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# Seven Spirits (Seven Manifestations of the One Holy Spirit)

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« 114 † [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] People sit in the back of the church and laugh at somebody speaking with tongues, or dance in the Spirit; gone, blasphemed the Holy Ghost, sealed forever! "Whosoever speaks a word against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven in this world, neither in the world to come." Don't gaze upon It! Stay away from It or either accept It!

We better leave that Scripture. Read it on, the rest of it, see what God said. And the people said, "Oh, Moses, you speak. Don't let God speak anymore! We wish now we hadn't have asked for this." See? "Let you speak to us, Moses. God speaks, we'll all die." See, God had made an atonement.

« 116 † **Now, "The Voice of the Throne." Notice in this Throne, "before the Throne was the seven stars," the Voice of the stars. "Voices," you see. There was more in the Revelation 4 here, or 5, we find out, "And out of the Throne proceeded lightning, thunders, and voices." Not one voice; "voices," plural. What was it? God speaking to the church, reflecting Himself through the seven Spirits. When the true anointed of God speaks, it's the Voice of God! To reject It is to remove the candlestick. See? "Voices," the Voice of the Seven Church Ages (over here in the corner), the voices speaking with thunder and lightning.**

« 117 † Nowadays they're so, "Well, we don't believe in saying 'hell' in the pulpit." Oh, mercy! So blah! Hmm! We need men of God, men who won't hold back!

Now, everybody can't be a preacher, but you got a voice. And if you can't preach the people a sermon... If you're a preacher, you're called to the pulpit to preach. If you're not, you're still a preacher, but live the people a sermon. Let your sermon be lived, and it's the Voice of God that'll bring reproach to them who reject It. They say, "No one can put a finger on his or her life. They're sweet, living... They... If there ever was a man of God, it's that man or that woman." See, live your sermons. Don't try to preach them if you're not called to be a preacher; you get all mixed up, anyhow, and messed up, and you'll get people tangled up, and you won't know... Well, you'll--you'll ruin them and yourself, too. Just live your sermon!

The preacher's called to preach his, and to live it too. If you can't live It, then you stop preaching It. But you're supposed to live your sermons.

**« 120 † All right, here was "voices." Oh, how we need in Jeffersonville thousands of lived voices, the thunder of God thundering out in sweetness and holiness, purity, undefiled lives, walking around in the earth today, without a blemish. Yes, sir, real Christians, that's thunder against the enemy.** The Devil don't care how loud you can holler; the Devil don't care how much you can jump or how much you can do this or shout. But what hurts the Devil is to see that sanctified, holy life consecrated to God; say anything to him, call him anything, just as sweet as it can be and move right on. Oh, my! That throws him away, that's the thunder that shakes the Devil.

Just like, "Well," you say, "if he could preach like a Billy Graham or an Oral Roberts, or somebody, a great influential speaker, he'd be... " Oh, no! Sometimes the Devil just laughs at that. He don't pay no more attention to that than nothing. You get all the theology--theology you wanted to and all the seminary training, and the Devil just sit back and laugh at it**. But when he sees that Life!**

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« 125 † Now, "Voices," the voices of the seven trumpets, were voices of the seven stars, seven messengers. But now watch here:

... and... seven lamps... before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

"**Seven lamps." Let's draw a little bit here, the Throne, the holy place, the congregation. And right here was (one, two, three, four, five, six, seven) seven stars, seven lamps, seven messengers, seven Spirits; not altogether meaning that God is in seven Spirits, but "seven manifestations of the same Holy Spirit."**

Where's the Holy Spirit? Here at the Throne, shining out in each church age. **This church age is reflecting back this way, the voices of God, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. See, seven, there was "voices." "And seven lamps on fire," seven Spirits, "which are the seven Spirits of God."**

# Faith(That was once Delivered to the Saints):Jude 3. Hebrews 11:1

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**« 61 † Last Sunday night, I preached on, "The Key." And the key is faith. The faith holds the key, and the key is the Scripture. And Christ is the Door. See? So faith takes the little hinges of the Scripture and unlocks the glories and good of God, out to His people. See? So, it's, faith holds the key that unlocks Christ to the people; unlocks it, reveals it.**

62 So, today, we're going to try to take that same key, to unlock the way to become a virtuous Christian in the stature of God, that, and be a living Tabernacle for the living God to dwell in.

**63 Remember, God reveals Himself in three ways. First time, He revealed Hisself in a Pillar of Fire, that was called the Fatherhood. Then that same God, made manifested in Jesus Christ, which He built a body, made this body. Thirdly, through the death of that body, He sanctified a Church that He can dwell in. It was God above us; God with us; God in us; the same God.**

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« 102 † Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, **faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him**." See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

103 What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.

« 104 † But, first, it's got to be faith. Let me stay on that foundation for a while. Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what... "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's, you already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," Hebrews 11, see, "the evidence." What is it? What kind of an evidence? A holy evidence.

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« 87 † **Now I want to say this, that, there are some people who have a portion of this virtue, knowledge, wisdom, patience, and so forth, that don't even profess to be Christian**. Now we just... we're teaching Sunday school. And that's true. There's some people have a portion of this, that don't even pretend to be Christian. But that doesn't... That won't do it. It's like a black bird trying to put peacock feathers in his wings, to make him a peacock. He only disgraces himself. Be better to stay a black bird. See? When he tries to exercise these things without being a Christian, he's just simply all out of place.

88 It's like a sycamore tree trying to manufacture apples. It couldn't do it, see, although it's a tree. But it can't manufacture apples.

89 It's like a mule trying to manufacture wool, trying to be a sheep when he's a--he's a mule. You see, he can't manufacture wool. He can't do it. Wool is a gift to a sheep, not to a mule. He might try to act like a sheep, but he's still a mule. See? So, he say, "Well, I can eat like a sheep. I can do this like a sheep." And no matter what you can do, you've got to be a sheep in order to have wool.

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« 96 † Now notice. You must be born again, that is, changed. There's got to be a change.

97 You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know this certain woman over here, why, she never did do anything wrong. She's a good woman. Or, this such-and-such a man, he's a good man. He never does anything. You know he doesn't harm anybody." That doesn't mean one thing. He might make a good neighbor, but he isn't a Christian until he's born again.

98 Jesus said, "Except a man be born again," Saint John 3, that, "he can't even see the Kingdom." Now, that means, see, it means to "understand."

