

## Fifth Seal – Part 5

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- <sup>1</sup> [Bro. Dale sings Amazing Grace with the congregation.]
- <sup>2</sup> Let's just remain standing, if you'd like to, and read our Scripture. Let's turn to John 20:19-23. These are well familiar scriptures. We want to try to continue along with what we were speaking on this morning. And maybe we can tie it together and we'll see a little better what I was trying to say this morning. I know it was kind of cut and dried but maybe the Lord will add His blessings. Anytime we read the Word—and we don't have to worry about it. The Lord will add His blessings to it. We'll just read the Word and believe it. Let's read John 20:19-23.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them attain, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

- <sup>3</sup> Let's all pray together.
- <sup>4</sup> Father, we ask You now that You would just come. We've read Your Word; we've sung about You; we've put our petitions before You; we've asked for guidance and understanding. And, Lord, we believe that You shall supply that. Come now and break Your bread unto us that we may see ourselves and understand where we need to be in this hour. Forgive our sins. Lift us up in You. Guide us by Your grace, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- <sup>5</sup> You may be seated. Now, this morning, I was trying to get a thought across. And I hope you caught the point of what I was trying to get at; that there is a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. And we'll try to just pick it up from where we've left off this morning in our notes and just continue on.
- <sup>6</sup> But tonight, mainly, I want to speak on vindication. When we get to it, you'll see. Just put, "Fifth Seal No. 5." Put "Vindication" under it and then, that way, you have something to study from, you know, your studies.
- <sup>7</sup> I believe—and I've always been a believer that God—since I saw what He had done in the last days through the prophet and things like that. See, back in the Baptist, I believed then that there was a God. I believed that if there had ever been a God, then He was still God. If there'd ever been a Lord Jesus Christ that walked the shores of Galilee and healed a person, then we could expect that same God to be with us today.

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- <sup>8</sup> Well, you'll see in a minute, when we get to it, that's what I'm talking about vindication. I believe that God will work among His people. I believe there's a place there that you must see and come to to be able to understand, you know. To be able to come to that place, I believe there's a position there that we must reach to be able to understand.
- <sup>9</sup> Now, if the heat's a little too high, you can turn it down and everything for you to just make yourself comfortable.
- <sup>10</sup> But now, with what we brought out this morning—I wrote in my notes the other day. With what I've said and what I've brought out this morning. I want to say something to us. I want us to catch something. We saw that—we've been studying on the fifth seal. And we know that by the time that we come to where we are now in the study of the fifth seal and what it shows, that the church age is done ended because it ends on the fourth seal. The rapture of the church is already come; the antichrist has already been done away with as far as the church is concerned; and we come to a place there, as I said this morning, that—
- <sup>11</sup> You see then that John was taken up in Revelations 4:1, you know, to see the things that he would see throughout the seals and things. Then, in being taken up in that, you and I've got to be taken up. We've got to come out of our carnal mind, and our reasoning, and our thoughts, and the way we've got everything figured out to be; and just come down and accept what God says and believe what He said. That was the main point this morning, was just to believe who we are. There's a believer's position. But the believer himself's got to believe who he is.
- <sup>12</sup> Well, now, where we ended up was on perfect faith, Page 12, where that seeing that Jesus had faith in what the Word said He was. Now, we're going to think about a believer's position, then Jesus—think about Him now. He was the very essence of faith. He was God in human flesh. But, still, He had to believe what the Word said about Him.
- <sup>13</sup> Now, when they crucified Him, we're told that He was resting on one thing or one Scripture there. He believed what the Word said. And He said, "Destroy this body and in three days I'll raise it up." Well, now, He didn't play around with him and haphazardly, you know, say it or anything or half-doubted or anything. But He was resting on one promise that the scripture says, "I will not leave this soul in hell neither will I suffer my holy one to see corruption."
- <sup>14</sup> He knew that within three days or before that in three days is up, He is coming out of that grave. So He said, "Destroy this body. In three days, I'll raise it up." Now, what gave Him such of a surety? You say, "Well, He was God. That was why He could understand." Well, we are sons and daughters of God, are we not? The same faith in our heart that was in His heart, is it the same Holy Ghost that we have as it birth in us tonight? Is that the same Holy Ghost that He had?

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- <sup>15</sup> It's what Scripture teaches. Is it the same soul that He had that's divided among us in the eternal life we've got? Then, all right. We ought to be able to believe the Scriptures. What does it mean the Scripture says we must die in faith? Well, to me, that means dying in the revelation of the hour we're living in and then we can see who we are.
- <sup>16</sup> All right. Then we must believe what part of the Word that you and me—that we are. We've got to believe that, not just haphazardly believe it or accept it. We've got to believe it. And to me, that's why I kept trying to get the point across and I'm still trying to get it across; of what I was preaching on last week, that we've got to see that those seals, they reveal the Word as being alive. Or as we found out last week, if there's something out there in the Scriptures to show us where it's at and under those seals, then where are we in the Bible? We'd be an addition to the Scriptures. We would be something that would be added to the Scriptures and He said He'd add the plagues written in the Book. We've take away from the Book, He'd take our name out of the Book.
- <sup>17</sup> All right. Now, where are we at? Well, see, I've wondered about that all ever since I found where Bro. Branham said we've got to know who we are and what part of the Word we are. Have you ever noticed him talking like that? We've got to know what part of the Word we are. Well, everybody says, "Well, we're just the Word and I'm just standing on that—that I'm a Word." Well, then what part of the Word?
- <sup>18</sup> All right. We found that the ages came down, the seals were broke to John on the Isle of Patmos; the ages come down through there. And as it came down, the seals revealed those ages and place them, the prophet said, positionally to where everything was perfectly in order. We drew it out, showing up here the ages; how the combat beast lasted first one for three ages; next one for the fourth age; the next for the fifth and sixth; and the last combat beast was for the seventh age.
- <sup>19</sup> Well then, in that, we can see that those four seals reveal the entire journey of man as I brought out last week. And seeing the entire journey, then we know we've got to be in the Word. And that's what I hoped that you're catching out of it—that we are in the Word. Those seals broke it open. Until those seals broke, we were just prophecy. The ages was written 2000 years ago. That was just a prophecy.
- <sup>20</sup> Luther could say, "I'm the alive Word for my day," and that's right. But yet, until this hour, nobody knew where they were positionally in the Scriptures. Sure, he knew that he was to bring the Message. He knew what he was doing. But this Bride in the end time, the prophet said, she would know where she was at in the Word.

