

Who Is This Melchisedec? # 37 (Q&A # 4)

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Q.# 1 Re: Gen 4:7 ...the instructions that God gave Cain concerning the proper offering.

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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we're grateful again to be in Your divine Presence, knowing, Lord, that You are here in a way You have not been here for roughly two thousand years, O God. And in a way, Lord, over four thousand years because You're ready to lead us into a promised land. We're grateful for that. And we pray, Father, that you will teach us the things that we ought to know because we know there are things that must be known to us. Strange that people would want something else; they would figure it out a different way but, Lord, somehow we're simple enough to believe that You came down literally to give us a proper education for what is ahead of us, to train us up and bring us into that Light and that path, Father. And we know it's something which is by Revelation; we praise You for it, O God. Reveal to us Your Words. Satisfy peoples' hearts and minds tonight, Lord, what their questions might be. And give us also a Communion service, Lord, to remember You, solemnizing our hearts at this occasion. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, we're looking at some questions that came in. We don't have really too many, but we'll answer them and then we'll just have the Foot-washing and Communion service. Perhaps we won't be so late tonight.

Well, we have one here and this is... well, let's see, we'll answer this question first because--although it is not one that's really in line with what we've been studying, however...

[Question # 1]

It's a good question over here in **Gen 4:7** and it's **relative to the conversation or the instructions that God gave Cain concerning the proper offering**. And in verse 7 it said...

(7) If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at (thy) door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

And the question was concerning the last part: ... “and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”

2. Now, in the Septuagint it actually brings out a better understanding than even the Hebrew. I don't know how they happen to have arrived from the Hebrew to the Greek to be so pertinent, where the Scripture says, “Thou hast done well” ... Thou hast rightly offered but thou hast not rightly divided, therefore hast thou not sinned. And this is in perfect line with the New Testament that tells us that the Word must be rightly divided to be approved of God. And this, of course, is the theme of the entire Bible, which theme must be recognized through the entire Bible because it is set forth in Genesis where Adam and Eve were two young worshippers in the Garden of Eden worshipping God and they definitely became ensnared by a wrong understanding of the Word-- a misinterpretation of it, a misleading of it. And from that point on they were in great trouble with the Lord, with themselves and had literally given themselves over to the enemy even though at that particular time they had not done the thing that the enemy wanted them to do. And you see all through Scripture there is a problem with the right dividing of the Word. Now, in my understanding here... because this is literally an offering of fruit which is something that the Lord instituted as a first-fruit offering. But you notice he turned aside the offering which God demanded which was the offering of blood which then could be followed with the first-fruit offering which signifies resurrection.

3. So, now at this particular time, you see they had forfeited their right to live in the Garden and to live the six thousand years before they would be transformed into immortal beings. And so here, this individual, Cain, and Abel also, were offering a sin offering-- They were supposed to be offering a sin offering but Cain did not offer a sin offering-- But they were supposed to be offering an offering unto God which would allow them the privilege of maintaining a relationship with God, though it would not give them immortality. But later on, after the resurrection, they would be able to come into that particular position--they had forfeited that. Now, here's what he's saying here, then. He said, [Gen 4:7 paraphrased]

(7) (You have offered well, but you didn't divide the Word, so therefore you are entirely wrong. And you cannot be accepted.)

But notice, that that did not do away with the actual sin offering, because he said here... he's talking about a sin offering but the word 'sin' in the Hebrew and the Greek is the same as 'sin-offering'--sin and sin-offering is the one and the same word. It's just like 'healing' in the Greek and 'salvation' is one and the same word. You're not dealing with separate words; you're dealing with the one word. So here, what you're looking at --you're looking at the fact a sin-offering was available to Cain and he turned the sin-offering down. Now, that's kind of like it is today. The sin-offering has always been available. The shedding of Blood's been available.

4. Now, watch how this comes a hundred percent with Jn 3:16. (See?)

(16) ... God so loved the world, ...he have his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Now, there's been an offering that has been given to God. Now that offering stands there. There can never be an offering outside of Blood. Atonement can only come by Blood. Now, it says here that not only did God give this but He didn't want man to be condemned. But in spite of the fact of the shed Blood, man is condemned because he will not come to the Light

5. Now, you see this is what Cain's trouble was. He simply wouldn't come to the Light. There's no way he could do it because he was Serpent seed. So there's no way he could get a revelation; he couldn't have it. So what you're seeing here when it says, "... unto thee shall be his desire"... Now, I didn't look that up in the Hebrew. But if you go to the Hebrew and the Greek you will find that one word, according to context and according to 'contexts' (you could say in the plural) could have ten, twelve, thirteen or fourteen different meanings. So when we're looking at the thought here of "...unto thee shall be his desire"... ahhh... you're... in my understanding, I would say this: that what has been procured for the offering for sin will always be there and all you have to do is stretch forth your hand and take it, that you have the right and dominion to it.