99 You look at anything, say, "I just don't see it." You mean you don't understand it.

# Virtue: Power For Service

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« 141 † Now here is what we do. What's the first thing? Have faith, and be born again. That's laying the foundation.

142 Then, after we lay the foundation, secondly you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... **First you have faith, then you add virtue to your faith. This is the next column. First, pour your foundation, faith. Then, to your faith, add virtue.**

143 Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes. "Add virtue to your faith." That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like the woman or a man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that.

« 144 † The Bible said, we read over here in the Book of Luke, where It said, "Virtue went out of Him." That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue, then. We must have it, to be like Him. Is the first song that I ever loved, in--in the hymns, one of the greatest, was, To Be Like Jesus. Well, if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue, and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people. Because, "Virtue went out of Him to the people." Virtue! And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first. You haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

145 What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, and the check would return "insufficient funds"? See? No, no, none there to draw from, check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian, and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawed from that. See? Right.

« 146 † Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue... Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it. You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue, in order to add it to your faith.

147 Now, then, it might be, the reason you don't have it, because many churches of today teach you don't have to have it, or the days of it is passed. "They don't have to have it. Only thing you have to do is just join church. Yeah, days is passed."

148 Virtue, anyone knows what the word virtue means, see, and we must have it. If virtue went from Him, to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His Church, because He was our example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. **And what is virtue? Virtue is strength, power.**

149 Some of them don't even believe in power of God. They say, "That--that--that's passed. Only thing you have to do is just put your name on the book, and be sprinkled, or poured, or baptized, or whatevermore. And that's all you have to do."

« 150 † But Peter said here, "Add virtue." Now, Peter is talking about building the House of God, see, the Temple of God, fixing it to a place. And after you have virtue, you must have... After you have faith, you must have virtue with it. That's right. Have virtue for the whole world.

151 I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Rev. Mr. Lily. Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lily, how they neither toil or spin. Yet I say to you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one."

152 Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck. And every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part. Don't complain. It's just got it, to give out. What if the bee come in there; insufficient funds, no honey? That little bee would scratch his head and say, "What kind of a lily is that?"

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« 437 † That afternoon when Busty Rogers, great big husky veteran standing there... I walked out there. And there stood Brother Smith's congregation to laugh at me, make fun of me, to baptize in the Name of Jesus. I walked out in the muddy waters of Totten ford, where they had a... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]... up the creek there, and just roaring as hard as it could. Couple deacons walked out with me.

438 I said, "I stand here this afternoon in representation of God's Holy Scripture." I said, "I read in the Bible here where Peter said, 'Repent, every one of you, be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for remission of your sin.'" I turned around, handed the Book to one of the deacons.

439 Walked out there, and I said, "Whosoever will, that repents of his sin, is a subject to come." Walked out there in the water. I said, "Seems to me that Angels are setting in every limb now, watching." Oh, my! About the time I baptized about two or three, his whole congregation, them women with fine silk dresses on, hitting that water, screaming at the top of their voice. I baptized his entire congregation in the Name of Jesus Christ. You know it. I got the picture of it. There it was.

« 440 † What was it? Adding to your virtue. See? Let it alone. God knows how to do it. God knows how to bring these things to pass. Let them say what they want to. Don't make any difference. Just keep on going.

441 Busty Rogers standing there, when he seen that, he said, "Then I believe it with all my heart." And out into the water he come, with his good clothes on, and was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

# Knowledge:

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**« 160 † And then, thirdly, you add knowledge. Knowledge, now, that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God; but knowledge to judge, judge (what?) right from wrong. How do you judge it, then, if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith? You judge whether the Word is right or wrong.** And if you can lay aside all your creeds, and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie. "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be true." See? Now you're getting knowledge. That's supreme knowledge. You don't have to have four degrees in some college, or something like that, to have it, because all these virtues are given to you by God, to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real, living man of God. Yes, sir.

« 161 **† Add, add knowledge, because, knowledge of His Word**. You must believe it in this way. Such as, you should believe today that the... and accept it, that the days of miracles is not passed. Knowledge that what God said, God is able to perform.

162 Abraham believed that. And when he was a hundred years old, he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief. Look how ridiculous that Word looked. Here's a man, a hundred years old, looking for a baby to be born into his home, by a woman ninety years old. See? Almost fifty years passed bearing, lived with her since she was a--a young girl, or teen age. And here he is, his life stream was dead. And Sarah's womb was dead. And all hopes is gone, as far as it was hopes. But, yet, against hope, he believed in hope, because he had knowledge that God was able to keep everything that He promised.

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« 163 † Now, when you got it like that, then add that to your faith. When you got true virtue, add it to your faith. When you can walk out here on the street, live like a Christian, act like a Christian, be a Christian, add that to your faith. When you have knowledge...

164 You say, "Well, I don't know now whether this Scripture is just right. Now here is Acts 2:38, I don't know how to go about it with Acts 28:19. I don't." All right. You don't--don't add nothing, 'cause you ain't got It yet. See? What you going to do? Because, you haven't got knowledge enough to know of God, yet, that the Bible doesn't contradict Itself. Leave it alone. Don't say no more about it. See? Leave it alone.

**165 But when you can see that the Scripture is not contradictory, that you can say that; and can see, that, by the revelation of God, the whole Word is wrote in mysteries, and only the knowledge of God can reveal It; then when you get and say, punctuate every Word of God with an "amen," then add that to your faith.**

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« 166 † Oh, you're getting to be a pretty good man right now. See? You're coming up, see. What with? With faith, then with virtue, then knowledge. See how it's building this man? You can see there's no--no way escaping it. This is the way to become in the full stature of Christ. Yes, sir.

167 To judge, judge right. Judge whether it's right or wrong, to believe God's Word. Judge whether it's right or wrong, whether I should serve a creed or serve God. Judge whether it's right or wrong, I should be born again or join a church. Then you beginning. Judge right, when the preacher says, "The days of miracles is passed." The Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now which you going to believe?

168 When you say, "I'll take God." Now, you don't say that just to say, "Well, I--I take it," just from your heart. But, something in you, your faith pushes out there. There you are. Your faith says, "I know He's the same. Amen. I've witnessed Him the same. There's nothing can take it away from me. I know He's real." Amen. Then add that to your faith. Lay it down on the foundation. Coming up now, coming right on up towards the Kingdom. Got to a spot now. All right.