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- 21 Well, then we know where we're at, don't we? The seals reveal the church. See, when the prophet preached the church ages, God come down and backed it up, didn't He? Then He come along. He preached for a long time, and he came, and he preached the seals. Well, he didn't go over to Genesis, as I said, and start in Genesis 1 with it. He went right straight to the first church age and started with the breaking of the seals and the actors riding down through there.
- 22 And in doing that, then we found that we are in the Scriptures then. You say, "What reveals me as being in the Scriptures?" What reveals me as being in the Scriptures is the seals broke to me. Outside of that, I can't find my place in the Scriptures. Show me your place in the Scripture outside the seals. You can't find it that way. It's the seals that break here after 2000 years after the writing of the Bible that the believer can find his position. And Jesus believed His position. He knew who He was by the Word.
- 23 All right. Now, you and I ought to be catching on to who we are by what the Word says we are. Then, we've got to believe that now and stand on it. And Bro. Branham says on Page 38 of the Future Home—he says, "Recognize what part of the Word we are." See, not just, say, "Well, I'm part of the Word. I'm glad to know that."
- 24 What about the Scripture that says we are the people at the ends of the earth that's come upon? Now, ain't that what Scripture said? We're the people at the ends of the earth that's come upon. Do you realize that what if it went 20 more years? There's not a person in this building that couldn't live that long. Bro. Bird (ph) there's the oldest one but, still, God could allow him time. He can be a little over a hundred or something like that but he could still live 20 or pretty close to a hundred. What would time be?
- 25 So we are the ones at the end of the earth that's come upon. We're down here now to where that God can come on the scene to His people. And I'm expecting Him to do that. There's a position in that Bride of Christ that she must reach. And she must start by believing that she's the Word. Then you come up to faith, virtue, knowledge, and all that. And then there's a place to be waiting for the Revelation.
- 26 All right. Now, that's the Scripture we just read. Beause when the disciples had been tutored for three and a half years—the Lord Jesus Christ teaching them for three and a half years—then when He came, here to them and to them with the doors shut, what did He do? He said, "As the Father had sent me, so send I you." All right now. He told those people something. And then He turned and He breathed on them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."
- 27 All right. Now, they didn't get that Holy Ghost until a few days later from that time on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost came. They didn't get it right

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- then. See, they came to a place to be waiting on that to come. All right. There's a position that you and I must reach. We must come to a place to be waiting there upon that. All right? Then whatever position it is, we've got to find that place.
- 28 All right. Then it will just be what we're supposed to be. Now, let's just take a natural example of it. I was discussing these to my wife, this week, about it because these thoughts were on my mind. If we just be natural men and women, husbands and wives, you know, and children and all, we'll be a whole lot closer to what we think about it.
- 29 What does it mean a believer's position to a housewife? See, now, you can set there and you can say, "Well, Lord, I'm told I've got to find my position. And I just can't find my position. What am I supposed to do?" Well, now, you tell me what the housewife's supposed to do. Is she supposed to know whether she's supposed to preach, or teach, or—that's not her position, is it?
- 30 What's her position in the natural extent? To be a wife to her husband. What's the position of the husband? Just to be a husband to a wife. Just to be what we're supposed to be, not try to swap places with each other, but just to be what we're supposed to be. All right? That way you can find your position that way.
- 31 Then in the body of Christ, there's a certain place you and I must obtain. Luther and them was not required to attain where we are. But yet they found their position. They found their place in the Body of Christ, but they were not required what we are. See, then we're required to find out what part of the Word we are. To me, that's the believer's position, is where you find out what part of the Word we are.
- 32 All right. We've already found where we are in the seals. We've already found our place in where that the seals reveal where we are and revealed that we're the Word. Well, then can't we accept what God says about it then? No, we want to try to figure it all out. We say, "Well, if it was this way, we'd be doing this way." Well, now, let's just stop all that. And let me just carry it all down to where that you have to stop it. You know, let's just take it all out of the way where you have to stop that trying to figure all of it out.
- 33 The denominations out there today outshine us in the way that God is dealing through healings and things like that. Well, it looks like we ought to just shut these doors and go join them, don't it? I mean we want to be where God's at, don't we? We want to be where the Lord's moving, don't we? I mean isn't that true? We want to be where God's at. But is He out there or is that just the law of faith that they've reached? Is that just something that they've been able because they're not concerned—as I've tried to explain before—they're not concerned with the change or anything.

