

# Why I Believe In Preachers

*A study of Scriptures (KJV) and quotations from Rev. William Marrion Branham*

## **MARK 3:14-15**

14. *And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth **to preach**,*

15. *And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:*

## **LUKE 9:6**

6. *And they departed, and went through the towns, **preaching** the gospel, and healing every where.*

## **II TIMOTHY 4:1-2**

1. *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*

2. ***Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

## **I CORINTHIANS 9:16**

16. *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!***

## **I CORINTHIANS 1:18**

18. *For **the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness**; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

## **I CORINTHIANS 1:21**

21. *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.***

## **ROMANS 10:14**

14. *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?***

AT THY WORD LORD [48-0305]

**I like to hear good preachers.**

AT THY WORD [53-0608E]

Anything I like is to hear good preaching, **hear a man preaching.**

WASHING JESUS' FEET [57-0310A]

And how **I love to hear good preaching.** I don't get the privilege of doing it very much. But **I love to hear a good preacher** who knows the Word.

**MARK 16:15**

15. *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel** to every creature.*

THE INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES [54-0509]

I think, today **what we need is more old fashion, God-called ministers...**

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS [51-0729A]

Brother, **what we need today is preachers back behind the pulpit that preach** the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Holy Ghost and fire baptism coming down upon the people.

FAITH [56-0815]

**What we need is some preachers that'll get out and preach the truth of the thing.**

BE NOT AFRAID [61-0311]

**What we need is men that'll preach the Gospel** and handle it with the powers of God, tell the truth, regardless if the organization kicks him out. What difference does it make? Yes, sir. **We need man of God anointed with the Holy Ghost that'll preach the Gospel** regardless of what the organization or denomination says about it.

BE CERTAIN OF GOD [59-0412A]

I believe that **we need preachers that's men; that's God-fearing, God-sent servants,** who's not afraid to call black black and white white. The Gospel's been handled too much now with kid gloves on. We need some old fashion preaching like Billy Sunday, and John the Baptist, and some of them old fashion hell fire and brimstone messages again back to the people. I know it's not popular. So when they got away from that, you see what a condition the nation's got in. So it--**it takes that, brother.**

#### BELIEVEST THOU THIS [51-1003]

Don't hear here very many amens tonight, but that's the truth. Amen. Right. Come back to the hewing line. Hallelujah. If you want God to return to you with blessings and--and things, get back in the harness again. **Preach the Gospel**; stand on it. It's either right or wrong. If it ain't right, forget about it. God's Word says it is right then stay with it. Amen.

#### IF GOD BE WITH US THEN WHERE IS ALL THE MIRACLES? [61-1231E]

How can He be the same yesterday, today, and forever, and still Divine healing gone? How can the power, how can... The Bible set in order, "First apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, for a vindications that the Gospel still lives." And **God sends them right among us, and we turn our back on it. God doesn't fail, it's the people's failed.**

#### THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0214]

Now, as--as long as there is apostles, there has got to be a prophet. As long as there is a prophet, there has got to be an--an evangelist. Why is it ministers say, "There is a pastor and evangelist, but there is no prophet"? See, **that's picking what you want to, making It say something It doesn't.**

#### THE DOOR INSIDE THE DOOR [58-0209E]

A missionaries, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. How many knows that's true? Well, **we have to have them all.** Some's pastors, some's teachers, some's evangelists, some's missionaries and some prophets.

Now, we have those things in the church. They're... What are they for? Does the... Is the apostle is the highest calling. A missionary is the highest calling. Prophet and so forth down... But they're not any different. They're all God's servants set together to temper and bring the body of Christ together.

#### HEBREWS CHAPTER FIVE AND SIX 1 [57-0908M]

Oh, I know there's many rise up and go out and say, "Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come, He's the teacher." **When you get that idea, you're just wrong.** For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church, if He was going to be the teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0515]

You say, "Well, glory to God, the Bible said when the Holy Ghost is come you don't need any teacher; He's the teacher Himself." Oh, brother. How can you be so little from reading the Scrip... Why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church then?

Say, "I don't have to have anybody teach me; the Holy Ghost teaches me." **It does through a teacher.** He set teachers in the church.

He said, "*Are all teachers, are all apostles, are all gifts of healing?*" The Holy Ghost set these things in the church; He operates them all, and each one of them operates orderly.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0516]

You must come under teaching. You say, "I don't need no one to teach me after the Holy Ghost is come." My friends, that--**that gives me just a little room to doubt whether you've really got it, or not, then.** See? See? The way you're acting with it. See? See, the thing you're doing. Now, why, if there is no... if the Bible says the Holy Spirit is the teacher, why did the Holy Spirit put teachers in the church then, to set the church in order, the same Holy Spirit? Sure. We don't need any seminaries to go around, a big bunch of men to look out, these things: the Holy Spirit is a teacher. See? It's a teacher, and It gives some fellow a gift of teaching, then you must be subject to that gift.

#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN LIFE? [57-0113]

And when you have these little temper fits and you fly out, and you tell lies, and you proselyte, and you jump the fences, and you so selfish with your organization that **you're so narrow minded you couldn't hear another minister, just remember, the Holy Spirit isn't ticking in the inside of you.** Whew. I didn't know I was going to say that, but--but that's right. See?

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

Q331. Brother Branham, **do you teach that the Bride must not attend any church unless you are there preaching,** or else the Tabernacle--other words, the Tabernacle?