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« 172 † We're not building an organization. I'm not here this morning to build an organization. Christ never sent me to build organization. **Christ sent me to build individuals to the stature of Jesus Christ, that they might be the powerhouse and the dwelling place of the Spirit, by His Word. By His Word, see, build up the individual to that place.** Not build an organization to a greater denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea. See? Add to your faith, virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now you're coming to a place.

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« 179 † Now there will be another thing on this knowledge, we might speak of, godly knowledge. See? "Has the Bible in this day lost Its meaning?" See, they, a lot of people tell you that, that the Bible doesn't exactly mean that. If God watches over me, and corrects me in my sin, and if I am a son of God, He does that. He does you that way, sons and [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] daughters. When you do anything wrong, He corrects you. Then if God is so particular about you, that He watches over you and corrects you, how much more has He His Word, which is your example, which is Himself!

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

And... made flesh, and dwelt among us,...

« 180 **† The Word is the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Bible said so, Christ being revealed in His Word**. And if He has watched over you when you transgress these laws, He condemns you for it, how much more has He watched over His law that condemns you! Amen.

181 Go on, boy, don't tell me that stuff!

182 I believe in genuine, Holy Ghost knowledge. Holy Ghost knowledge will always punctuate the Word with "amen." When you get these things that seem to contradict themselves, in the Bible, you sit down and study it, and prayerfully like that. And the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit begins to move in. After a while you see it ties together, and there you got it. See? That's knowledge.

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« 186 † Knowledge; not worldly (it reasons). Any kind of worldly knowledge reasons. See? But faith has no reasoning. God reveals to you a certain-certain thing is going to happen, every scientist in the world could tell you, "It's contrary. It could not happen." You believe it, anyhow. See? Yes, sir. It doesn't reason. The Bible said, "We cast down reasons." You don't reason with faith. Faith has no reasoning. Faith knows where it's at. Faith acts. Faith holds on. It can't move. Nothing can move it. I don't care whatever says this, that, other. It doesn't move, a bit. It stays right there, wait, wait, wait, wait. Don't make any difference. It stays right there.

187 God told Noah these things is going to happen. He believed it. See? God told Moses these things are going to happen. He believed it. God told the disciples certain things going to happen, "Go up there at Pentecost and wait." They stayed right there. Yes, sir. All right.

**« 188 † Now, knowledge, now, not worldly knowledge, but it's Heavenly knowledge. And Heavenly knowledge, when God is the fountain of all knowledge, and God is the Word. Then, if you've got Heavenly knowledge, you believe the Word, and you reason anything by the Word.**

189 And this tax case that the church has been in, or I have been in. One of the men one time, in a little hearing, told me. Said I said... "They couldn't find nothing wrong." And so they begin to...

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**« 197 † Knowledge; not worldly. Spiritual knowledge of the Word, knowing what God said, do what God said, that's right. Then if you got that and can believe all these things, that He's the same in all these things the Word says is true, you punctuate every one with an "amen." It's all right. Add that to your faith. That's all right. Yes.**

# Temperance:

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« 219 † Fourthly. We'll have to hurry, because I'm just... It just feels so good to stand here and talk about it. Amen. [A brother says, "We're enjoying it."--Ed.] Yeah. Fourthly... Thank you.

220 **Add "temperance."** Oh, my! We've come to temperance. Now, you've had faith, first; have to have that, to begin with. Then you add virtue to your faith, if it's the right kind of virtue. Then you add knowledge, if it's the right kind of knowledge. Now you're going to add temperance.

221 Temperance doesn't mean, "stop drinking alcohol," here, either. No, no. Temperance doesn't mean alcoholic cure, not in this case. This is Bible temperance, Holy Spirit temperance. **That's just one of the lust of the flesh, but we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. That means, how to control your tongue, not be a tattler; how to control your temper, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you.** Oh, my!

222 Boy, a lot of us going to fall off before we get started, aren't we? See? Then we wonder why God is not in His Church, doing miracles and things that they used to do. Yes, sir. See?

« 223 † Add these things. Add temperance to it. Oh, temperance, how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy-rollers down there!" Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves now. See? Not that. But talk with godly love, temperance, kindness. Is that the way you want to be? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your example.

224 When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," He could have done it, and show He was God. But He had temperance. When they called Him, "Beelzebub," He said, "I'll forgive you for it." That right? They pulled handfuls of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the cross!"

225 He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't even know what they're doing."

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« 226 † When, He had the gift, He knowed all things, for in Him was the fullness of the godhead bodily. They had seen Him perform miracles, by telling people what was wrong with them, and so forth like that. They put a rag around His head like that, around His eyes, and hit Him on the head with a stick, and said, "Prophesy, tell us who hit You. We'll believe You." See? He had temperance.

227 Now, if you got it like that, add it to your faith. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on, huh-uh, you ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add. See? It won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible, just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, then it will vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.

When your virtue is like His virtue, then it'll add to it.

« 228 † When your knowledge is like His knowledge, "I come to do Thy will, O God." See? With the Father's Word, He defeated every devil. Heavens and earth will pass away, but the Word will not. See? When you got that kind of knowledge, it'll vulcanize with your faith.

229 When you got the right kind of temperance, like He had, it'll vulcanize. If you haven't, just a man-made halfway, soused-up belief, or temperance, "Oh, I ought to slap him down, but--but maybe I better not, 'cause they might put my name in the paper about it." That ain't the kind of temperance He's talking about. Don't try to add that. It won't work. But when you can really, with the sweetness from your heart, forgive every man, hold your peace, let it be gone, see, then it'll vulcanize. You can add that to your faith. Whew!

# Patience:

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« 231 † Then, after that, fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. If you got faith, "it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So, this is patience. Now, that's the next thing is going to build this stature. You know, God has got real material in His Building.

232 See how short we are, brother, sister? See? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See? We have glory, have shouts and things, because we got faith. But when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that stature. See? He can't. He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things. We fall, slide off with it. See? He can't build His Church.

« 233 † **Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing, is have patience with God.** If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.

234 Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to heal me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh, my! What patience?

235 God told **Abraham**, and twenty-five years later there wasn't even one sign. He was still believing. He was patient with God. Uh-huh.