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- <sup>34</sup> A denominational preacher standing in the pulpit tonight, all he's concerned was numbers. A fellow come in at work the other day. Said, "How many new ones you all get in you all's church this week?" I said, "Well, we hadn't got any new ones." "Well, we've got so many," you know and all. Boy, he was just so spiritual. He is telling me about this woman over here that was so spiritual in that, "Boy, she just were. And I saw the woman come down the line and he'd called her name, and he'd call her a name which she come by that day, and you know." And I said, "Heaven, help."
- <sup>35</sup> There she was, the worst thing that you could ever think of in vulgarity, working there and twisting around, and men just screaming and hollering at her all over the place. And I don't mean they just whistle; I mean they holler and you ought to see them women smiling and just twist while walking down the alleys. And they'll just walk backwards and forth. There was one who just walk in malice like that just to get them men to whistle knowing they're going to do that. She could turn, go around up the other side, and nobody could even see her. But she'll come right down that alley just to get them to holler at her. But yet that's so spiritual. They're so religious.
- <sup>36</sup> Well, now, if that's God, let's just stop what we're doing. Now, if that's God, let's just quit what we're doing and let's just go join up with them. But now, I don't believe that's God, do you? I believe God's where His Word's at. Then we can't just go on the basis of just—"Well, the Lord..." A man told me the other day, he said, "They're backing—God's backing them up more than He is you actually." Uh-uh. You can't tell me that because I won't listen to stuff like that.
- <sup>37</sup> But there's a position that you and I must reach. And it's called, as we read this morning, heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that's Page 39 of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. He said the believer's position, said, that's heavenly places. All right. We read this morning—I was talking on how that there in the Scriptures to you and read it to you that Ephesians 1:20 that the right hand of the Father was the heavenly place.
- <sup>38</sup> All right. Now, you and I are going to have to believe that not later on, we will be but that we are now resurrected and sitting in heavenly places. Then if we can believe that, then whatever sickness we have, we can call God down right there. Our trouble is we don't believe. Our trouble is we don't believe what the Word said that the prophet is quoting what the Scripture says. We believe it. Just stand right there and call for it. I don't care how sick we are or what's going on.
- <sup>39</sup> Is God a respecter of persons? You mean He would come down now and go out there and heal someone that, as Bro. Branham said, a prostitute come across a platform and receive diving healing? He said a real, true saint come across there and failed to receive it. Now, was God backing up that prostitute? No, she was believing. And He was honoring faith.

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- 40 All right. All across the land tonight, there's a lot of things probably going on. But God is just honoring the faith of the people because God is where His Word's at. Watch it now in a minute where that we get that Scripture, "As the Father sent me, so send I you." And see what the prophet says about it.
- 41 But now, it must be made known unto us (now, here is what I want you to understand) that it's personally revealed unto us, personally revealed unto us. That's Page 45—44 and 45, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. A lot of this will be out of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. And if you read it when you get home, read the whole message, and you'll see more of what I'm talking about. I believe it.
- 42 I believe the Word is true. And if me and you both will believe it, then Satan can't stand in the way. But, see, where our trouble is is that. Now, watch what I'm talking about. Suppose you need healing. And me and you both agree and believe. All right? Read this last book and see what the prophet said; that God, sometimes, will test you. Sometimes He'll let that sickness stay there to just test you.
- 43 All right. That's not a sign that you're an unbeliever. That's something that God is doing for our own perfection. Well, we know all of that. We know that sickness is there because we've been sinful. We know it can be because we've been sinful, but we know it's not always there because we have them. We know sometimes it's there because that we need something in our perfection.
- 44 Well, all right. Then by His stripes I'm healed. That settles it. Go on then, and confess that, and believe it like the blind man was that Bro. Branham said, "Go confess that you can see." And he's out on a sidewalk selling newspapers and saying, "Extra! Extra! Hear all about it!" And then, you know, give all the title and things of what's going on and you know.
- 45 He said, "I am—the Lord healed me. I can see." Went down to get a shave or a haircut or something one day and the barber was there with the razor, fixing to work on him. And he's kind of making fun of the old man and said, "I thought you went down there to that place, and that they prayed for you and that man told you you could see?" He said, "He did tell me I can see and I can." And, just then, his eyes opened. And he jumped up and took off.
- 46 Well, now, twenty five years Abraham waited for a promised son. Well, what was the waiting for? For Abraham's perfection. What was Job's trouble on him for? For his perfection. What was that man there in the Scripture where it said, "Who sinned, him and his mother, you know, or his daddy and that he was born blind?" And Jesus said, "Neither one. But," said, "that God may be glorified in it." What? Not that the man couldn't see. God ain't going to get honor out of the man who can't see.

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<sup>47</sup> It was a fact that he had to be there, that he couldn't see, that God could heal him and then God would get honor out of that, wouldn't He? Well, now, just go on and accept what you are and stand on what you are. Believe what you are by the Word. Then God is personal unto you. Read all the way through Christ the Mystery of God Revealed, especially Page 69 and 70 where he said it's personal unto you. Let's just read that where he says it's something personal to the individual. But I want you to get this as a background on what we're going to speak on, just a minute, on vindication.

And remember—think of it. By...

<sup>48</sup> Excuse me. Next to the last paragraph. Page 69:

By the living presence of the living Christ by the Living Word. Oh, living Christ, living presence, living Word. Watch. By His own personal (personal) vindication through this church; not members.

<sup>49</sup> See, it's not proved by just members.

He never done it in the days of Moses. He never done it in the days of anybody else. At the end of the world, when it come to the place where it was a destruction and the days of Lot, see, it wasn't membership. It was personal vindication.