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

**No. You're mistaken.** See? Let me go over and just answer it as I come by.

"Do you teach that the Bride must not attend any other church unless you are preaching--preaching or else, otherwise, the Tabernacle?" **No. I don't teach that. I don't believe that; I do not believe it.** We've got ministers setting here that's scattered all around through the country, and I believe they are part of that Bride. I believe that a man or woman can go to church anywhere they want to go that teaches the Word.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

Q349. Now. **Brother Branham, is it true that no one should preach but you?** We have seen your--we have seen you ordain men. We do--don't believe you would do that if there were not--if they were not to preach.

Mercy. Brother, sister, ever who told you that nobody's to preach but me, I'd sure be a poor subject to God with all that. No. Every man or that feels a call of God upon his life, get into the ministry and start preaching; **we need them.** Men of God are anointed all over the world to preach the Gospel."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

Q352. Brother Branham, **we have no preacher where we live,** but we have tape service on Sunday night only. Should we take our children to another church for Sunday school? **Are the tape services sufficient?**

Well, let that be according to the way your children are going.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

**But now, if you got a nice little church over there that maybe disagree two or three things with you, and your children wants to go to Sunday school, they're full Gospel people, or something, why, that's perfectly all right.**

THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0214]

**If the churches only had some good, sound teaching on these things, see, they would understand It.** Only thing, we get one little track and we run like wild with it, that's just take on that one thing and just make a hobby out of it. That's what every--every denomination originated from.

THE SEAL OF THE ANTICHRIST [55-0311]

Man usually, when he's borned in the Kingdom of God, his face set right straight towards Calvary. Now, if he's just a little bit emotional, he will go off on fanaticism. If He's just a little bit his shrewd education, he will get so starchy, that he sets over on this side. That's right. But **the true Church of the living God, goes right down to the center of the highway, preaching a sane solid Gospel, calling from both sides.** Amen.

That's what we need today, a church that He wouldn't be ashamed for anyone to come into. It's perfectly governed by the Holy Spirit, no fanaticism, no starchy, just a good warm church, filled with God's Spirit. Watch that, **the good solid Gospel teaching pastors. That's what we need. Amen. God help us to have it. God wants us to have it.**

ADOPTION 3 [60-0522M]

How can I expect anything, **how can a man that loves God, and a preacher, especially, expect to do anything but be hated by men? Men will hate you.**

**I TIMOTHY 4:14**

14. *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

ADOPTION 4 [60-0522E]

Young preacher, get into the field; stay into the harness. All you young preachers and things, don't you set around. Don't you just set and do nothing. Get out yonder and win a soul. Do something. Get on; get moving. **Don't stop, young preacher over there.**

WHAT HEAREST THOU ELIJAH [59-0609]

**If God called you to preach, preach if you stand alone. Preach anyhow.** God spoke to you. Stand out there and preach. **It's your God-given right.**

I'd rather listen to a man like that, than have all--one that had all the D.D.'s and Ph.D.'s behind him. That's what's ruined the church today. It's went after class, and cults, and societies. Them things are all right, but it don't belong in a house of God. God wants God sent men, anointed from heaven that's heard the story of God and been filled with His Spirit, that stands upon the convictions of his heart.

THE INTER VEIL [56-0121]

**We believe in preaching the Gospel** and getting souls saved to serve the Lord.

GOD IN HIS PEOPLE [50-0227]

God, the Holy Spirit, fell upon men. **Man is God's agent,** and the hardest thing that God has ever had to do was to get one mortal to believe another. Do you believe that?

HEARING RECEIVING AND ACTING [60-0607]

**They don't want that Spirit-filled pastor, that'll obey the Holy Spirit from the platform, just preach the Word just like It is.** As John said, "Lay the axe to the root of the tree and let the chips fall where it will." Most of the churches today will vote that out of their pulpit. That's right. It'll come a separation, always does that.

#### THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS [51-0729A]

That's the reason He ain't got no--can't help you. **He's a man of God, but he can't help you till you believe in him.** You believe your pastor if he's a good man. If he believes in Divine healing, and preaches it, and stands by it, and lives the right kind of life, he's got just as much right to pray for you as any man on the face of the earth. But you've got to believe him and have confidence in him as God's man.

#### **I CORINTHIANS 7:20**

*20. Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.*

#### THE RESURRECTION OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER [54-0331]

It's all under inspiration. None of you ministers setting here would want to say you just, "No such a thing as inspiration." You wouldn't want to say you preached your sermon for, by yourself. You ask God to help you. It's inspiration. **Why couldn't your brother or somebody next to you preach just the same as you can? He wasn't called for it; you were the one was called.** Doesn't make you any better than he is, if he's a Christian. But **God set you for a preacher,** maybe him for a lay member. See? "**God set in the church...**"

#### THE RESURRECTION OF JAIRUS DAUGHTER [54-0331]

"But He sets some in the church: teachers, apostles, prophets, gifts of healing, working of miracles; and all those things are set in the church. Do you believe that? **I never did say where they'd be set out of the church. He set them in the church for the perfecting of the church and to be in the church until He comes again.**

#### A THINKING MAN'S FILTER [65-0822E]

God knows my heart. **How I would like to set out in the congregation and listen to the anointed preach.** How much easier it would be on me, certainly 'cause I'd have Eternal Life the same as the man in the pulpit. I'm a part of It the same as he is. I'd go to the same Heaven, have the same privileges.

#### GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY [63-0412E]

God uses men. God could have used the sun to preach the Gospel. God could have used the wind to preach the Gospel. But **God chose men to preach the Gospel.**

#### THE CURTAIN OF TIME [55-0302]

You say, "Well, if an Angel was preaching that," **God didn't ordain Angels to preach the Gospel. He ordained men to preach the Gospel.** He never said to the Angels, "I'll be with you and in you." He said to men, "I'll be with you and in you." He never said to Angels, "The things that I do, you'll do also." He said to men, "The things I do, you'll do also."