236 Put Him always before you. Let Him be the next crossing thing. You can't cross Him, so just keep Him before you. "He said so, and it's going to happen." See? Keep Him before you. That's right.

« 237 † Noah had patience. Yeah. **Noah** had real, godly patience. God said, "I'm going to destroy this world with rain," and Noah preached a hundred and twenty years, yet. Plenty of patience. Not even dew fell from Heaven. Wasn't nothing. Just as dusty as it ever was, for a hundred and twenty years, but he was patient.

Then, God tries your patience. That's right. God tries them.

238 After He told Noah, now He said, "Noah, I want you to go ahead and get in the ark. I'm going to run the animals in there, and I--I want you get in. Climb way upstairs, now, so you can look out, top window. Now, I want you get in there. I want you to tell these people, 'Tomorrow, what I been preaching for a hundred and twenty years, is going to take place.' All right, you go down there and tell them."

« 239 † What was the first sign? Noah got in the ark. Wasn't no rain. Noah got ready, and got the raincoat on, and everything, so he could look out, once in a while. Got ready. But the next day...

240 I believe he might have told his family, and his daughter-in-laws and all them, said, "Oh, my! Tomorrow you're going to see something you ain't never seen. Because, all over the skies, they're going to be black. And thunder and lightning is going to take place. God's big sword is going to zip through the sky. He's going to condemn these bunch of sinners that's turned us down, for this hundred and twenty years. You just watch and see." See?

241 Some of the half-way believers, you know, that hang around and don't ever come in, you know. You--you still have them, you know. So they--they come up, said, "Well, the old man might have been right, so we'll go up and wait a few days, or wait a few hours in the morning, and see."

« 242 † Next day, instead of a black cloud, here come the sun coming up just like it always did. Noah looked out. Said, "Hey, there ain't no cloud."

243 That guy come up, said, "Ah, I knowed you was one of them. You see, you're hanging around up here."

244 "Well, pardon me, sir. Ha-ha. Maybe I--I--I just, you know, just enthused, you know. Kind of, see. Ha-ha-ha."

245 But, Noah, he had patience. Said, "If it didn't come today, it'll be here tomorrow." Why? God said so.

"When did He tell you that, Noah?"

246 "A hundred and twenty years ago. I've come this far, so I'm just waiting here now." See that? After a while...

247 We find, God come this far, waiting for the Church, too, but It'll be there. Don't you worry. He promised It.

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**« 248 † Waited all this time for a resurrection. There'll be one. Don't worry. God promised it.** Just wait patiently. You fall asleep, that won't... You might take a little nap before it happens, but you'll wake up at that time. He promised it, you see. A nap, see, what we call a nap of death, you know. What we call death, just a little nap, or sleeping in Christ. No such thing as dying in Christ. Life and death don't exist together. See? We just take a nap, a nap that our friends can't call us from. He's the only One can call. "He'll call, and I'll answer Him," said Job. Job has been sleeping now for four thousand years. Don't worry. He'll--he'll wake up. Don't worry. He's still waiting.

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« 249 † Noah waited. The fourth day passed. No rain. It's all right. It's going to happen.

250 I can hear Mrs. Noah come around and say, "Dad, are you su-...?"

"Don't talk like that."

251 He had patience, 'cause he had faith. Yes, sir. He had virtue. He had knowledge that God was right. He had temperance. He didn't fly loose, say, "Well, I don't know what it's all about. I've lost all my popularity out there." No, no. "People don't care for me no more. I'll go out there and start all over, new again." No, no. He had patience. God promised. God will do it. God will do it, 'cause God said so.

« 252 † And I can see his son come around, say, "Dad, you know..." Stroke his hand over his long gray hair, you know. And he was hundreds of years old, you know, setting there. Said, "I know you're an old patriarch. I--I love you, daddy. But could it been possible that you could been a little bit wrong?"

"Oh, no. No."

"Why?"

"God said so!"

253 "Well, daddy, this is six days that we sit up here. Setting up here in this big, old, dry ark setting right here. And it's all pitched, inside and out. And we been all these years building on it. And you stood out there and preached, till you turned gray and bald. And here you are up here now, trying to say such-and-such a thing. And the people are laughing, and throwing rotten tomatoes and things against the side of it. Look there what you're doing. Why, you know..."

"Be patient, son."

"Are you sure?"

"It will rain!"

His daughter-in-law said, "Father, you know..."

"It will rain!"

254 "But we've been all these years, waiting. We been preparing. And you told us it's going to rain, a week ago. And we're in here, and the doors are all shut, and here we are walking around in here, and the sun just scorching right down like it was."

"But it will rain!"

"How do you know?"

"God said so!"

**« 255 † Now we get that way, add it. But if you ain't got it that way, don't--don't try to add it. It won't work. It won't work on healing. It won't work on nothing else. See? It's got to blend in with the same material it's vulcanized to. That's right. Got to add it. Patience with God's promise**. Yes, sir. Noah believed it. And he had patience with God, a hundred and twenty years.

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« 291 † How about the pentecostal people? As long as they got the commission, "Wait until," see, "wait until you're endued with Power." How long? They didn't have no question, how long will it be? They just got the answer, "Wait until."

292 They went up there and said, "All right, boys, maybe fifteen minutes from now the Holy Spirit is going to be on us and we're going to have our ministry." Fifteen minutes passed, nobody. One day passed, no; two, three, four, five, six, seven.

293 Some of them might have said, "Hey, don't you think we already got It?"

"No, no, no, no." That's it. No. That's right.

294 "You better come on out, boys." Devil said, "You--you--you know you've already got what you want. Go on, start your ministry."

295 "No, no, no. We ain't got It, yet. Because, He said, 'There will come, what would take place in the last days: With stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people, and this is the Rest that I said,' see, Isaiah 28:19." Said, "This is--this is It, you--you'll get It when... Why, we'll know when It comes. We'll know when It comes. We'll know it, 'Promise of the Father.'" There he waited nine days. And then on the tenth day, "We were there." They had patience, to wait.

« 296 † Now, if you've got that kind of patience, after God gives you a promise and you see it in the Bible, "It's mine," then wait. Then, if you've got that kind of patience, add it to your faith. And see how high you're getting now? You're getting way up here now. All right. The clock hand is getting way round, too, isn't it? All right. All right. Add this to your faith.

