold on now. You ain’t going to draw much virtue out of me and me out here, one day, living like the devil and the next day you need prayer. That’s true. I mean you ain’t going to get much virtue out of a person that you see him one day living like the devil and the next day, you need prayer.
- ¹⁰⁷ The virtue doesn’t signify the holy, pious life that I’d always thought that it signified in the virtue and then that would mess up all the other virtues because then, how could you call knowledge a virtue? What does knowledge have to do with a godly life? What does temperance have to do with—patience, godliness, brotherly-kindness? What does that have to do with a godly life? But it does have to do with power because your knowledge see, works according to your revelation of the Word and that’s power.
- ¹⁰⁸ You remember the Scripture I read: The sword of the spirit which is the Word of God? Power. Now, think on it. We must have strength, virtue and I hope you understood me. I said you can’t draw virtue out of a person living like the devil so let’s don’t talk about that. Don’t confuse what I’m saying. I’m just trying to get you to see a point that virtue means strength. You would get no strength out of me to pray for you if you thought I was living like the devil the day before.
- ¹⁰⁹ I mean I wouldn’t call up a prostitute and ask her to pray for me. I call brothers and sisters in Christ that are living a good life that I see the power in their lives. That little woman maybe had seen Jesus but not in daily life. She had heard of His acts of power. The man that came to Him said, the Centurion there, which one he was there, the man, you know, that told Him and said, “Don’t even come down to my house,” the Gentile. He had heard of His acts of power and he had seen the acts of power that had been done upon the people.
- ¹¹⁰ When he saw that, he said, “Just say the Word and my son will be healed.” No, it’s not signifying a virgin life. Do you remember the prophet saying that? When he said virtue, he said now, that’s not signifying just being a virgin, you know, and living a virgin life. It means a life with power.

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- ¹¹¹ Now, think on this. We must have power to go with our life. Now, I'm talking about our life, baptism of the Holy Ghost, faith. We've got to have power to go with that. Now, think on this now. You say, "Oh, when I got the Holy Ghost, I got power." Now, think about these thoughts. You say, "When I got the Holy Ghost, I got power, Bro. Dale."
- ¹¹² Well, maybe so. That's what I'm talking about. The disciples had power to cast out devils before they were ever born again. See, you might've got power when you got the baptism of the Holy Ghost right there, but not exactly the way the Scripture speaks of it and not the way the prophet talks of it here of virtue and what it is because you got to have faith first.
- ¹¹³ Now, look in Luke 24:49 if you want to read that one where it says—when He told them to tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on high, strength from on high, power. Now, go to Acts 1:8, Jesus, after His resurrection, said to the disciples, what? "You shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."
- ¹¹⁴ Then Jesus knew about the stature of a perfect man. He knew you'd be born again and then add virtue, didn't He? You see what I'm talking about? He knew that you would be born again and then need something else so He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." They already had power to cast out devils, heal the sick, raise the dead, but see, it comes after.
- ¹¹⁵ It's after the Holy Ghost. Something happens to you after you receive the Holy Ghost. Look in your Bible in I Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ after ye have suffered a while make you perfect, established, strengthened, settle you." He's going to give you strength, ain't He? He's going to give you the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you're going to have troubles and then you're going to be strengthened.
- ¹¹⁶ Now, that'll go all the way up because all of it is power. Each one of these—that's why it's called virtues, all of them. Your knowledge, that's a power to you because it's the Word of God. Your temperance would have to be God in you. He says temperance, says, what is that? He said how to control your temper. It's not to quit drinking alcohol but how to control your temper. It'd have to come with a power then.
- ¹¹⁷ Knowledge, what's knowledge? He said to know that the Word of God don't contradict like Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19. A Pentecostal preacher told me the other day—I was showing him—he said, "We baptize Father, Son, Holy Ghost, Matthew 28:19." I said, "What about Acts 2:38, 'in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ'?" "Jesus died for your sins or did Peter die from it?"