Now, this is like the Bible said, that "God loved the world" --but now, there's two kinds... there's two worlds though--But let's go a little further. "That God is not willing that any should perish; but all should come to a knowledge". But are they going to come? No, they're not going to come! (See?) Notice what I'm saying here? He said, "...unto (you) shall be his desire"...I'm putting that in the understanding of the whole Word of God. The sin-offering is there. The lamb's life and blood to be shed is there. Not one lamb, but many lambs. Not one bullock, but many. Not one turtle-dove, but many. The sin-offering was there but... and it says, "Look, it was shed for you. It's there for you"-- that's the object. Then He says here, "And thou shalt rule over him"... You'll make the choice.

6. Now, look today... you got a vindicated Message in the land and a vindicated prophet. Until just recently, the church historians have admitted that nobody in 2,000 years had a ministry like Bro. Branham. Men like Dr. Otto...[Witt]?... in Germany, a fine theologian... when Bro. Roberts went over there, promiscuous--well, that word is not 'promiscuous' in the sense of being promiscuous but--praying in a manner as though he had the right to pray for everybody with the expectation that everybody would be healed, rather than the definitive ministry of Christ who did not pray for everybody but singled them out and knew beforehand what was going to happen. So Bro. Branham had that ministry. And when Bro...[Statscliff]?... their little baby (I think it was a baby girl) died, they phoned Bro. Branham and asked him if he would fly to Germany and raise the baby from the dead. And Bro. Branham appreciated them, that they had that great a faith in him. And I understand even that the army was going to have a plane ready for him (the same as they did when Nelson Grant and I had to go over and visit his son in Barcelona. The plane stood right by. We were taken right over there and then were brought back.) So the army does various things for various people especially if their status is quite high, which I think ...[Statscliff]?... was a Captain and then beyond that. So, Bro. Branham prayed. And the Lord said, "Leave the child as it is because that's the will of God". He phoned Bro...[Statscliff]?...; they buried the baby. Then Dr. Otto...[Witt]?... says, "In comparison to other people (he said) that man really has the definitive ministry."

7. Now, in spite of the definitive ministry which ministry is good, but any theologian knows that anybody who gets sick and healed and anybody raised from the dead is got to die, eventually.

So therefore, healing is not an end in itself, as is the rebirth, the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, is an end in itself in the sense that you now have everything that is vital to the journey to bring you there with a high hand, with a glorious life expended for Jesus Christ and a greater life beyond it. (See?) Healing is a witness to the resurrection. (See?)

So, all right. What we see in this same thing here at the beginning is what you see at the end, you see in the time of Noah, you see at the time of Jesus. You see a constant repetition. God displaying Himself in either a genuine healing ministry or--and usually that's what it is--a miracle ministry to attract the people to what lies ahead, which is the Word.

8. So here, you got here, in Genesis, the 4th chapter... Look! The Blood... the sacrifice is always there. And the sacrifice will always be there because the Lamb (L-A-M-B) is on the Throne. Not the mediator; not the man (although he is)... the Lamb. And remember, the wounds are always there. So, therefore there is always the honor to the Blood. And always the availability and the power is there. But this man, he positively chose even to turn down the sacrifice. See, now you got people doing that all the time. So what does it say? What is it saying here? "...unto thee shall be his desire..." It simply tells you, "Look, this is what it is for. This is what it was prepared for." And when... the desire means, "Here is my fulfillment." And Christ saying the same thing, "I am fulfilled in this regard to you." But it is of no value if you turn down what goes with it--which is the Word--and you wrongly divide It and bring to yourself another revelation which is not the revelation of the Blood. Now, let's understand this flat: The revelation of the Blood positively rests with the revelation of the Word.