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« 297 † Always putting Him before you, remembering, it was He that promised. Wasn't me, promised. Wasn't pastor, promised, or Brother Neville. It wasn't some other minister, promised. It wasn't some priest or pope. Wasn't no man of the earth. It was God made the promise, and God is able to keep everything He promised. All right. If you got that kind of faith, to know that God promised it! Say, "Brother Branham, I'm sick. I need healing awful bad." Accept it. It's a gift given to you, yes, sir, if thou canst believe. "Well," you say, "I do believe." Then forget it. That's all. It's all over. See?

**298 Have patience, if you got patience. If you're not, you're crumbling off of this Building here, see. It'll knock all the rest of it down, that one thing. Got to have that. Don't add it, because, it'll wreck your building if you haven't got patience, if you haven't got virtue to add to your faith that you say you got. And if you haven't got any faith, and try to put virtue on it, it'll break your faith down. See? You say, "Well, now, wait a minute. Maybe this is all a mistake, anyhow. Maybe God isn't God. Maybe there is no God." See, it'll break the thing right in two. See?**

# Godliness:

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« 299 † But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? You're moving right on up the line. All right.

300 Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my! **Godliness to be added.** What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn't even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jeffery's there, we found it in a--in a dictionary. **Godliness means "to be like God."** Oh, my! After you got faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew!

301 You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, you can.

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you. Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude.

Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What's that?) perfect, even as your Father... in heaven is perfect.

303 You got way up here now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

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**« 304 † Let's turn to Ephesians 4, and find out over here what, in the Book of Ephesians, it says about this thing, too, about how we should--how we should do. Ephesian, the 4th chapter, and begin with the 12th verse. Ephesians 4, and begin with the 12th verse. All right. Let's begin up here at the 11th verse.**

**And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;...**

**305 Remember last night? Don't try to take the other man's office. See?**

**... and some, evangelists; and some, pastors... and some, teachers;**

**306 "For the perfecting of God"? Does it read like that? [Congregation says, "No."--Ed.] The perfection of what? ["Saints."] Who are the saints? The sanctified ones. Amen. The ones started from down here.**

**... perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry (the ministry of Jesus Christ), for the edifying of the body of Christ (for the edifying, building It up, edifying): until...**

**Till we all come in to the unity of the faith, and... the knowledge of the Son of God, and to the perfect man, unto the assurance, (oh, my), to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

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« 307 **† "Perfect," takes godliness. You have to add to your faith, godliness. See, you start off down here, with virtue. Then you go to knowledge. Then you go to temperance. Then you go to patience. Now you're on godliness. Godliness!** Oh, my! Our time is getting away. Let's see. But you know what godliness meant. You've sang this song:

To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus,

On earth I long to be like Him;

All through life's journey from earth to Glory

I only ask to be like Him.

308 That's godliness. When He was smite on one side of the face, He turned the other. When He was spoken rough to, He didn't speak. He didn't rile back. See? Godly, always looking for one thing, "I always do that which pleases the Father." See? Yes, sir. Always. That's godliness. See?

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« 309 † After you done come from here, to here, to here, to here, to here, to here, now you're coming into the full stature now of a son of God. But you got to have this, plus all this, and you can't even start until you get this.

310 Now remember the black bird with peacock feathers. Don't forget him. See? Don't try to add it till you're actually born again. Cause, you, it won't work, and you--you can't make it work. It'll come to this, or this here, it'll crumble somewhere.

**311 But when you get down here, a genuine born-again dove, then you don't add nothing. It adds to you, see, comes on up, all right, coming into perfection now.** All right.

# Brotherly Love –Brotherly kindness:

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« 312 † Then, sixthly, let's add, the Bible said here, adding brotherly love... brotherly kindness. Now, that's a good one, right here, the sixth, seven. All right. Adding brotherly kindness. All right. **When we get to that, brotherly kindness, put yourself in his place, on the matter.** Now you say...

313 "My brother sinned against me," said Peter. "Shall I forgive him," he said, "seven times a day?"

He said, "Seventy times seven." See?

314 Brotherly kindness. Now, you see, if a brother is all out of tune, don't be impatient with him. See? No. See? Be kind to him. Go, anyhow.

« 315 † Somebody said, not long ago, said, "How can you believe these things the way you do, and still go to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest?" Then put, see, brotherly kindness. See? See? Hoping, someday, see; patient with him, see; temperant, enduring with him; knowledge, to understand what he believes, remember, it's in his heart, that's what is; virtue, in yourself, to let it go out with kindness, meekness, to him; having faith that someday God will bring him in. See?

# Jude: And on some have compassion

***JUDE 1:20-23***

***» 20 † But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,***

***» 21 † Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.***

***» 22 † And of some have compassion, making a difference:***

***» 23 † And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.***

***1 John 2:9-11 3:11-17***

# Charity: Capstone

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316 Brotherly kindness, the seventh thing. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. [Brother Branham taps on the chalkboard seven times--Ed.] See, seventh thing. Then, now, you're coming.

317 Next thing, then, add charity, which is love. That's the capping stone. One of these days, in the church...

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« 326 † Here, our nation, saying the things they are, and making fun of these things, and their own money, their currency, testifies that the seal of the whole universe is God. See that eye standing up there above that, on that dollar bill? That's the great seal.

327 **It never was put on top of the pyramid. They couldn't understand why. The capping Stone was rejected, the Head, Christ. But It will come, someday.**

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« 328 † Now, in building, the virtue... Building this monument, building this stature, see, it starts off with the foundation stone; faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness. Now what does it do? **Then they're waiting for the Headstone, which is love, for God is love. And He controls, and He is the strength of every one of these things. That's right. Yes, sir.**

**329 Right in here, right in here, you see I got, in between, all these works in here, and here these little waves come. What is that? The Holy Ghost coming down, through Christ, see. Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is above all this, welding this together, building (a what?) a perfect Church, for the Capstone to cap It off.**

**330 What's it been done again? It's manifested through Seven Church Ages, and seven Church messengers.**

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« E-22 † "... is the substance of the things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Let's take that part of the Scripture, "the substance of things hoped for."

There's three things: hope, charity, and faith. Is that right? Now, hope is one element; faith is another element; and charity is another element**. Charity is love.**

I've seen many people come by, lovely people, real Christians, but didn't have enough faith to be healed, and some sinner pass by and has the faith to be healed. See?