<sup>50</sup> See what he's driving at now? It's not membership. He didn't do it the days of Moses that way; He didn't do it in Lot's day that a way. He'd done it through a personal—a vindication. God in flesh, see, personal vindication.

Remember. Think of it. That people borned at His spirit, in a day like this, in this great denominational age that we live, and the living God takes His living Word, and vindicates it personally; this life that's in the Word; the germ that's in the seed. And the Word is the seed that our Sower went to sow. And the life is Christ in the Word personally in you, vindicating something that you cannot do.

<sup>51</sup> See, it's something you can't do.

...proving Himself that it's not you but it's him and you become one, a love slave to Him, to be a bride.

<sup>52</sup> All right. Then it is something personal.



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His presence in the individual with the personal vindication of Himself, expressing Himself, the living Word that's promised for the day, expressing itself through you; a vindication of the great revelation of God.

53 All right. Now, what have we found? We are the living Word for the day then. We are the people at the ends of the world come upon. We are the Bride of Christ. We believe that, don't we? Then as God's personal vindication—see, then when you speak of vindication, everybody says, “Well, vindication, what that is all this ‘I'll take you by the hand...’” That wasn't the vindication to the prophet. That was something for the people to look at.

54 The vindication has always been whether the man stayed in the Word or not. Signs and wonders can be produced by the antichrist. But he can't bring the Word. What's a true vindication? Whether a man stays with the Word or not. Watch it.

55 Now, what's the word “vindication” mean? It means to justify. It means to prove. Let's see. It means:

To justify; to maintain as true and correct, as a defense of statement against denial or doubt. In other words, it's proof.

56 Now, think for a minute now. When the church believes—now, this is a statement I want you to take home with you and think about. As I read this morning to you from Page 4 of Proving His Word, Bro. Branham says we've got to recognize it. All right? That's on the new book, Proving His Word, from Los Angeles, Volume something like Book 3, the last book. He said, “We've got to recognize it.” Said, “If we don't recognize, it won't do us no good.”

57 Now, think about this statement:

When the church believes, she's at the place God can move upon the scene. Until then, He can't.

58 You want to know what's holding up the rapture and all the things? The people. We are. When we recognize—not have to have all kinds of signs going on because the antichrist can do that. I don't mean he can do it himself, but I mean there is an hour here that the anointing is so great out there until there are healings and all happening all over the world and all kind of Satan cults and everything can be thought of and divine healing going on in. So that's not a vindication of what the truth is now, is it? The only vindication you can have is whether or not the Word is there.

59 All right. Then if the church will ever believe that—Bro. Branham said if you can get, what, 12 men in the right frame of mind, said, the rapture will take place,

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- something like that. Well, to me, what is the right frame of mind? The right frame of mind is to believe the Word. Take what the Word says and stand on it. You name it and tell me what you're basing yours on. What are you looking for a rapture to cause the rapture? People are looking for great sweeps to come among them, you know, and all kind of things to happen. Well, praise the Lord, I hope they do. But show me the scripture where it ever come that a way.
- <sup>60</sup> Bro. Branham said on the Adoption that he'd take you out on the backside of the desert somewhere and adopt you. But yet we think about putting you up, out here, in front of them, like the Old Testament adoption, that you've got to put it all together; but we think we're going to be out here somewhere in the city of Gainesville, standing on the square. And about that time, a great voice is going to come down from heaven, "This is my beloved son. Hear ye him." Now, you got to listen to this group of people.
- <sup>61</sup> Well, now, that might happen, but I don't believe it will. If it follows through the form the way every Scriptures in here in the Bible follows through the form, I believe she'll be over with before the people even realize what's happening. Before the majority of the people of this Message ever realize what has happened, it'll be over with.
- <sup>62</sup> Now, I believe that's the way the Scripture will run through the form. How many knew John was here and his preachings as we was talking about this morning, when he says, "All high places will be made low and all low places high and all," a man stand out there with mud at his knees preaching the Gospel saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"? And that fulfilled all of them Scriptures in there.
- <sup>63</sup> How many believe the Lord Jesus was here when He was here? He had 12 and one of them was the devil. Then it's not to be looked at as large numbers. And not to be looked at then with the eyes—now, don't get me wrong. There's supposed to be healings among us; there's supposed to be things among us. And I'm trying to preach that that's what's wrong with us. We don't believe where we are. If I really preached what I'm driving toward, then it would probably be less believe what I'm talking about.
- <sup>64</sup> But listen. The church, standing in her position, is in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And it might look so bad to the world until they don't even think nothing's going on. Why, John, why, if he'd have the power of God on him, why would he ever—I'm taking the negative side, as Bro. Branham said one time. If John had been the man he thought he were and all, why would he be cast on the Isle of Patmos and all that and everything? Why, he could've just stood out there, and withstood them, and just conquered all of them, and just—