9. Now, let me show you something here in Scripture... in Book of Hebrews the 10th chapter.

Now it says here,

- (26) ...if we sin wilfully after... we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.
- (27) But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, (that) shall devour the adversaries.
- (28) He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
- (29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose (you), shall he be thought worthy, (that) hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and... (count) the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Now, he's telling you right here: if you have a wrong understanding of the fullness of the Blood, you of course will not accept any Light that goes with it. In other words it's always back and forth. You cannot possibly be a recipient, and a... what you might call, one who benefits--a 'benefitor' of the Blood of Jesus Christ--and turn down the Word. It says here, positively under Moses, the shed blood did not harbor those who turned down the Word. Look at the man that

gathered sticks on Sunday... Sabbath Day, Saturday--last day of the week. The blood was shed but it didn't do any good.

10. Now, we're not talking in terms of legalism. We're talking in terms of Light, because they didn't have the Light on the subject. And so they said to Moses, "What are we going to do? This man was gathering sticks." They said, "Put him in quarantine. We'll inquire of the Lord." And so therefore when the inquiring of the Lord was, the man had turned down the Light of the revelation of the Word of God and therefore the blood did not hold for him. And that's just an example. So, all through Scripture you find this. It starts in Genesis; it goes all the way through the Bible. No matter how much God would desire to save the unsaved, no matter how much the Blood of Jesus Christ is efficacious, no matter how much he's a mediator, no matter how much he's an intercessor, no matter how much was accomplished according to Isaiah 53 and the raising from the dead and the setting at his own right hand, to turn down the Light--the misdivided Scripture-- absolutely makes null and void the rest.

11. Jesus Christ himself said, "You made void my commandments by your traditions." He also, he said, "No Word of God is void of power." And turns right around and said, "You voided the power of the Word and the promises by a misunderstanding, a misinterpretation." This is what runs all through the Bible. And it says, "No matter how much this is for you..." it's just like a lamb standing there pleading, "Why don't you kill me because I'm here to be sacrificed for you, so you can have the life that you're supposed... that you could have." Now, you can kind of visualize that in your mind. Now, just turn that on to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Here's a sinner here, and here's a sinner here and he's crucified in the middle. The one said, "Why don't you get off your cross if you're the son of God? Come on down and get us with you. We'll go out and get drunk together."

Oh, he expected to go out and get drunk and chase women... or maybe kill somebody. That was the one man's temperament. The other temperament, in the spite of everything he saw contrary to what human senses would indicate, he said, "Remember me when you come to your Kingdom." Now, that one person could no more believe than nothing. Two of them saw the same thing. And one man recognized the suffering Redeemer. You know, his faith was way ahead of anybody's faith--even John--and there wasn't one person standing there that had the actual faith that that thief upon the cross had. He had the greatest revelation of that hour.

12. So that's going around this question to try to help you to see that it's a basic doctrinal premise. It's not simply a question; it's a doctrinal, basic premise because here is the first actual sacrifice to God. Now, while you're thinking of this, remember that previously God had come down and sacrificed for Adam and Eve--that's Melchisedec. This is not Melchisedec. This is the Aaronic--man sacrificing to God, man worshipping God. So, you can see your Melchisedec formula coming all the way down. "Lo, a body hast thou prepared for me." What kind of body? Not a body out of the elements that, Bro. Branham said, "*God could step into in Melchisedec, step out of where the body goes back to the elements.*" But symbolic of the body which would be human, which would enter the Aaronic Priesthood to be elevated to the Melchisedec Priesthood through immortality and continuing to serve man from God's side. (See?) Right... all down the line. All the Scripture dovetails; there's never any problem if you just, you know, take a look at it.

I hope that answers your question because I'm thoroughly satisfied that that is the right answer. I may have time sometime to look it up in the Hebrew, and I'm quite satisfied I'll find those root words in there.

13. All right...

[Question # 2]

It is my understanding, the Bride who died (that's the individual members) go to their theophanic bodies or forms at the time of the Rapture, come back to receive their newly created bodies...

OK. They do die. And of course Bro. Branham said "*We are not disembodied spirits; we go to that body which is there waiting for us.*" And there's no two ways about it; that's right spoken of in 2 Corinthians, the 5th chapter.