It's another element altogether. It's not how well you serve God; it's a--an element that you possess yourself. Now, I want you to see this because it's for your benefit.

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« E-36 † Oh, my. No wonder it thrills our heart, the great church, God leading it out. Then when they come to the place where they come to Kadesh, in Kadesh then was a judgment seat, and as we dealt, went through that last Sunday.

And then after the Church come through, Martin Luther... There's a third stage of the journey. Martin Luther was the first stage of the journey, calling out of darkness. John Wesley was the second stage. Then there comes a Pentecost. And Pentecost brought the judgment. And the people went after the gifts instead of the... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] That's right. I believe God wants me to say that.

Friends, when you miss the love of God in your hearts, you miss everything, no matter what you've done. Where there's tongues, they shall cease; where there's prophecy, it shall vanish. But where there is charity, it lasts forever. I'd rather my wife would love me than be afraid of me, wouldn't you? Sure, you love God. The love of God in your heart...

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« 331 † Started back here. Where was the Church first founded? Where was the pentecostal Church first founded? By Saint Paul, at Ephesus, the star of the Ephesian Church Age, Ephesus.

332 The second Church age was Smyrna. "Virtue." Irenaeus, the great man who held up the Gospel of Paul.

333 Next Church age was Pergamos, **[ Knowledge VJS ]** who was Martin. Martin was the great man who stayed. Paul, Irenaeus, Martin.

334 Then in Thyatira come Columba. You remember? Here it is, drawed out right there. Columba. After Columba... The Dark Ages come in there. **[ Temperance VJS ]**

335 Then come Sardis, which means dead. Luther. Hallelujah! What then?  **[ Patience VJS ]** What come next after Sardis, Luther?

336 Then come Philadelphia. "Godliness." Wesley, holiness! "The just live by faith," said Luther. Sanctification through Wesley.

337 Then come in brotherly kindness, through the Laodicea. And we believe the great Message of the second appearing of Elijah, in the last day, shall sweep the land.

« 338 **† Here you are, Seven Church Ages, seven steps. God building His Church, is like one person into an individual, into Himself. The glory, the Power of God, coming down through this, welding It together. Therefore, the Pentecostal people that let out the Lutheran, let out the Wesleyans and things, doesn't know what they're talking about. You see, they lived in this part of the temple. That's the way, some people can come up that high and drop off. But there's a genuine part of that, keeps making that building come on. "I will restore," saith the Lord.**

**339 You remember The Bride Tree? You remember the sermon on The Bride Tree? They eat It down, but He pruned it. They got denominational branches; He pruned them off. They raised up another church, denominational branches; He pruned it off. But the heart of that Tree kept growing. "And in the evening time it shall be Light." See? That's when come Christ, the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes down and sets Hisself at the Head of the Church then, and He will resurrect this Church, being His Own Body. In there is the Body.**

**340 And the way God is expecting us as an individual to grow, the way He has brought His Church in to grow. Every Church age, It becomes one big Church. See?**

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« 341 † These fellows wasn't required what these fellows are. This wasn't required what this was. See? But He brought His Church up the same way. He brought His--His Church up the same way He's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says, first, seven things: faith, virtue, (see, come up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, add brotherly kindness, and then the love of God. **The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you. Then, God lives in a Tabernacle, called the Building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.**

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« 342 † **When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him.** No matter, you might speak with tongues, you might impersonate any gift that God has got. You might do that. But until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.

343 But, you know, the--the heathen, they prostrate themself before an idol, imaginary god. And in imaginary way they believe that that imaginary god speaks back to them. That's heathenism. That's Romanism. They bow before all kind of saints and everything else. And they have Saint Cecelia, a house god, and so many different things like that. They bow to that, and actually believe that in imaginary way. What a--what a type it is, of the true living God.

**« 344 † But when we, not in imaginary way, but prostrate ourselves before a living God, a living virtue, a living knowledge, a living patience, a living godliness, a living Power coming from a living God, makes a living man a living image in the stature of God. What's he doing? The same things that Jesus did; walking the same way He walked, doing the same things He did. Because, it's not imaginary thing. There's a reality that proves.**

345 See what I mean? See how these virtues, these building materials, type in with the Church messengers, with the Church ages? Now, one of these days, we're going to take each one of these words, and study them out, and show that it proves it. It all goes together. Sure. See? Oh, my! How wonderful that is, see, to see what it--what it does.

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« 346 **† Now, that is the House that God dwells in**; not a building with a big bell on top of it, and a high steeple. See? "But a Body has Thou prepared Me," a Body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in. Amen! **Living instrumentality of God, God walking on two feet, in you. Glory!** "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you. "For ye are written epistles, read of all men." And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore.

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« 349 † Jesus said, "Is not it written? You condemned Me, saying, 'I'm the Son of God.' Isn't it written, that, 'You are gods.' Don't your own law say that?" Like Moses, like Elijah, like those prophets who lived so close to God, till God just transfer Himself right into them. And they spoke, not themselves, but God. "Take no thought what you should say, 'cause it's not you that speaks. It's the Father that dwelleth in you; He doeth the speaking." His Words is not his own, because, his life, he's dead.

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**« 350 † If you die, you take the blood out of a man, you embalm him. Trouble of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed. You take the blood out of the man, he's gone. Then the only thing you do is put another blood back in him; he's going to live again. You took his blood out.**

**351 And now we've put the Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head and controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen! Controlled by the Head, takes the...?... There you are. There is the perfect man of God, when he possesses these virtues.**

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« 352 † Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman. God represents His Church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son, to go in that Bride, He also has brought the Bride through these ages, [Brother Branham taps on his chalkboard seven times--Ed.] till He brings this one complete Church into this.

353 My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did, neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See? The feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hand. Ear, you become eyes." See?

**354 But, each age, God has placed these things into His Church, and patterned it by showing that each individual has these, possesses these qualities. And This, being when it's completed, is the Church of God going to Rapture. And this being, and completed, is a servant of God, in the Church of God, that's going in the Rapture. Glory! See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.**

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« 358 † Did you ever hear this? Now let me tell you this. And keep real... Put this on your listening ear. See? A chain is its strongest at its weakest link. That's right. It's no stronger than its weakest link.