The Gospel comes by preaching of the Word. God's manifest Himself through human beings. Amen. The only eyes God's got on the earth tonight is mine and yours. The only hands He has is our hands: God working in His people. God's in the universe; God's in His Word; God's in His Son; God's in His people.

#### GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY [63-0317M]

Now, He always works in simplicity. But God in the beginning that could've made the sun preach the Gospel, or the winds preach the Gospel, or an Angel preach the Gospel, but **He ordained men for that purpose, and He never changes it.**

He never ordained indiv... He never ordained denominations; He never ordained groups of men; **He ordained men to preach the Gospel,** not machinery, mechanical devices, or any angelic being; it was man.

#### I PERCEIVE THAT THOU ART A PROPHET [53-0614E]

Now, to bring up this faith in Christ, there's ministers. **That's the most important thing of the day, is a good God-sent preacher.** I admire them. And their gift is far beyond anything could be done in anything else, is a preacher, a man who knows how to rightly divide the Word of God. **It's the most wonderful gift in the world, is to be a minister.**

#### CHURCH ORDER [63-1226]

**It's the pastor's business to preach...**

#### A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE [63-0628E]

You that love television program, that you'll stay home to see some immoral movie star like We Love Lucy or what of some of that other stuff that they have, stay home on Wednesday night to watch television instead of coming to the prayer room, the love of God is gone from your heart. You do that, and still you hold your membership? **The love of God would drive you from that, and drive you to your church, to your--your brother and sister; to come together, sit in Heavenly places and listen at your pastor preach.**



THY LOVING KINDNESS [58-0228]

Did your pulpit get weak? Then put him out and **get a pastor will preach the truth.**

CHURCH ORDER [58-1007]

...then the Spirit of God is in the meeting, and it's very easy then for **the pastor** to find the Spirit of God (which is already in the meeting) on the Word of God, **as he reads and starts preaching. The pastor then preach anything that the Holy Spirit would put on his heart,** whatever he wishes to do, standing there.

JOB [55-0223]

**We need preachers that'll preach the Word,** tell us the truth about it, tell us we must be borned again, and bring us on the basis of the shed Blood to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, introduced all the good things that God's got for us. That's a fact, sir. There it is. That's the kind you get the vitamins from. Might be in a barn, or mission, but just so you're getting fed is the main thing.

JEHOVAH JIREH [57-0309E]

**If I was choosing a pastor, and I was on the board, and had to select a pastor,** and he was one of those wishy-washy, kind of sissified guys like that, I sure wouldn't vote him into my church. I... anything, I'd vote him out, and **get a man that did believe God's Word, and took God's Word, and preached it, and stood on it.**

FATHER THE HOUR HAS COME [56-1002A]

You women, clean yourselves up. You men, be Christians. **You preachers, go to your pulpits preaching.** God is with us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 4 [64-0830E]

Q426. Would we still be on fire and preach the Gospel, or is the time over?

No, **keep preaching just as hard as you can preach. Brother, stay with it; I'm right behind you.**

LIFE STORY [52-0720A]

**When God calls you to do anything, don't you let no one stand in your way.** You keep God first.

MY LIFE STORY [55-0626A]

**When God calls you, go on, no matter what anybody says.** You serve God.

#### THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES [54-0512]

**God, raise up ministers, everywhere. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, and send them forth, preaching, Lord, like firebrands.** We don't know what hour... We only pass this way once. We're only mortal once, and thanks be to God for that. But the next life, we'll not preach the Gospel in the next life that is to come; but we'll rejoice in the Gospel with them of the ages who's accepted It; with the Head Captain, our Lord Jesus Who's all worthy, and all praise be to Him for ever and ever. Amen.

#### BE NOT AFRAID [62-0620]

I believe that He's here today, appearing in among the people, showing to them that the end is nigh; and that soon He's coming to catch away a church. And **the ministry of His ministers are shaping right into His own ministry that He had here on earth, to catch away the entire church. I believe it with all my heart.**

#### INFLUENCE [63-0112]

Speak through me. And, Lord, I--I wouldn't say, do that, unless You had ordained it. **You ordained Your Gospel to be preached by men.** You could ordain the wind to preach It. You could ordain the stars to preach It. You could ordain the moon, the sun, to preach It. But you ordained men. **He won't change it.** You're waiting on men. You're not waiting on the stars; they're obeying You. The winds will obey You. But, Lord, we men, we're no good, we don't obey You. Lord, forgive us, won't You? Won't You forgive us?

#### LOOK [63-0428]

Now, God could have chose to preach the Gospel by the sun, by the moon, by the stars, by the wind, or by nature. But **He chose men to preach the Gospel, and that's where the Voice of God will come from.** And you can judge the voice according to the word it expresses, then you can see what kind of a voice that you're listening to. If it's contrary to the Word, don't listen to it. But if it is the Word, then God is duty bound to back that Word up and vindicate It and make It Truth, because He promised to do it. So we're living in a great day, these Words of Christ expressed.