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- ¹¹⁸ I said, “What’s that got to do with it?” He said, “You believe Peter died for your sins. That’s what a man said there in the Book of Acts. A man said that.” I thought for a while. I went back over. I said, “Hey, you know, a man wrote Matthew and it was about 30 years after the death of Jesus before Matthew was ever written at A.D. 50.”
- ¹¹⁹ We look at it, “Oh, that’s red letter edition. That’s what Jesus said,” but you don’t have no knowledge then. I knew right real quick he didn’t have no knowledge of the Scripture because he had a contradiction. See, then knowledge—add to your faith virtue; virtue, knowledge. Then knowledge is a virtue because knowledge brings power to the person. You what I’m talking about? You see why all of them is called “virtues”?
- ¹²⁰ Your knowledge of the Scripture is what brings you the power. Why did the prophet state it and say, “With the restoration of the Word comes the restoration of power.”? If what I ain’t saying is true, why did he say it that way? He said with the restoration of Word comes the restoration of power.
- ¹²¹ So with knowledge restored to the person comes, what? Power with his knowledge. Temperance, that’s a power. You’d have enough power then to control your uncontrollable temper. Temperance, patience—I told you I’m just scanning through these because we’re running late. Patience, Bro. Branham says to wait on God, said you’re prayed for today and tomorrow, you ain’t no better. Oh, some patience you’ve got.
- ¹²² You’ve got to be tried. Your patience has to be tried. You say, “Give me patience, Lord.” Well, what would happen if you wanted—you come up here and say, “Give me patience,” I’d quote a Scripture. You what Scripture says? “Tribulation worketh patience.” I’d start praying for you, I’d say, “Lord, take his car and his house and all of his food away from him and put him out in the middle of the street somewhere.”
- ¹²³ You’d say, “Wait a minute. I want you to pray for me to have patience.” The Bible said tribulation worketh patience. The Bible is a little different in what our thoughts of it is, isn’t it? Patience, he said to wait on God. He said God promised us. Now, I’ll tell you one in there that I can’t fully see yet. I told my wife about it the other day. I went and read the Bible and I can’t find it. Maybe I’ll find it one of these days.
- ¹²⁴ The prophet of God on patience, he said God told Noah to go in the ark and it will rain tomorrow. Read it and see if you don’t think he said it. He said Noah told all of them that it’s going to rain tomorrow, “God told me.” He went in the ark; it didn’t rain. Seven days later before it rained. Did God lie? No, he tried his patience. He said Noah sitting there and he said, “Tomorrow, you’re going to see

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- something you ain't never seen before." Said, "The cloud is going to turn dark, wind is going to be blowing and said it's going to rain you ain't never seen in your life." He said, "The next day, the sun came out just as pretty." Said, "The next day, it's coming tomorrow. Tomorrow."
- ¹²⁵ Next day, he sat there and said his wife came on day and said, "Noah, are you right sure about this?" "I'm sure." His son came up and said, "Are you sure, daddy?" "I'm sure. It'll rain." His daughter-in-law came up and said, "Now, are you sure? How long do you—" "A hundred and twenty years I've been preaching it's going to rain and it's coming." See, Noah had to be tried.
- ¹²⁶ How many times lately have I preached on that that you've got to be tried by the Word that's given unto you? That brings you patience then. You got to be tried. You got to have patience to wait on God. I don't have a lot of patience in the natural. You tell me you'll be at my house at 10:00, I expect you to be there. I don't expect you to be there 10:15.
- ¹²⁷ Now, if you're there 9:45, that's the way I'd be. If I'm going to be at your house, I'll be there 15 minutes early. If I have to sit out down the street somewhere and wait until the time comes up for me to get to your house or do like me and my wife did one day when we told these people we'd be to see them, we rode around and went shopping, just walked through the store and said, "Look at what you want to and meet us back at the door. We're just killing time."
- ¹²⁸ But all the time, that watch was ticking and I said, "I'll be there." I got there about an hour before I was supposed to be. I don't have no patience with people that tell me things that they don't do like that. That tries my patience. Well, I hope the Lord will give me some.
- ¹²⁹ Now, with the Lord, we've got to have patience. You know, the Lord had patience. The Bible said the Lord waited patiently for the harvest, for the former and the latter rain over in the Book of James. Then if God's got patience, He expects us to have patience. If He's got temperance, if He can control His temper, then He expects us to. We fly off then to say, "Well, I ain't got temperance then." Well, then if I ain't got temperance—if we ain't coming up this stature of a perfect man, then don't even talk about the Seal book. Don't talk about the rapture.
- ¹³⁰ What I'm trying to get you to see is these things can be in us because I can see in you. I hope you can see in me things that are in this pyramid that we're supposed to have. I hope you can see in there how I can control my temper. That finally comes to an end of that. I hope you can how my patience has been with you as a church. I set here today praying and thinking back over the years how many people had sat in these seats. I looked around in my own mind and visualized all