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- <sup>65</sup> If he had, we'd have never heard from God. Then it's not that way, is it? You've got people preaching all of these great things and all about it, all the predictions. One of them just fell through the other day. The man predicted it would be March the 10th. Well, we're past March the 10th. All I can say is the man's wrong. If he hears this tape, he just heard me say it. I'll tell him to his face that he's wrong when he made the prediction and now, he's the one that's got to live with that. And I believe in a bonafide, true repentance.
- <sup>66</sup> To not prop it up and say, "Well, what I meant was March the 14th. Or what I meant was March the 10th of '84." I believe in just a bonafide outward expression of saying, "I was wrong about March the 10th of '83." And all these others got it figured out to be April the 3rd. And as my wife said the other day, it wouldn't be April the 3rd because everybody's trying to figure it out to be April the 3rd. That's one proof it wouldn't be April the 3rd. That's good common sense. It might be April the 4th, but it wouldn't be April the 3rd because everybody done got that figured out. And the Bible says, "You know not what hour." See, it don't say you can't know the week or the year or anything, but you'll not know the day and the hour.
- <sup>67</sup> Well, all right then. God confounds the wise in what He's doing. But we've got to believe it. We've got to stand on it. Think about all of them through there that everybody throughout the Bible, their lives that they lived is to speak of this end time. Is that true? The entire Bible is to point down here as to what is going to happen in the end time. Then show me in the Bible where it was ever that way.
- <sup>68</sup> Pretty bad day when those three Hebrew children was walking towards the fiery furnace, wasn't it? You've heard the little stories told in the nurseries and nothing else, you children, of how the Hebrew children was walking to the fiery furnace. They was going down there to die. Pretty dark day when Daniel went to the lion's den. Pretty bad time when Jonah was thrown in the belly of the whale, wasn't it? But then God come on the scene and that's what that I'm driving at. I believe God is on the scene. There's nothing out of cater. God ain't letting nothing being pulled over His eyes.
- <sup>69</sup> You ever heard the prophet tell the story of little Moses; how he was hid down there in the bulrush and how those angels was guarding over that little arc as it floated down through there? Said, "Go down there and take care of him. Make sure none of them alligators don't get to him. Said, "Where are you going?" He said, "I'm going down the end of the road."
- <sup>70</sup> Well, just think now. God is on the end of the road waiting on me and you. But if we can't have faith enough to exist daily—let's use the scripture like it's written back there. It said if he can't keep up with the footmen, what about when the horsemen get here? You see what that scripture's talking about? If you can't keep up with the footmen, there ain't no need to worry about trying to run from

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- the horsemen, are there? You got an army out here that runs down the road and you can't keep up with them, well, it wouldn't help you none for the horses to go flying by, would it? I just put you further behind.
- <sup>71</sup> Well, all right. Now, what I'm trying to get us to do is to believe who we are right now, and stand on that, and God will come on the scene. It's not our job to back up the Word. It's not my job to come out here and prove the Word to you. That's God's job. It's my job to preach the Word to you and to get you to believe the Word.
- <sup>72</sup> And listen. You can take this for any statement you want it and fly it any way you want to get you to believe that I'm preaching the Word. If you don't, then I've done told you. Go somewheres else because you're a hindrance to me and I am to you because you've got to believe that that preacher is preaching the truth. Don't say now like all these others, "Well, I'm telling you the truth. Now you go out and believe what I'm saying."
- <sup>73</sup> When I say, "Believe in the truth," I'm talking about you take this Bible and you go home tonight. And you take this Bible and you take this prophet's message and you lay them down side by side, and you stay up until the wee hours of the morning praying and asking the Lord, "Is what Bro. Dale telling me the truth from this Bible and these quotations here from the prophet?" That's what I'm talking about when I'm talking about believing me, now.
- <sup>74</sup> I ain't talking about just take my word for it and everything is going to be all right, but there is something in that you've got to believe who preaches to you. If you don't believe it, then you've got to go somewhere else. That's just true as I can base it. I've always believed what was preaching to me or I'd go somewheres else. A couple of places I had to leave because I didn't believe they was preaching the truth to me.
- <sup>75</sup> But, see, then that's what I'm talking about now. We've got to believe it. And when the church believes it—now, if that won't fit every scripture in the Bible, I don't know what will. How are you healed? Because first, you believe you're healed. How are you saved? Because, first, you believe you're saved. How will you be ever be raptured? Because, first, you believe you're raptured.
- <sup>76</sup> All right. Then believe it first and recognize the time. The prophet preached a message called Recognizing Your Day and Its Message. What, we've done had that. That was Bro. Branham as he was preaching here. All right? But that message there is just as much present tense today as this Bible is. Ain't that true?
- <sup>77</sup> Recognizing our day in this Message; recognizing where we are, who we are. Because if we don't do that, then how can we expect God to come down? Bro. Branham said, "When the church recognizes who she is, she'll be gone." As

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- I said this morning, he evidently picked up a thought from the people thinking, “Well, now. Nah-uh.” And on Page 37 and 38, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, he said, “Oh, yes, it will; when the church recognizes her position.”
- 78 Recognize the day that we’re living in; the hour that we’re living in. What are we trying to do? What’s our goal? What’s in mind? Then what is the believer’s position? There’s only one position and that’s in the Word of this hour that we’re living, where we’re at right now. That’s the only position I can see.
- 79 As Bro. Branham—they kept asking him, “Bro. Branham, where should we be at? Where should we live at? What should we do?” You know, he went out to Tucson and stayed out there because the Lord have sent him. He told the people to stay in Jeffersonville, that he’d be back and preached to them. And they kept on hounding him, “Bro. Branham, where should we be? What place should we be in?” And he kept on trying to divert that question.
- 80 And then, all at once, he said, “Now, I got it.” He said, “There ain’t but one place to be. Then he said, “I’m going to tell you the place to be.” Well, boy, I’ll bet you they was their ears stretched all over the place, just listening. They thought he was going to say Tucson, Arizona, or Jeffersonville, or Montana, or some state, or some country. He said, “That place is in Jesus Christ.” He said, “That’s the only place that’s safe.” That’s the only place to be.
- 81 It wouldn’t matter where you was at. It wouldn’t make no difference where you was at. If God sent me as much as California shaking—if God told me to go to California, I’ll just go to California. As much as I hate the shaking and the rumbling and the fear that goes that all of that living out there, if God told me to go, that’s where I go because I wouldn’t worry about anything going wrong while I was there. See, because God would take care of me if He sent me. It don’t look like it did in the Bible but, you know, He never did let nobody down in the Bible, did He? We love to read the stories about it.
- 82 But now, where is our heavenly place? It’s the believer’s position. It’s where we are. Whatever position you’re in, that’s your position. If you’re just right here, just born again, that’s your position. But whatever up to the pyramid—now, we’re up to brotherly kindness, that’s your position. Even as the headstone is on the individual, that’s a position. That’s your position. But you’re going to have to recognize. [*Blank spot on tape. –Ed.*] ...body else’s position. And he said you’ve got to recognize your position.
- 83 Well, see, then as I said a while ago, what would be hard for a woman to try to find her position? You know what a woman’s position is? Being a woman. And then, in that, seeking the Word to live in her life and do what the Word says in her life to be and she’s in her position. What’s the position to a man that’s not a preacher? Just to be a husband now; to be a good father; a provider for his