#### BLIND BARTIMAEUS [55-1115]

Now God has set some signs in the Church. First, a preacher. **That's the best sign, preaching the Word.**

## THE SEAL OF THE ANTICHRIST [55-0311]

If the pastor's a good, solid, Gospel teacher, that'll hold his children down, and give them a little protaplasma stimulation when they need it (That's right.), lay the Gospel down and spank them right good with it, you'll find a good obedient church (That's right.), where people can come and enjoy themselves in the Gospel. If he's a good preacher, that'll stay on the Word, and stay in the Word, and say it that way, and see that his church is operated, truly, by the Holy Spirit, not get off in these isms. As soon as they start something, he will snap it out like that. **That's what we need today, is some more preachers like that.** Amen.

## REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR 3 [61-0108]

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.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

### Q22. Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?

Sure. **That's what's going on right now.** See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. **It is the Message of the hour** (See?), **the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors.** Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, **She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour;** it'll be so humble...

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-0112]

Now, look, now let me say something. Now, you brethren keep this among yourself. See? Now, keep this among yourself. **I got to get you straight on this because you're my pastor... You're my pastors and things (You see?),** and I--I got to do this. And **you're brothers with me working in this message.** See?

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-0112]

But this message that I'm preaching is the true message of this day, and it's the last message. You see what I'm doing, brethren? I'm putting you all the same place I am, 'cause you're just as much into it as I am. **You are messengers of this same message.**

## THE EVENING MESSENGER [63-0116]

Therefore when God sent forth His prophets, His messengers of the Testament, He spoke to one man, and that man had to bring the Message. **Others went from him, everywhere, bringing the same Message.** But there had to be one headquarters. God has always had it. I'm thankful He has got it tonight; that's the Holy Ghost, of course, we all know. Now, not some group, but the Holy Spirit is God's Headquarters. That's God's Messenger of the hour.

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In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why **the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught.** But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken.

## **ACTS 8:30-31**

30. *And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?*

31. *And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.*

## THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED 2 [62-0318]

Although an Angel directed Philip to him, but **the Germ of Life had to come through the Body**, Philip. Ah! Oh, brother, now we're on the line. Where did the Germ come from? Through the Angel? The Angel showed him where to go. An Angel is a messenger. Here is a son. **Philip had the Germ, the Message, the Word.** That's how a Child can be born. Philip laid his hands upon him. Philip baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. There come forth the Spirit of God. Sure. **Now, the Germ had to come from the Body. What Body? Christ's Body. Correct. And Philip was a member of the Body.**

#### WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS [64-1227]

When I hear these fine young fellows testifying of their faith that's centered in Christ... And I--I'm getting old, and I... one day I've got to--to--to quit and go Home. And see **these young fellows coming on who's ready, and preparing themselves to pick up where I leave off...** And that's the way we do. That's the way life is laid out.

#### THINGS THAT ARE TO BE [65-1205]

But I'm very thankful for these open doors that I've had, to go into, and the inspiration it's give to young men like your pastor here. That's caused them... As I'm beginning to get old, and know that my days are numbered, and know now that **these young men can take this Message and sweep It on to the Coming of the Lord,** if He doesn't come in my generation.

#### JEHOVAH JIREH 2 [64-0403]

Malachi 4 to be fulfilled, is to restore back the Faith that was once back there in the beginning, restore It back to the royal Seed of Abraham. It's a promise. It's exactly the promise. The Royal Seed is to be revealed, and by a... by the Royal Seed, which is the Royal Seed, of Christ. Christ is the Royal Seed. And **the Seed is the Holy Spirit that's in the hearts of the people that believe in God, that hold His Word, and God working through them, carrying the same Message.**

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 4 [64-0830E]

Now wait, let me stop there just a minute. Now, that's what I'm trying to tell the people. Brother Neville believes the same Message that I believe. Brother Capps, Brother Beeler, Brother Ruddell, **all these brothers around here believe the same Message that I believe; they preach it, same as I do.**

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 4 [64-0830E]

These are godly men. They're men that has the same Holy Spirit that I have and--and you have, **teach from the same Bible and the same Message.**

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 4 [64-0830E]

J. T., and--and Brother Ruddell, and Brother Jackson, and Brother Beeler, and all of these brothers here; all of us, we're together. Now, we don't--might not see just eye-to-eye alike (See?), but **we believe this same Message** (See?), and we stick together.

## WISDOM VERSUS FAITH [62-0401]

We've got something to do, ourself. You've got something to do. Here is the Gospel, I know It, but **if you just set here and don't preach It, what good is It going to do?** See? You got something to do. You got to make an effort. You got... You say, "Well, I believe God can heal, but I just don't know." Stand up and let that Word become your word. Believe It. Don't reason It; just believe It.

## WHAT IT TAKES TO OVERCOME ALL UNBELIEF OUR FAITH [60-0729]

Now, the initial and original way to receive any redemptive blessing is by hearing the Word of God, because faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God, like the ministers preach. If that were you and I, that would be sufficient. If the people didn't want to believe us, why we just let them go on. But God is so good, and so full of mercy, till after all that He sent His Word, then He sent gifts into the church. We all believe that. I Corinthians 12, there is nine spiritual gifts in the church. That's in every local body, or should be in every local body, the gifts of healing, the gift of wisdom, the gifts of knowledge, the gift of a--a all these other gifts is in the church. Nine different spiritual gifts is in every local body.

**Then God has [gifts] that He has foreknown [for each age] and has placed them into the church.** Now, we find out there's five of those gifts. The first of them is missionaries or apostles. The word "apostle" means "one sent." The word "missionary" means "one sent." A missionary is sent, and apostle is sent. God sends His missionary; God sends His apostles.

First is apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, those five God-given gifts in the church. So each of you people, who has a godly pastor, has a gift from God in your church, a shepherd. "Pastor" means "a shepherd," to watch over the flock, to teach them the Word of God.