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- of the people that had sat here over all of these years we've been here and seen them all leave but yet still me stand here and preach and have patience just to see a church just dwindle away to nothing, but yet have patience because the Lord told me, said, "If you'll have patience, it'll prove you got it if you'll have patience with the people." All right. Then I want it to be there.
- ¹³¹ Godliness. Godliness, he said—Bro. Branham said, "I had to look a long time to find that one." He said godliness means to be like God. Well, see, now, you're getting up there where the person can look at you, see. Now, you're getting to the place that the woman can look at Jesus' life that He was acting like God. Now, you're getting to the place that you can use that to look for her to draw from, see, because then you can draw your strength from that person that's living before you a godly life.
- ¹³² Then godliness, Bro. Branham said, if any song in the world he'd ever wanted to sing or loved to sing was, "On earth, I long to be like Him." To be like Jesus. Well, see, Jesus has to be set in the right setting. We can get the Pharisee-cal idea of Jesus and what He has and we can have Him as a dotie, old grandfather that spoils the grandkids. It's always the granddaddy and grandma that spoils the grandkids. They wouldn't dare let you do nothing to none of their kids and then when they come up, they'll spoil yours. You have to do them like I did the first time we got our first baby come home from the hospital.
- ¹³³ I told them. I sat down there in chair—we didn't have a rocker or nothing. They brought Wade in and they laid him down. One of them grabbed him and bumped, bumped, bumped. I said, "Okay, granny. When the baby cries in the morning, I'll call you." See, granny quit bumping. We never did rock none of ours because granny knew I meant it. I'd call them up and tell them, "Come on up and rock the baby because you spoiled it."
- ¹³⁴ We don't want God or think about God as being a dotie old granddaddy; neither do want Him a sissified pervert that runs around here in the world. God is not that way. Sometimes God has to speak straight and sometimes God's loving eyes that once looked at you with pity, once looked down upon man with pity and said, "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do," one day, those same eyes will look down at man and say, "Condemned. Depart from Me, ye worker of iniquity," and He will destroy the man.
- ¹³⁵ Let's don't get our ideas wrong about God because you can always do it and I can do it in our human thinking. We can visualize in our thinking what God is supposed to be like and then Bro. Daugherty (ph) don't fit that in my eyes, you know. Then Bro. Smars (ph) looks at me and he says, "He don't fit my thoughts about God." Then I look at him and I say, "Well, you know, I just don't see God there." Bro. Branham always spoke well of everybody. He told the truth. He had