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- family; to be a one that would take care of his family and all like that. He hasn't got to worry about whether or not he's supposed to preach, or whether or not he's supposed to do this, that and the other. He's got to worry about providing for his family. And then what? Then believing the Word for the hour that we're living in is the position the believer's got to be in whether man, wife, woman, preacher or who he is.
- <sup>84</sup> Now, I'm not just telling you—say, “Go home. Just be husband or wife. We're going in the rapture.” Now, don't get that started. It's your position in this Word that you're constantly praying and seeking God for what He wants you to have and to see; where He wants you to be, praying and finding out for yourself because we've done talking about it being personal to each one of us.
- <sup>85</sup> See, we're Gentiles. Gentiles comes in as individuals in the Body of Christ. Well, see, it don't matter then where momma goes or daddy goes. It's me and you as personal individuals. Momma and Daddy has to answer for theirself. The children, they have to answer for theirself when they come to the age of accountability. It's not what Momma and Daddy does. It's what you do, now.
- <sup>86</sup> You've got to be concerned with it. You've got your position. And listen. If you're born again, you're right there at faith like the rest. It don't matter how big they are or little they are. And God can carry you up to the pyramid the same way He can carry any individual in here up. Then you can find your place in God. But you know what we want to do? We don't want to find our place naturally or spiritually.
- <sup>87</sup> Bro. Branham tell them about that woman that, you know, to be a wife—now, this is a funny illustration but—it's not funny but I mean you might think it is. You remember the man that was bragging on his wife and telling everybody that his wife was a Christian? And he was down at the bar drinking with the men, and he was bragging on how his wife was such a Christian, and they didn't believe him? He said, “Just come on and go home with me.”
- <sup>88</sup> They made out like they was drunk. And they went in the house staggering, and stomping around, and kicking stuff around. And the man ordered his wife, “Get up and cook me some breakfast.” She got up and cooked his breakfast and everything, going on to, you know, fixing his breakfast and all. And then he just stood. He said, “You know I don't like my eggs that way,” threw them down the floor. Got up and stomped out of the house, told the men, said, “Come on,” then went outside.
- <sup>89</sup> And they were standing out there listening. And that little woman in there singing, “Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.” What, cleaning up them eggs. Now, where did that fit you, women? Then you'll find out you ain't in too good a

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- position. That's what's wrong with all of us. Where would it fit the men, now? I'm not thawing off on the women. *[Recording paused. –Ed.]*
- 90 Their eyes was blinded. There's a real, true living God out of the Scriptures. Men has blinded them with their thoughts and ideas. All they can see is God in you. A man down there at work that used to read the books a little bit, the fellow kept on making fun of us, Dick, and Allan, Red and myself. All at work and he said, "Well, there's one thing about it." He kept making fun of us in front of this man. He said, "There's one thing about it. They lived what they believe and you don't." Because we don't live there no different than we do anywhere else. But, see, then that will win the person.
- 91 As I've said about Bro. Branham was that all the great gifts that Bro. Branham had to tell that hunter, all of the things he could have told him—you remember the man that was so mean that he had the little whistle that he'd blow and made the doe stand up, and he was going to kill her? It wasn't all them gifts he had. It wasn't all that discernment that he could have told him who his great grandmother was, and his mother and daddy and all down to his life, and told him everything he'd ever done in his life. It wasn't all that that won the man to the Lord, was it?
- 92 It was seeing something genuine when that whistle blowed and that mother deer knew that there was a baby deer somewhere. That was the sound of a baby deer that was in trouble. And she stood up and gave her life. She was willing to put it on the line. And then what about me and you? What about us? Are we willing to put our life on the line to find our position in Christ, recognizing our day and this Message, recognizing our position? And then we expect God to come down, now.
- 93 But, now, let's just think for a minute. Now, I want this thought in your mind as we come to a close. What is vindication? It's to prove. Now, Bro. Branham said, "This church..." Watch it tie together now with last Sunday's message and you'll see why I'm speaking on this thing. He said, "This church is to prove Malachi 4. It's to vindicate Malachi 4." I didn't write it down. I've got it on some notes at the house. If you want it, I'll find it for you.
- 94 He said there, "To vindicate Luke 17:30, Malachi 4, Revelations 10:7." Vindicate it. You mean, after all—now, listen. After all that God done through the prophet in these last days and he talked of Malachi 4; he talked of Luke 17:30; he talked of Revelations 10:7; and he would stand there and say, "In the day that the Son of Man would be revealed," and he said, "The Son of Man is here today like he was from Luke 17:30 when He was there," said, "Let's see if He can come and do the same thing."
- 95 You mean the Bride has still got to vindicate Luke 17:30? Now, that's what he said. In other words, that scripture has not fully been completed yet; because I've