Then these other nine different spiritual gifts should be operating in the church to keep the church clean. Like the Ananias and Sapphiras and so forth, the Spirit of God rise up and call somebody out and tell them they're living wrong, and--and rebuke that sin openly, and that's what the Holy Spirit is in the church for, to keep the church clean and ready for the coming of the Lord. We believe that.

Now, then there are these other gifts that comes into the church. Now, after the pastor, then there's evangelists comes in. And then there's teachers comes in, and then there's prophets come in. And then there's apostles come in. **All these together, working together with the gifts, keeps the church perfected, and clean, and ready for the coming of the Lord.**

WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU DO IT [53-0601]

Now, on the platform, when the Holy Spirit's a speaking, and He's speaking through mortal lips, He always does... I believe these are ministers behind me. And, brethren, **you never preached a sermon in your life: the Holy Spirit preached through you a sermon.** That's right. See? See that? See? We don't preach. The Holy Spirit does the speaking. Oh, we might write out something and read it, but that--that isn't preaching. **Preaching is when inspiration comes and (See?)--and it's preached by inspiration and the Holy Spirit gives the unction.**

**Now, we can read something, and it just doesn't matter, but when the Holy Spirit gets a hold of it and takes it out to the people, then something takes a hold.** See? And that's the Holy Spirit. **That's not your pastor preaching; that's the Holy Spirit preaching in your pastor out to you, giving the message.**

ABRAHAM'S GRACE COVENANT [61-0317]

Let's get the message to the dying. That's what He's waiting on us to do. **That's what the message is, "Go. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."** Not, "Go make organizations, build denominations, and build big buildings, and things..." That's all right. I ain't got nothing against it, but ain't what Jesus said. He never said, "Go make organizations. Go build big churches, big buildings." **He said, "Preach the gospel."**

What is the gospel? The power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost. Now, watch the conjunction, "and (A conjunction ties the sentence together.) these signs shall follow them that believe." **You just can't take the word alone. You got to have the thing to back it up, to make them signs follow it. Don't go educate the heathens. Go preach the gospel, demonstrate the power of God before them.** But we've done other things. See what I mean.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0807]

It used to be wrong for the Christian women to bob their hair. Something went wrong somewhere. The Bible says it's wrong. Now, either you've got out of the harness, or **your pastor got out of the will of God and quit preaching it.**

THE WAY BACK [62-1123]

**If God calls you to the Gospel, He's got a place for you to preach.** He's got somebody that will listen to you. Certainly. There will be somebody who will listen.

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There it is. He is sending a vindicated prophet. He is sending a prophet after almost two thousand years. He is sending someone who is so far from organization, education, and the world of religion that as John the Baptist and Elijah of old, He will hear only from God and he will have "thus saith the Lord" and speak for God. He will be God's mouthpiece and HE, AS IT IS DECLARED IN MALACHI 4:6, WILL TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN BACK TO THE FATHERS. He will bring back the elect of the last day and they will hear a vindicated prophet give the exact truth as it was with Paul. He will restore the truth as they had it. And **those elect with him in that day will be the ones who truly manifest the Lord and be His Body and be His voice and perform His works.** Hallelujah! Do you see it?

A momentary consideration of church history will prove how accurate this thought is. In the Dark Ages the Word was almost entirely lost to the people. But God sent Luther with the WORD. The Lutherans spoke for God at that time. But they organized, and again the pure Word was lost for organization tends toward dogma and creeds, and not simple Word. They could no longer speak for God. Then God sent Wesley, and he was the voice with the Word in his day. **The people who took his revelation from God became the living epistles read and known of all men for their generation.** When the Methodists failed, God raised up others and so it has gone on through the years until in this last day **there is again another people in the land, who under their messenger will be the final voice to the final age.**

Yes sir. The church is no longer the "mouthpiece" of God. It is its own mouthpiece. So God is turning on her. **He will confound her through the prophet and the bride, for the voice of God will be in her.**

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Oh, **God still has a voice for the people of the world,** even as He has given a voice to the bride. **That voice is in the bride** as we have said and we will talk more about that later.

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With this great power the church systems will persecute the true bride. **This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it.** But before the antichrist (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches the true church will be taken away from this world to be with the Lord. God will catch away His bride for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb.



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**That is the reason for all preaching and teaching, for it is in the preaching and teaching of the Word that the sheep hear the voice of God and follow Him.**

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED [62-0318]

I believe, **some day, the real Bride of Christ will be forced to stop preaching the Word of God.**

ABSOLUTE [62-1230M]

**Oh, what we need in our churches is a man that's got an absolute.** What we need in a Methodist church, the Baptist church, the Pentecostal church, the Presbyterian church, is an absolute, **a man of God that will stand tied to the Word and to Christ, and bring that congregation under that condition of where each member walks in condition of this Word,** seeing that Word manifested, follow them.

"These signs shall follow them that believe, into all the world."

**They said, "That was done away with."**

Jesus said, "*Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature.*" We haven't reached all the world yet, and a long ways from every creature. How long? "*All the world.*" Who to? "*Every creature.*" What will happen? "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. If they should take up a serpent, or drink the deadly thing, it would not harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." That's the absolute holding there, the Word, that north Star, that compass that stays right with It. **That's what we need.**

THE UNWELCOMED CHRIST [55-1002]

But we got time for other things. "Oh, I wished he'd hurry up and quit preaching. Twenty minutes is long enough for any preacher to preach."