- (1) For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Now, that tells you something right there: that this is a body that is absolutely unknown upon the earth. Tells you, "...it's eternal; not made with hands. And it's from the heavens." "*So it doesn't have a thing to do with calcium, potash, as cosmic light and petroleum,*" Bro. Branham said. (I don't know if all those are there, but I imagine they are, with a whole lot more... because I'm not a biologist, biochemist or anything else.) So when you die you go to that form which is waiting for you. (See?) Doesn't even say it's created. I think Bro. Branham used the word 'create' but I don't think that he used it consistently with his own preaching because he said, "*The word 'eternal' means it didn't have a beginning,*" and anything created has a beginning. It's just like...[even with]?... Jesus... the difference between Jesus and God is the fact that he's the son of God. He had a beginning. Sons have beginnings; it that right? Put it together. You got to get comfortable with everything Bro. Branham said or you'll go crazy.

14. So you go there, in that you are completely sensate, but not in the terms of a physical sensate body. In other words, if you shook hands you'd know you're not just going to... my hand will go through your hand. It'll go 'chook!' like that... grab a hold. No arthritis, by the way. You can walk, step on each others corns because there are no corns. You can hug each other and no sensation which is a wrong sensation. (See?) You know...[but think]?... about wrong sensations... I won't go into them, but the world's full of 'em. It's getting worse, worse, worse, worse, worse.

Now... and there's conversation. And it's a perfect picture of what you were in your youth and your physical body. So that body must have been the true and original image-- yah!... of what we were genetically and generically as spirit-beings with the soul being able to use what is there to make a form. And at that time there was nothing there but spirit. That's how it could be eternal. Now, I don't understand it, but I believe it and I like it. And I know it's true. And if we should die, we go there. And it is fully commensurate with what we are as seed and sons, attributes of God.

15. All right. Remember, you bypassed that for a greater glory of God and a greater glory of ourselves. It's God going to give it to us. So what He does... He gives us the opportunity to be full of the Holy Ghost which is closely commensurate, as much as possible, to the theophanic form. And in this form we live. And if we should be living here and die, decay, we must have a glorified body. So what happens is, God recreates all the elements and that form--and remember: you are inseparable from that form, the same as you are inseparable from this form. You... as I showed you, the word 'corpse' (nekros)... "With what body do the dead come?" And when that body --dead body-- is spoken of, it is spoken of in the same reverential, completely identifying tones and language as is the soul, the seed of God. So you cannot separate yourself from your theophany. And you cannot separate your theophany from your mortal body. No way... mm-mm. So therefore, the mortal body is recreated.

16. Bro. Branham said, "*God create again.*" That's good terminology. He used it; I'll use it, too. And it comes back exactly as you were in your youth except you are not now motivated by a spirit that was given to you at birth. Nor are you motorized, activated, by a life through blood. It's entirely Holy Ghost and soul. Now, you have this glorified body.

Now what happens is: you will pick up your body in your theophany and go up. Now, we cannot get rid of our theophany. It is a part of us. As Bro. Branham said, "*Your rebirth... you heard from your theophany.*" "Good Morning, up there!" Say, "Yes!" Identified. What happens is: we are glorified down here through the processes of First Corinthians, fifteen. In other words, glorification and the spirit (or Word)-body are not so related that one has to be there with the other because it is not. Do you follow what I mean? It doesn't have to come down here; or we have to go it. That's only how it works for the dead. So what happens? We're changed. But it is a part of us, so we meet it in the Rapture, and go to the Wedding Supper. (See?) That sounds strange but it's true. (Eh?)

17. [Question # 2, continued]

Since the Word or theophanic form and body's eternal and glorified body's immortal, are these bodies joined or combined in some way after the Rapture?

They are combined at the Rapture. That's exactly. And that's something... in other words, it's the complete metamorphosis. The metamorphosis of God's children is completed.

All right... another question here... question on God becoming--in 'Who Is This Melchisedec?' All right?

18. Now...

[Question # 3]

We've seen how Jesus came and how we came, bypassing the theophany. Where is the Lamb placed as Christ?

Well... Bro. Branham said, It was foreknown of God in His thinking, in His omniscience (He didn't say this but I'm saying it) perpetrated through His omnipotent predestinating power.