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- got them in the front of my Bible if you'd like them. I don't know how many pages of the Son of Man being in the Bride; being the Bride of Jesus Christ because the Son of Man is the Word. That's what it is. Then the Word there has got to be vindicated by the Bride of Christ even after all that the prophet has done. There's something about me and you.
- <sup>96</sup> All right. Now, if you can tie it together. Tie it with last week's message right there then. Tie that with it now, that the church has got to vindicate Malachi 4; Luke 17:30. Tie that back with last week's message, that the seals reveal that me and you are the alive Word.
- <sup>97</sup> All right. What would be proof then? When the Word is made alive, it can't be questioned no more. The prophet said, "As long as it's on the pages of this Bible, it can be questioned but," said, "once it's made alive, it cannot be questioned no more." What the Lord has revealed to me, there's no need of you questioning it. It won't do no good. I have to be that honest. You need to be that honest.
- <sup>98</sup> Now, what God would show me, if I'm off somewhere, He'll show me where I'm off. He might use you to show me where I'm off. But what He's revealed to me, I said, then it's alive to me in my heart. And you can talk to me about the trinity all you want to and I don't care nothing about what you're talking about. You can talk to me about how all the Church of God is the greatest church in the world and that's the only one going, I'll laugh in your face; not to ridicule you but just laugh because you're not right. See, that's been revealed to me what God's talking about in there.
- <sup>99</sup> All right. Then vindication is to prove a statement to be true. And Bro. Branham said we were to vindicate that. All right. Then we'll have to vindicate those Scriptures. And in vindicating those Scriptures, you'll see them right there in the seals. The alive Word is a vindication always. I'll take the Scripture we're talking about. "Even has the Father has sent me, so send I you."
- <sup>100</sup> Think about that scripture. "As the Father has sent me, so send I you." And look what the Scripture says about—I mean what the prophet says about it. Page 66, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed.

Now, watch here. Here's the beautiful—I don't want you to miss this. Now, everybody and you people on tape out in the jungles and wherever you hear it. Now, listen. "And as the Father has sent me, so send I you." Jesus, see? Now, watch. The Father that sent Him went in Him to vindicate Himself right. The Father that would—said, "Even as the Father have sent me," Jesus said.

- <sup>101</sup> Now, how did the Father send Him? He became Him and went, didn't He? That's how He can become that. And He vindicated Him to be true. He showed



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- He was the alive Word. All right? Even as the Father has sent me, so send I you. What? He's going to come and go in us the same way. So it's Christ living among the people throughout the seven church ages. In every age was Christ living in the people.
- <sup>102</sup> And then the seals break and then when they break, what do they reveal? They reveal the ages that God was alive down through those ages. That's what they proved; that God's alive. They vindicate that God is alive. See, I no longer have to question that God's alive in Wesley's age, in Luther's age, Columba and Martin, Irenaeus and Paul, and all them. I don't have to question that.
- <sup>103</sup> You could bring in a Baptist today and he'd question whether even these men existed, maybe, or something. But you can't question that to me. Why? Because God took the seal of the Book and when He did, it revealed those men being there. And the ages as Christ revealing himself, as I've said when I wrote it out, what is it? Christ revealing Himself to the seven church ages. That's what the prophet said. Just read it out of the book. I just put the Page number that we could read it.
- <sup>104</sup> Christ revealing Himself throughout the seven church ages, revealing Himself to those ages. What? As the alive Word. That turns around and puts you right back in the Bible and there's your vindication. There's what the whole Scripture spoke of. "Even as the Father has sent me, He came down and went in me and vindicated—so send I you. There'll be seven church ages. I'll come and live in you through those seven church ages and I'll back up what you say."
- <sup>105</sup> All right. With that in mind then, I challenge me and you for one thing: What do you need? What do you need? What do you need in your life tonight? I spoke down at the plant, one day there, to the brothers. They was talking about Questions and Answers and all. And I stood there and when I got to, I said, "The Holy Spirit's here." And I said, "Now, I ask any question you want to ask. And let's see if He'll answer it."
- <sup>106</sup> All right, I say the same thing to you tonight. What have you got need of? God's here. You need healing? Just stand up. I mean it physically. Stand up if you need healing. Just stand up and stay up. Now, I'm just telling you. If you need healing, stand up. Just don't—just take my word and believe it because I'll prove what I'm talking about in the Scriptures here to be right. God has got to be here with us.
- <sup>107</sup> Now, what else? What do you need? What's any of you need? You need salvation? Just stand up. Whatever it takes, whatever you need, you stand up for it and see if God won't give it to you. Do you believe the Word? Then whatever you want, stand up for it and God will give it to you. If He won't, then God's a

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liar. Now, you don't make Him out a liar. He's a liar if He don't come and do what He said.