Why, you--you're starving to death. You're so thin you look like a shadow. You need a good four hour sermon sometime, fatten you up on Gospel vitamins. **That's what the Church needs today.**

TESTIMONY RAISING DEAD BOY [53-1203]

Brother Bosworth has been a second daddy to me, and I sure love him with an undying Christian love. And **I want to see him stay till Jesus comes if he can, and keep preaching this wonderful Word that he's doing.**

#### THE MESSIAH [61-0117]

The Word goes right out, and the Holy Spirit follows the Word. Wherever the Word's preached... **You see your pastor preach it.** First thing you know, "whew," [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound--Ed.] across the building goes the Holy Ghost. See? That's right. It's the conductor of the Word. The Word goes... or, the Word is the conductor of the Spirit, because **where the Word is preached, the Spirit follows it.** Wherever it goes, why, the Spirit follows the Word. Oh, I like that. I like sound Bible teaching, and the Bible Holy Ghost coming back confirming Bible teaching.

#### PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD [62-0607]

Now, God fortified His army. What with? Himself, in the form of prophets, apostles, teachers, pastors. What did He do? What was God doing? Listen, did you ever think what that offices of the church is? It's God's dress, inside dress, an apostle, a prophet, a seer. Foresee, before Satan ever gets to it, done told it. What is it? **God dressed up in His church. These offices is God's dress-wear.** When you see those offices, pastors, teachers, evangelists, what is that? **That's God's dress-wear, God's Presence, God's Spirit** (And if...) **working through man.**

#### WHO IS GOD [50-0815]

Listen, **the apostolic way of holding a healing meeting is to be preaching,** seeing what God is doing, and then speaking it out where you find faith, men and women to believe, to have faith in God to believe on God, and God will grant it to them. Do you believe it?

#### WHAT WENT YE OUT TO SEE [59-1001]

"Our credentials," as John would say, "it doesn't come from you Pharisees. **God called me to preach the Gospel. That's my credentials.**" **All God-sent men stand on the same grounds. The church don't send you, God sends a God-sent man.**

#### REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR 2 [61-0101]

Now, last night I certainly enjoyed those wonderful sermons and things that I heard from my brethren. Where's Pat Tyler, is he in this morning? Pat, oh, I didn't see you sitting right there big as life and twice as natural. And--and I--I didn't see you sitting there. First time I ever had Pat... heard Pat speak. **I certainly enjoyed that, I'm sure we all did.**

DOES GOD EVER CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT HIS WORD [65-0418E]

Step up here and call your names, who you are, brethren, just through the microphone, right up here. Just tell them. [Each brother says his own name, "Pat Tyler," "Claude Boggess," "Dale Potter," "...?... Henasey," "James Humes," "Earl Horner."--Ed.] Is that them? [Someone says, "Yes."] My brethren.

These men, do you believe this Message to be the Truth from God's Word? [The brethren say, "Amen."--Ed.] Do you believe that with all your heart? ["Amen."] All right. And you are desirous, and think if we lay hands upon you... We want you to know that **we are with you, and we'll do anything that we can do to help you.**

And now I want you brethren, so that I can lay hands on them too, to step right up here now. And let's all bow our heads, as we lay hands on them.

Dear God, here is a group of man. I lay my hands upon each of them, in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And **may You, Who has called them to be ministers, that may they a preach It, Lord, all the days of their life.** And...?... **preach the Gospel to every creature.** We give to them the right hand of fellowship, and pray Your blessings to be with them, Lord, as we bless them, send our blessings. May it go to every crevice of the earth that you've called them to go to. May they work and serve You in the capacity that You called them to. May they be gallant and real servants of God. Grant it, Lord. And we ask it in Jesus Christ's Name.

DOES GOD EVER CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT HIS WORD [65-0418E]

Let the elders walk around now and lay hands upon Brother Capps. Let's all bow our heads.

Dear God, the temple posts has moved again, and as seeing the Spirit of the quickening Life working in our brother. I pray, God, as he feels this from Above, that says that he must go. We lay hands upon him, as Your elders, Lord, and give to him the right hand of fellowship; and lay our hands upon him, and pass the blessings of God upon him, that You'll **anoint his lips, his thinking, his entire being. And may he take this Message of the Gospel to every crack and corner that You'll call him to.** Grant it, Lord. We give You our brother, as a servant of Yours, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**"Preach the Word," my young brother.** "Be in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, with all long-suffering and Doctrine." God bless you, brother.

#### TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS [62-0601]

And if you can get the preachers straight, and him going right, look what he's going to do. He's going to influence a... It would take care of a hundreds of these things. That's it. We're just beating at, you see. You've got to get it a system, God's system.

Like Jethro said to Moses, "Why, you can't beat out all of them." Or, and God put elders out there, seventy of them. And took the Spirit was on Moses, and put them upon those seventy elders. And they prophesied. And it didn't weaken Moses a bit. It strengthened him. He had just as much prophecy in him as he did before they took the Spirit off of him, to prophesy. See? He just separated, said, "Now, Moses, let them judge the smaller things. And, but, when it comes to the major things, you come in with them and help them like that."

Now, that's the way. **That was God's way back there. That was God's way in--in the early Church Age. And I believe it's God's way now, right, for us to do it. So, let's do it. Just quit talking about it, and do it. That's all. We can do it by the grace of God. Don't you believe it?** [The brethren say, "Amen."--Ed.]

#### TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE [65-1127B]

God never did take back His Word. **What He said the first time, He says for every time.**

#### WE WOULD SEE JESUS [62-0627]

Just remember now, **if God ever does anything, and the way He does it He can never change that way.** Because, you see, He's perfect.

#### REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR PT3 [61-0108]

**It's your place to get the Revelation and go teach your flock, you're the shepherd of the flock. I'm speaking to ministers.**

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON GENESIS [53-0729]

Paul said, "Now, here, I know I preach the Gospel, that--that--that's my duty." I'm a preacher, and he's a preacher; Brother Neville's a preacher, but it... **That's our duties to be a preacher. Well, that's just what we're supposed to do.**

#### THE ANGEL OF THE LORD [51-0414]

And **ministers that are consecrated to God, become channels where God can speak through, preach the Gospel, heal the sick, show signs and wonders.**

#### CHURCH ORDER [63-1226]

Now, I watched Brother Neville last night when he preached. Now, I know we all... That was a startling message. I took notes of him, got here in my pocket, to use it in other messages of my own. That's right. The Way of Escape, see, and that was a marvelous message.

#### THE IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY [57-0120M]

And how many heard the broadcast yesterday? I am an old veteran preacher, over twenty years old. And I heard lots of sermons, but I believe I heard one of the most appropriate sermons for the day that we're living; I heard it yesterday by our pastor, Brother Neville. You who missed that, missed a great treasure that was dearly in my heart.

And when my wife was washing dishes... Junie, I was helping her, so that won't hurt. Delores makes you wash them too. So while I was helping her wash the dishes, we both had to stop as just to--to remark to each other how that the Lord was using our brother, and yesterday's message on the radio. And it was a marvelous masterpiece, if I ever heard one. And I was so happy to know that the one who the Lord was using to bring the message, I was associated with in the work of the Lord.

#### ORDINATION [62-1104E]

We want to set under the teaching of our brother here, Brother Neville, and--and partake of the things that's of God. As he finds them from God, he gives them out. And--and we want to learn of God. "And seeing the Day approaching, we must assemble ourselves more oft together." We must love, in our hearts, to come to church. If we don't love church, love God... Coming together, what we call church, is coming together to worship. See? If we love Christ, we worship again.

#### CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728]

And I want you to remember that Brother Neville here, left in the church, in the charge of this tabernacle, under the Holy Spirit, that he is left here, and he believes this Message and--and teaches It just the same as I do. Right. And any time that you'd want to, you can see fit to come to hear Brother Neville, he certainly would do you good, I'm sure. He's a great servant of Jesus Christ.

#### THE TESTIMONY OF A TRUE WITNESS [61-1105]

They asked me if I was going to be here tonight. **I'm aiming to hear a good preacher tonight, if I can, Brother Neville.** But I aim to come on every communion night. I think it's our duties, as much as we can.

#### SATAN'S EDEN [65-0829]

This morning I wanted to hear Brother Neville, myself. And I heard him many times, and never heard him any time but what I appreciated him. But this morning, that timely message, **I know I had the leading of the Lord to listen to that this morning. Very fine! And I see why you people like to come and listen to him, also. And he'll always do you good, I'm sure, to listen to him.**

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS PT3 [57-1006]

I only trust that God will bless us tonight like He did this morning, with the message of the morning. And I was just talking to my neighbor, Mrs. Wood, awhile ago, and we were discussing it, and Mr. Wood and them. And **I believe that was Brother Neville's best sermon. Out of all the fine ones he's preached, that was the one that was better to me than any one he's ever preached yet. I certainly did admire and appreciate that wonderful sermon. And it give me courage, and it trimmed me down.** So I--I like to admit the truth, you know. So about the courageous parts, you know, to be courageous, and how to...

David was there, and how that he... When in that great trial, instead of saying, "Well, I'll go do this, Lord, You just help me," he waited, went and asked the Lord what to do. He brought down the ephod, you know, and said, "Now, let's stand and ask God what must we do in this crisis?" Oh, that was really rich. That had more vitamins than all the drug stores that was got in the country. Yes, sir, that really do you good.

#### EXHORTATION OF DIVINE HEALING [51-0501]

I love the brother and all our brethren that's out preaching the Gospel and trying to help get somebody in better health or--or get their soul right with God. There's nothing any greater than that, to try to help somebody along.

#### THE ANGEL OF THE LORD [51-0502]

And I come as Moses of old to tell you not to follow me, follow Christ. Believe Him, that He's here--here to heal all the sick and the needy. Do you believe it? And I believe He's here to heal those who have need of Him, save those, put those in harness of God (Do you believe that?), **send them out to be soul-winners and to preach the Gospel.** How marvelous He is. How good.

WHO IS GOD [50-0815]

Now, that was to be preached until Jesus returned. O God, give us men and women of courage. Somebody who will stand and call right right and wrong wrong.

A TOTAL DELIVERANCE [59-0712]

We all have a place and we got a duty. The minister's got a place of duty to stand and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ without compromising, if he's called to be a preacher. He wouldn't spare one thing for one person if he's called to be a preacher.

HIDDEN LIFE WITH CHRIST [56-0213]

Woe unto the man who will stand behind the pulpit and use his influence to flatter some people instead of preach the Gospel like God said to do it.

THAT DAY ON CALVARY [60-0925]

How many of you preachers this morning, how many of you listening to my word on magnetic tape, are willing to go to Calvary this morning and look what God did there for you, and forsake your denominational creeds, and preach the Gospel? Hallelujah. It's in your lap now. What are you going to do with it? Why? Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in His Name to all the world beginning at Jerusalem. Hallelujah, there you are.

THE WAY OF A TRUE PROPHET OF GOD [62-0513M]

I don't care how many popes, prophets, and what else you got among you. If you're off of the Word, you're off of the Word. That's right. How could God ever bless such a thing, as long as they deny the very Word of God? How can He bless anything besides His Word, something that's contrary to His Word? How can He deny It?