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- compassion, love for everybody, but he could also say that woman's doctrine was so thin, it was made off of a soup of a shadow of a chicken that was starving to death.
- ¹³⁶ He could also say to a man that walked up to him, a preacher that said, "Bro. Branham, I want you to meet my wife. She's a saint," and he looked at her standing there with her painted face and made up thing, propped off hair and little skinny down dress and said she looks like a paint to me. You think he didn't love them?
- ¹³⁷ Godliness, we de-Christianize each other by our own thoughts about what God is supposed to be. Check it by the Word to see whether it's God or not. Brotherly-kindness, what did Bro. Branham say brotherly-kindness was? You know what his definition of brotherly-kindness off of Blasphemous Names was? Page 19 and 20 of Blasphemous Names, he said, "You have a little difference with your brother. You don't feel just right about him. You don't feel just right about—something comes up between you. Something happens then to your brother. Your heart just bleeds." Now, that was his thoughts of brotherly-kindness and I'd rather have his than anybody else's.
- ¹³⁸ Brotherly-kindness, see, we would think about brotherly-kindness, "Oh, Jesus was so lovely and so sweet. He had brotherly-kindness." I'm sure He did because when He and Judas separated, Jesus still loved him and hated to see him go. When He and the rich young ruler talked and He said, "These things you've done but lacketh one thing. Sell what thou has and give to the poor." The rich young ruler went away from Him. It says Jesus was sorrowful about it. He loved him.
- ¹³⁹ He had brotherly-kindness, but yet we think about brotherly-kindness in the wrong direction. Brotherly-kindness is I can differ with you, I can differ with you, bitterly differ, Bro. Branham said, and still love you the same. Bro. Ratcliffe (ph) had a good statement on that one time in the ministers' meeting. He said, "Of course, we can live up true to that statement if we want to. If I hated you to start with and then bitterly differed with you, I'd love you just as much afterwards I did before because I hated you to start with." That might be comical that way, but that's what a lot of people do. They say, "Well, I hate him to start with." Then they bitterly differ and say, "Well, I just still hate him. Don't hate him no more or no less." Brotherly-kindness is we can have differences.
- ¹⁴⁰ I preached years ago on something. You know it right here that two manifested sons, two men that were mentioned in the Bible, Paul and—who was it? John, Mark? It was mentioned in the Bible that they had a problem and Barnabas wanted to take John Mark (ph) with him—not the John that's written there, different one, see. He wanted to take him with him, but yet the contention was so strong among them until Paul refused to let him go. Two sons mentioned in the

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- Bible that had a difference and went their way. You didn't hear Paul rattling off the tongue of how that that brother was so off the message. Years later, he sent for him to come to him, told him to come and said, "Bring John Mark with you." Evidently, the hatchet got buried somewhere.
- ¹⁴¹ We can have our differences and our problems and our heartaches and all of life because we're human. Yet brotherly-kindness, Bro. Branham gave the example of how that that Sis. Shepherd had that dream of the great mountain and there was a rock box up in the top of it. The man was pouring the water in and it's running down off of the mountain. It wouldn't hold it because the Holy Ghost, no denomination or nothing can't hold it. It's for individual. He said, "This church ain't a tabernacle for the Holy Ghost. We are." It's on Blasphemous Names.
- ¹⁴² He said the man took then a bucket of honey and poured it in the top of the rock box where the water had been all running out, see. He said the honey held. He said brotherly-kindness will hold. We may differ right and left. You may differ with me upside-down, backwards and everything, but brotherly-kindness will be there because this is the time.
- ¹⁴³ Then the last of all is charity. Charity is an add. Love, love is an add to us. Love is the headstone to come to the church. All of these virtues are godly virtues so then the Word brings power and when the headstone comes to the church, charity/love, it'll bring power. Starts right off the same way it did at the bottom, don't it. "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you."
- ¹⁴⁴ One of these days, the prophet said, God will bring that headstone to the church when she comes to the right place. What did he call it? The baptism of the Holy Ghost, the seal, the Word, the other part of God and it'll come to the church. When it does—in the Seal book, I was looking for it a while ago, but I quoted it here not too long ago to you that this prophet of God is on the first seal, said this prophet of God would bring down the power of God. In preaching the message, the power of God would come down.
- ¹⁴⁵ Now, I don't look at the virtues as things that would be hard to attain unto because you get your pyramid mixed up. Godliness is up next to the top when we're supposed to act like God. Now, don't get me wrong. I told you you don't live like the devil and get somebody to think that you're godly. That doesn't work. That's supposed to be settled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost to where that each one of the virtues then would be an automatic add to you, not something you have to put on, not something you have to manufacture. Then it comes automatically. The only way they can do that is for God to grant it and bring it unto us.