- <sup>108</sup> That's what I believe; that's what I've aimed at; that's what I preach that all of my life; that God would come right down to this earth at the very words of a person and do what He said He would do because He'd done it to the prophet and he's no respecter of persons. I don't mean to say that I'm a prophet and I'm this, that, or—I'm just telling you the honest truth tonight and you believe it. You believe what was said to you and see if God won't come to you and back it up and prove that's it's right.
- <sup>109</sup> The Bible said to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Bro. Branham said, "It didn't say they'd get healed right instantly; that it might be months," and he said, "That's where our trouble's at." All right, if you need healing, just go accept it that way. Say, "Lord, I'm standing. That's what I need." You need salvation, just go accept it that way. Just whatever you need and now, let's just all stand because all of us need a closer walk with the Lord, all of us.
- <sup>110</sup> Let's just sing a little verse of "I Love Him". And you just accept what you have need of. Just believe what you can. "As the Father has sent me, so send I you," is that scriptural? Has the prophet come right down with the Scriptures and said that you're—as the Father sent him to vindicate Himself for he was the Word and the same Jesus that sends you goes with you to vindicate the same God?
- <sup>111</sup> "As the Father has sent Me, and I live by the Father so I send you and you live by Me." What is it? He's the Word. You live by the Word. That's the only thing you live by. Believe the Word. I have to believe it. I have to believe that God will give me a message to come and speak to you. Then you're expected to believe.
- <sup>112</sup> What? Do what I said. Go home and check what I said now by the Message and see what I said is right or not. And you'll find out one of these days that you can believe what a person says because God will stay with the person and keep the person right. You don't need to worry about the person getting exalted. Don't worry about that. We're done past that day.
- <sup>113</sup> Now, there's plenty of them out there that will but check what the man says about what he's always said back there and see if what I've always said back there, in those tapes, ain't pointing down to this very hour right here. I challenge you to listen to every tape back there and prove me wrong on that; that what I've always pointed at was God living among His people, doing what you and me would ask Him to do.

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- 114 And I believe He's here to do it. I believe He's here to answer you've got in mind. He's here to settle any problem you've got. But first, you've got to believe it. First, you've got to recognize it. If you have any—if you want us to pray with you or anything else, then the altar's open. Let's just sing the verse of that.
- 115 [Bro. Dale sings I Love Him with the congregation.]
- 116 Now, as we pray a dismissal prayer, you just thank the Lord for doing what He's already done and go believing it. Stand on your confessions. The Scripture says, "If you confess me before men, I'll confess you before my Father which is in heaven."
- 117 All right? Go confess your healing before men. Go confess your salvation before the people. But listen. Don't go confess salvation and live like the devil. As I said about the man this morning talks about he's the Sunday School teacher—I mean, a deacon in the church. He's all kind of things and then he runs after women. Don't go talking like that now. As I told them at the house, the other day there, there was a man told us of the day down at work. And I won't call his name but if someone know who he is whoever hear these tapes, and he probably will hisself. And if he does, then he ought to know he's wrong.
- 118 But the man said, "Boy, the Lord was really with me the other day." Said, "I went up to road a certain place, come back down in that express way." He said, "I was running 75 miles an hour," and said, "Something just seem to tell me to slow down," and instead of slow down or something, you know, that he's explaining what happened. He said, "Right around the curb was a set of police car." Said, "The Lord was with me, taking care of me."
- 119 Now, let's don't play foolish games with the Lord. That man was wrong because the prophet said, "You go running down the road on a highway like that, deliberately speeding," he said, "it's premeditated murder." When you deliberately speed down the highway, it's premeditated murder. Now, then, what is it?
- 120 See, we say the Lord is with us to protect us from something like that, but then we don't believe the Lord can guide us. I believe the Lord's with us, but I don't believe He's with us in garbage. I believe He's with us in truth. I believe He's with us in life that we can live in ourself, not a life we can live now but a life He can live in us and be what He wants to be, and to love one another no matter what because that's what I believe Him to be.
- 121 And in all that, see, I can take this Message, this Bible, and I can say that I recognize our day and its message. What is the message of this day? It's those seven seals showing us who we are and where we are. It's what they're doing for

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- us. It's bringing out that we are the alive Word and finding our place in the Scriptures.
- 122 Anyone have anything to say before we dismiss? If not...
- 123 Father, we pray for each one of these that have stood because, Lord, we preach what we believe to be the truth that you are now vindicating your people because the revelation of the Word, the people in their hearts, believing it. That's the greatest vindication of all. And then You can come up on the scene with that and You can heal the sick; You can raise the dead; You can cast out the devils; You can raise this person in the rapture.
- 124 I pray, Lord, that You would guide each one. Take care of each one on the highways. Supply the needs of the people. And direct us, by Your loving grace, that we always look to You for what we have need of. Let it not be just lip service that we speak about Thee tonight but yet, in our hearts, we know that Thou art God and there is none other, that You dwell among Your people, and love and fellowship with them and that You, Lord, will manifest Yourself in our day to carry us out of here.
- 125 You've already done it through the lips, and the service, and the life of the prophet, but we believe that You're the same yesterday, today, and forever and that You'll work among us the same way. And may the people listening now, Lord, feel Your presence and know that You're here with us, and that You'll answer any desire that they have in their heart. May they reach up just now and partake of the tree of life, knowing the Word of the living God has been handed down to the people in these last days.
- 126 And we feast upon that Word daily as we study and meditate upon Thee because it's the Word. And it's Word to Word; and the Word is made flesh among us. Vindicate it as being that personal God, we're resurrected and sitting in heavenly places. And then, by doing that, we can be physically resurrected one day to sit with You in those places. But Lord, we can't do it unless we're the Word here. Guide us now. Forgive our sins in Jesus' name. Amen.
- 127 You're dismissed.
- 128 [Bro. Dale sings Take the Name of Jesus with You with the congregation.]
- 129 Don't forget. We have a new book. If anyone needs a copy of it, you could take what you can.

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