359 No matter how strong these are built up, this is built up; if it's got a weak link, there's where she breaks. And it's no stronger than that weakest link. [Brother Branham is referring to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] Now if you possess, you say you got this, this, this, you don't have this, there's where she breaks. If you got this, and haven't got that, she'll break right there. You got this, and haven't got that, it'll break. This, and haven't got this, it'll break. This, and haven't got this, it'll break. See? And if you ain't... Can't have this without having this.

**360 So when you surrender your complete being, then the Holy Spirit just pours through you, in these virtues, then you're a living tabernacle. Then people look out and say, "That's a man full of virtue, knowledge (he believes the Word), temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, full of the love of the Holy Ghost.** See, there he is, walking around." What is it? A stature that unbelievers can look at and say, "There is a Christian. There is a man, or a woman, who knows what they're talking about. You never seen a kinder, sweeter, godlier person." You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, you see the seal just the same. There you are. See? When a man or woman possess this, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God, which is the Holy Ghost.

« 361 † Then the Word, coming from Here, manifests Itself through each one of these beings, see, and makes this complete Being a Tabernacle of the living God, a walking, living example of Christianity. What Christ was, these people are, because His Life is in here. **They are in Christ. And their life is dead and hid in Christ, through God, and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost.** First Corinthians 12. That's right. See? You reckon yourself dead, then you're born of faith. Then virtue and these other things is added to you till you're a perfect, living image of God. That wonderful? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

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**« 362 † And then God, through that, has brought also Seven Church Ages, to show the seven steps that He brought, building His individual into His image, He's built a complete Church in His image. And at the resurrection, this complete Body will be raised up to live with Him forever, because it is a Bride.** See? So that cuts in every age, every age that come.

363 And there's more required, remember. Remember what Paul said over here in Hebrews 11? Let me just read you something before we close here, just a minute. And then you... It kind of makes you feel kind of strange when I... always, when I read this. I'm going to get Hebrews 11, and I'm going to start the 32nd verse.

What more, what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell you of Gedeon,... of Barak, and... Samson, and... Jephthae;... David... and Samuel,... of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promise, stopped the mouth of lions,

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, and out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in flight, turned... the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again:... others went through torment, were tormented, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

364 Way down in here. See? [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] All right.

And others had trials... cruel mockings... scourging, yea, moreover... bonds... imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawed asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with... swords: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskin; being destitute, and afflicted, and tormented;

(Of whom the world is not worthy:)...

365 See, in parenthesis there, you noticed in your Bible.

... they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

... all these, having obtained a good report through faith,...

366 Here! [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.]

... good report through faith, received not the promise: (See?)

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

« 367 † You get it? These people who died, in here, are depending and waiting on us. So, **this Church has got to come to perfection, in order to bring the resurrection.** And they're under, souls under the altar, waiting for this Church to come to Its perfection, that when Christ does come.

368 And this Church, you see, is coming smaller, in the minority. [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just like to write that cross there, see. It's come up to a needlepoint. Until, the Church, in the minority, has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of a ministry that this left, because, when this Headstone comes back.

**369 It's got a little pocket-like here, where it's going to sit right in there, on the regular pyramid. It just isn't a cap that sits across the top. It's a little flange, and it's got to sit on there, 'cause it sheds the water.**

**And when it comes, this Church has got to be honed.**

**370 All these, rest the stones in the pyramid, are laying so perfect till you can't run a razor blade between them, weighing tons, laying in there. How they got them up, they don't know. But they were built.**

**371 And up here, when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid Itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed. Not only just some creed or doctrine, or something other we come through. It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ, till, when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. See? Then will come the Rapture, the going Home.**

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« 403 † Peter said, "And because you have escaped the corruption of the world through the lust of money, and lust of big time, and pleasure, and the eating, and drinking, and lust that we have. You've escaped that. And now you're built up into livelihood. I'm addressing that to the Church," he said. There you are. Did you read it? Did you get it? Did you hear it when we read it back here in Second Peter? Just listen what he says here, how beautiful that's wrote in here, how he--he addresses it. All right. Listen to him now as he speaks. All right.

Peter, Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that... obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

... peace be--be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and through Jesus Christ our Lord,

According as--as his divine power has given unto us all things...

404 Who is going to inherit the earth and all things? [Someone says, "Saints."--Ed.] Sure. "Pertaineth..." Yeah. All right.

... that pertaineth unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory unto glory:

Whereby are we given to the exceeding great... precious promise: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption (Listen to that.) that is in the world through lust.

« 405 † **Lust for money, lust for big things, lust for popularity, these things are dead to the believer. We don't care. A tent or a cottage, why should I care; live or die, sink or drown? This is the thing that I'm interested in, the Kingdom of God. Whether I maintain my home, whether I maintain my family, whether I maintain whatever it is, let me maintain Christ, our hope of Glory.**

**406 Build me up, O Lord, into This. Let Christ be my Head, that working through me. On my foundation, my faith that's in Him, let virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brother kindness, work in me, O Lord, is my prayer. I don't care; live or die, sink or drown; denomination, no denomination; friend or no friend. Let That work in me, let Christ's virtue, His knowledge, flow out, that I might be able to teach those.**

**407 "For God has set in the Church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists, all for the perfecting and bringing all these virtues into it, for that perfection of the Coming of the Son of God." Each one of these stones are a material off of that One. This is material of This. Each one of these virtues belong into Him, and they're pouring out of Him, down through them. Amen.**

# Closing Quote:

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410 Let me tell you, we don't know how long we're going to have one another. I don't know how long I'm going to be with you. God may call me away from the world. He may call me to another field of service. He may call you somewhere. We don't know. But, let's--let's obtain. Let's not let this just pass over us. Let's take that.

411 There it is, in the Bible. Here it is, patterns everything else. And if I only had time to do it! You can't do it in one day. You know that. But, can tie the whole thing together!

412 Looky, when we got through with that message there, you see what the Holy Ghost did there on the wall, don't you? How many was here then? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? Sure! Come right down, drawed the same thing out, that Angel of the Lord.

« 413 † See, it's true. Don't let it escape you. Hold onto it, children. Hold onto that. Remember, build upon your faith, virtue, knowledge, patience!

« 415 † And I want you to take it and study it, and compare it, and then act upon it. Don't just study it, compare it, but act upon it when you do. Take it sincerely to yourself. Don't say, "Well, I enjoyed listening at it." I did, too. But to listen at it, and then receiving it, is different. See? See? It's different. See?