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- ¹⁴⁶ Do you see more about the virtues now? Do you see what the soldier is that's a true soldier? He's a man standing there dressed with a uniform. He's put on the whole Gospel. Then he can stand against the whiles of the devil. He don't have to worry about it then.
- ¹⁴⁷ Just keep in mind the virtues are strength, power that's added to you and you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Don't worry about before then because what did the prophet say about it? He said power apart from character is, what? Satanic.
- ¹⁴⁸ You see people out here today with all kind of powers. They can bend metal with their mind. They can do all kind of things. I heard of a man the other day that they said would come right down the line under discernment and just call one right after another just exactly like Bro. Branham was doing and said he was the man to take over since Bro. Branham had left. Said Bro. Branham told him, said, "You have the ministry after I leave." Where is his message?
- ¹⁴⁹ I'll listen to you talk, but where is your message? I'll listen to you tell me all about how you're supposed to lead the Bride, you're supposed to do all of these things, you're supposed to have it all, but where is your message?
- ¹⁵⁰ Bro. Branham says they can do all that and come with the same old message of the denominational system; he said get away from it. Then how would you know whether that man out there—Joyce, would you come?
- ¹⁵¹ They said they went out to a fellow—that Bro. Branham's son and them went out to a fellow's ministry and said they couldn't find nothing wrong, but he injected himself a little bit. Well, pray heaven. If I couldn't find no more than that wrong with a man, I wouldn't [indiscernible, 1:23:13]. I'd check what he was preaching. I wouldn't check what he was doing, you know, the signs, the gifts and all. I'd check what he was preaching and then I'd know whether it was God or not.
- ¹⁵² The Bible says that if he does all of these things and comes with the same old thing, get away from him. The Bible if he prophesizes and it comes to pass and takes you to another God—I tell you what, the day and the hour ought to be more of today. It ought to be more the power of God among the people.
- ¹⁵³ You know what they done in the Old Testament when a man prophesied? He'd go before the Urim and Thummim. Boy, they didn't tell too many prophecy, I guarantee you, back then, not like all these people now that's got '83 and '84 figured out. He's had '77 and this group had this figured out and all these different things.

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- 154 You know what they done with the man in the Bible days when he prophesied and they carried him to the Urim and Thummim which was a breastplate of Aaron, the 12 stones that was there. If that light didn't light up in those stones to verify that that was a true prophet of God, you know what they done? They took him out and killed him. You know who threw the first stones at him? His mom and daddy. You'd sure have a quiet bunch of people.
- 155 They didn't run their mouths while Bro. Branham was alive, but when he left the scene, you saw all kind begin run and wag their tails. I don't want to get caught with all that. I don't want to fuss and argue with them. I want Jesus Christ to live in this church to where that when there'll be such a fire here until the world will want to come to see the fire.
- 156 I want Christ to live in me and you to the place that where people are saved. That's the best bunch of people I've ever seen, not say, "Well, poor, old Bro. Dale up there preaching to that bunch of people. Look at them, how they're living out there. Bro. Dale is up there preaching to them telling them how to live, look how he's living out there." We all got enough faults and failures, but if we're expecting Christ to answer us, you got to be automatic from the inside out, not put on.
- 157 People has never understood me. I know that. People told me, "You ought to do this. You ought to do that. You ought to have done that a long time ago." I know what the Word will do. Just preach the Word. The Word will take care of Itself. Then it's not me doing it. If I preach the Word to you and you leave, it's not me running you off. If I preach the Word and you come in, then it's not me winning you hear. If I preach the Word and we go into rapture, it's not me. It's the Word that done it.
- 158 All I want to do is just be a surrendered life, to be a soldier. Let's stand together and sing this.
- 159 [Bro. Dale sings I Surrender All with the congregation.]
- 160 You know, all over the world there's a great sign. Hands up and surrender. Can you sing it to him? Can you raise your hands?
- 161 [Bro. Dale sings I Surrender All with the congregation.]
- 162 Father, we thank You for your loving grace unto us. We pray, Lord Jesus, that You'd just bless each one here. With our hands raised unto Thee as a surrender, a universal sign that the world knows as giving up. Lord, help us to give up all of our desires, our thoughts, our ideas that are contrary according to Thy Word. Lord, let Thy power, Thy strength, Thy virtues flow down through each one of us.

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Fill our hearts with love that, Lord, no matter what people say about us, to us or anything that we still, “Lord, forgive them and guide them. Take care of them and bless them.” No matter what anyone does, Lord, just to surrender to You and that You’ll love them. Draw a bigger circle and draw them back into the loving grace of our Lord. Bless the people in the highways, Lord, and dismiss us from one another, in Jesus’ Name we ask it. Amen.

¹⁶³ You’re dismissed.

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