How can you bless a cancer that's eating you up? How could you bless a--a--a electric wire that you're holding, you say, "Oh, hold me and burn me up"? That'd be insane.

How can God bless anything that's against His Word? So get back to the Word! Uh-huh.

You bunch of preachers, like hound dogs, matter with you? You go out here and sell your birthrights for a mess of pottage, to ride around in some Cadillac or something, or some big, high mansion somewhere, and a big million-dollar church. And all those things like that, and sell out your birthrights, and ashamed and afraid to preach the Word of God to your congregation. Say, ain't you ashamed of yourself? And call yourself a servant, a prophet of God, selling your birthrights for a mess of the world. What will you hatch out? The same as Esau did. Oh, what a disgrace!

IF GOD BE WITH US THEN WHERE IS ALL THE.MIRACLES [61-1231E]

We got several precious brothers here; **we want to hear them.**

JEHOVAH OF MIRACLES [59-1126]

Now, don't just drift along and say, "Well, that's all right." But you take your fellowship with some of these churches, the one that's closest to you, or the one that you prefer. And then, these men, the reason they're sponsoring these meetings is because they believe this ministry; they believe it. They wouldn't be setting up here to represent it, if they didn't believe it. **They preach exactly the same thing that I do, the full Gospel, and they'll certainly do you good.** If I lived here in San Jose, I'd belong to the church, one of these churches, that I lived the closest to. I'd belong to that church, because I--I believe in it. I'm here to represent it, and I believe it's the church of the living God.

HEAR YE HIM [60-0806]

Now, you come to hear this type of ministry, these men come up here to represent, and **they preach and have the same things that we stand for here. They'll do you good.** Bring your little kiddies to the Sunday school, and put them in Sunday school.

**I PETER 4:10-11**

10. *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

11. *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

OUR HOPE IS IN GOD [51-0929]

Oh, God, **take the clay, the voice of mortal beings and speak, Lord, the oracles of God,** that people might see, and fear God, and serve Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0516]

O God, grant it. And may the men and women that we come in contact with, may it be in deep sincerity. **May we speak of the oracles of God,** Lord, not overbearing, but talk in wisdom, that we might know how to win others to you.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE SEAL OF GOD PT2 [61-0217]

We pray that You'll give us of Thy Word, Thy unction, Lord, **that we might know just how to speak as the oracles of God.**



#### THINGS THAT ARE TO BE [65-1205]

Now, if we are those attributes of God, we cannot live by creeds. We cannot live by denominationalism. We must live by the Word, because the Bride is a part of the Bridegroom, like any wife is a part of her husband. Therefore, we must be that Word Bride. And what is that Word Bride? **The manifestation of this hour, the Bride, not a creed or a denomination; but a living oracle of God**, a living attribute of God, displaying to the world the attributes of God, in the formation of the Bride that's to be expressed in this hour that we're now living.

#### GOD KEEPS HIS WORD PT2 [57-0307]

God bless you, young man. **I hope God calls you into the ministry, and makes a preacher out of you**. God bless you, brother. God bless you, brother, I seen you setting back there. Just barely could raise. **I hope God calls you in the ministry and makes a real preacher out of you**.

#### THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR [58-0610]

God bless you, young man. That's fine. **I pray that God will make a little preacher out of you**, honey, another little boy.

#### HAVING CONFERENCES [60-0608]

**I hope God makes a preacher out of** you, son (I do.), that'll take the Gospel, after you've maybe come to Brother Branham's grave someday, and say, "Yeah, he spoke to me one night at the Chautauqua, in Ohio.

#### THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST [49-1225]

Just keep a going, keep a going, **preach the Word**.

#### BAPTISMAL SERVICE [50-0409]

...and may God bless him and **make a preacher out of him is my prayer**, to carry the Word of Life to a dying nation.

#### EXPECTATION [51-0714]

Go off the platform; **preach the Gospel**, and go on, be well.

#### EXPECTATION [51-0714]

...go off the platform, and **preach the Gospel** in the Name of Jesus Christ.

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY OF APPROACH TO FELLOWSHIP [60-0709]

God bless you back there, young fellow. **May God make a preacher out of you.**

FROM THAT TIME [60-0716]

God bless you, young fellow. **May the Lord make a preacher out of you.**

SPEAK TO THE ROCK AND IT SHALL GIVE FORTH HIS WATER [60-0723]

God be with you, sonny, **make a preacher out of you.**

GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE [52-0717]

Grant, Lord, that Your blessings will be upon him, and he will go from here tonight and be healed, and **preach the Gospel harder than he ever did in all of his life,** in Jesus' Name. Amen.

GET THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE [52-0717]

And may after while all of his sickness leave him, and he will get to be a man if God does tarry. And may he be a soul winner. Oh, I pray Father, that You'll **make him a Gospel preacher,** that he will--that he will just do Your work. Grant it, Lord.

FOR HIM WILL I ACCEPT [52-0718]

Now, God, I pray tonight that You'll heal him of this condition. Take it away from him, and **anoint him, and make him a preacher, Lord, to stand in the pulpit, to preach the Gospel.** I pray this prayer of faith, through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen. God bless you, little lad.

LET US SEE GOD [59-1129]

Young men standing here, just young men, maybe eighteen, twenty years old, maybe coming preachers, how do I know? Maybe from there will go a missionary that'll light the world. Maybe out of them young men will come gifts that'll swing thousands of souls to Christ, and you were present the day that when they come to the altar. What a wonderful time.