**416 There is seven qualifications to make the stature of God. There is Seven Church Ages, that God has brought the Church to this qualification. And He's had seven messengers to do it. There is seven, seven, seven. See? Seven is--is God's number of completion, and three is God's perfect number. So, there's three, and seven three's. So, mathematically, spiritually, by the Word, by the witness of the Holy Ghost, all of it has completed the thing together. Let's study it.**

« 417 † Let's add to our faith these things, then, that we might come in the full stature of Christ; being joined together with godly love, fear of God, reverence in our heart to one another, deep respect to one another, brotherly and sisterly kindness, never vulgarity, nothing but just the purity of Holy Ghost living. See? Live together, be a Christian. Walk with faith. Let the virtue of God flow through you; let the knowledge of God, when it comes to right and wrong. When the Devil presents something that's not exactly Scriptural, walk away from it. That's right.

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« E-11 † There's going to be a redeemed body. Many of us people say, "Well, that person's going to be there, because I heard them shouting and praising the Lord. Sometimes we like to take a person in that way, but that's not what Jesus said. Sometimes we say, "Oh, they'll make it because they was so filled they spoke with tongues." That's still wrong. That's all right, but it's still wrong. Shouting's all right too. But the only way you'll ever get in there when--it's by the fruits of the Spirit. "By their fruits you shall know them."

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« E-12 † A tree might have sycamore bark on it, but if it's a bearing apples, it's a apple tree. That's right. It's a apple tree because the sap, the life on the inside of the apple--of that sycamore tree is changed to apple trees life and bearing apples, in a kind of a...

No matter what outward demonstration you give, as long as the inward, here, is the Holy Spirit, it'll be the fruits of the Spirit, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, patience, gentleness, faith, temperance.

**Satan can copy any kind of a gift, any kind of a manifestation, but he can't love. God is love. that's right. See? Satan can't love.**

You see a man humble, and loving, and good to his neighbors, and a good citizen, a good fellow, and a good man, and a Christian man, full of love and humility; you watch that man. See? That's right. He's good charitable, long-suffering, you can talk about him, it's a--all right, he forgives you, don't make any difference to him. There, that's the real man; keep your eye on him. See? That man bears, he's an example.

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« E-14 † Not long ago, my little girl called me, when I was here the other time. It kind of give me a thought. She said, "Daddy, I want you to come home."

And I said, "Honey, from Texas I sent you a--a little doll." She said--she's just four years old. I said, "I sent you a little doll, honey."

She said, "I got it Daddy." And I said--She said, "I want you to come home, daddy."

And I said, "Well, honey, I sent you a little rabbit from down Chattanooga."

She said, "I got it, daddy." But she said, "I want you to come home." See?

And I said, "Well, honey, I--daddy..."

She said, "Daddy, I love you, and I love the gifts that you give me, but I want daddy."

« E-15 † **That's it. All these gifts are wonderful, but I want Father.** I love these gifts, the hearing and the manifestations, the praising God, and shouting, and healing, and speaking with tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, and all the different gifts. I love to set and watch them. I have not them, but I love to watch them in operation in the Church. But after all that, I want Jesus. I--I want it. His gifts are fine, but I want the Giver in here. See? That's right.

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« E-16 † So Paul said it was possible for him to do those things without having the Giver, "Thou I speak with tongues as men and angels, and have not charity, it profit me nothing." See, see? All right.

Now, love one another. Above everything that you do, love one another. And as you love one another, you'll love God. See? You love each other and you'll love God. For God is love.

And a man that walks in love, walks in life. And perfect love casteth out all fear. Then if you can take Him at His Word, and not fear a bit about it. Say, "Lord, I love You; I know You're going to answer because You promised me You would, and I just know You're going to do it." See? And it takes away all fear.

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« 349 † Jesus said, "Is not it written? You condemned Me, saying, 'I'm the Son of God.' Isn't it written, that, 'You are gods.' Don't your own law say that?" Like Moses, like Elijah, like those prophets who lived so close to God, till God just transfer Himself right into them. And they spoke, not themselves, but God. "Take no thought what you should say, 'cause it's not you that speaks. It's the Father that dwelleth in you; He doeth the speaking." His Words is not his own, because, his life, he's dead.

**« 350 † If you die, you take the blood out of a man, you embalm him. Trouble of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed. You take the blood out of the man, he's gone. Then the only thing you do is put another blood back in him; he's going to live again. You took his blood out.**

**351 And now we've put the Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head and controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen! Controlled by the Head, takes the...?... There you are. There is the perfect man of God, when he possesses these virtues.**

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« 352 † Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman. God represents His Church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son, to go in that Bride, He also has brought the Bride through these ages, [Brother Branham taps on his chalkboard seven times--Ed.] till He brings this one complete Church into this.

353 My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did, neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See? The feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hand. Ear, you become eyes." See?

**354 But, each age, God has placed these things into His Church, and patterned it by showing that each individual has these, possesses these qualities. And This, being when it's completed, is the Church of God going to Rapture. And this being, and completed, is a servant of God, in the Church of God, that's going in the Rapture. Glory! See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.**

# Closing Prayer/ Pledge :

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« 451 † Add to your faith, virtue; add to your virtue, knowledge; to your knowledge, temperance; to your temperance, patience; to your patience, godliness; to your godliness, brotherly love; to your brotherly love, the Holy Spirit, and Christ will come. Cause, just beneath Him... The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus Christ into the Church, to manifest those virtues. Oh, my!

Here it is, quarter after twelve.

I love... I love Him

Because He first loved me,

Way down here, before you was anything.

And pur-... (What did He do?)... my salvation

On Calvary's tree.

How am I this? Because He loved me, first.

I love Him, I love Him

Because He first loved me... (There is the cause.)

And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's tree.

« 452 † I pledge, this morning, to Him, with all my heart, that, by His help and by His grace, I pray that I'll seek daily, without ceasing, until I feel every one of these requirements flowing in this little old stature of mine, till I can be a manifestation of the living Christ. For, He became sin like me, that I might became... come righteousness of God, like Him. "He took my place; Lord, let me take His now." Because, that's the purpose He died for. How many will pledge that same thing, by the grace of God? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] With our heads bowed now, and our hands up. "I..."

453 I pledge it, Lord, this church pledges it, "The full stature of Jesus Christ!"

Because He first loved me

And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's tree. `