When he preached 'Melchisedec' he said, *"I am in the pulpit preaching. This is the complete will of God. You're in the pews listening. That is the complete will of God."* So, we're looking at Jesus, who is a part of God-- as Bro. Branham said, (and he didn't say that about you and me as a part of God, the way he said it about Jesus) he said that, *"Jesus did not bypass his theophanic form.."* Now let me say this: In the blueprinting of God, God being God, and therefore absolutely necessary for Him to follow His own genetic pattern, it was absolutely vital that Jesus would be the Lamb. And he couldn't be the Lamb in a Word-body. He couldn't do it. So, therefore, in the beginning he was given the Word-body. The Name first of all on the Book, signifying the blueprint and the Wisdom of God. The next thing comes forth the Word-body. And there the Bible says, "All things were created by Christ Jesus." And you know absolutely how that was done. "In the beginning God created heaven and earth... God was in Christ reconciling the world... It's my Father in me who doeth the works." You find therefore, now, God Himself moving and operating through the son and all of these things have come into being.

19. Now, the Word of God distinctly says, that... in the Book of Philippians. [Chapter 2:]

(5) Let this mind... which was also in Christ Jesus

(6) Who, being in the form of God...

In other words, that which would be the thing that strikes the eye if there is a spiritual eye there to catch it, or something there that could apprehend it. It's something like the old thing... because noise is simply vibration and a rock rolling down the hill causes vibration, if there's no ear to hear it is there actually a noise? Well, certainly, there's a noise. You say, "Prove it." Well, I'm not stupid. I don't try to prove anything. Certainly there's a noise. There's a gopher here to hear it. Don't worry; there's a butterfly... who knows. God's there to hear it. There's a noise.

20. So, we're looking down through the ages, and we see that God has predestinated this one to be the Lamb. So the Scripture says now, though he had that form there, but he lays that form aside and he takes upon himself a form that can be seen by every eye, which is the form of man. And there you see what we're talking about here. Where does it place the Lamb? He laid aside his theophanic form. You couldn't crucify it. And he didn't need it and he couldn't have it if he was going to be identified with you and me. Now, the same one that had that form which was in the form of God back there, as Bro. Branham said, *"A Word-body, a Spirit-body"* he said, "Lo, in the volume of the book it is written of me. I come to do Thy will, O God." Why? Because "a body hast thou prepared for me."

21. Now, the preparation of that body (in my understanding) is like the preparation of the body of Adam and Eve, in that, God did something for that Individual whom we call Christ, who already had within him, being a son of God (a part of God) the genetic ability to bring forth... as Bro. Branham said, *"A light begins to form."* And there wasn't even a thing there to form out of it. So what happened? It was a natural forming of a body which could be seen (if you're able to see)--that which meets the eye... that form, way back there-- that which had developed from itself naturally. Now a form... a body is prepared physically through the sperm and the egg in the womb of Mary. And this is that Lamb. Now, that Lamb died. He gave his life. He went down into Hades--the soul did. The body went to the grave. The spirit went back to God who gave it. He split three directions. The body could not begin to disintegrate or deteriorate (corrupt,

anyway). God wouldn't allow it. Within the three days it wasn't allowed to happen. Then what happened? The Life came back into the glorified body.

22. Now what happens? There is absolutely no doubt that Jesus Christ, on his ascension, laid aside that body and took on another form--and we're not talking about the man now, because that's a human being involved, a Lamb there. We're talking about that other... that other side there-- He went back to a Pillar of Fire. And that's the One that met Paul on the road to Damascus. So when you're talking about the Lamb, now, we've got to be very careful that we understand. When we speak of Lamb... and Bro. Branham spoke of the Lamb, he said, *"He took the body up and placed it behind the Throne on the Mercy Seat on the right hand of the Majesty on high."* And he said, *"Of course that's not like a human hand. That signifies the power of Almighty God."* So where is the Lamb? The Lamb is absolutely now on the Father's Throne. Because Bro. Branham said, *"When the Lamb came from behind the Throne, he took the Book out of that One that sits upon the Throne, ripped off the Seals, handed the Book back; the One on the Throne stepped off the Throne, came down here, and the Lamb went up on the Throne."* So there's where the Lamb is.

23. Now, is there a separation from the theophanic form? In my mind there is no doubt that there is... no doubt that there is. But what about the days coming ahead? The days coming ahead, Bro. Branham said, *"The Spirit that's in our midst becomes incarnate in a body. He comes incarnate to us; we crown him King of kings and Lord of lords."* It could be at that time... I believe, no doubt, it all comes together. Now, there is essentially a bit of a mystery here but I don't let that bother me because I don't have all the answers to all the questions. Bro. Branham had the answers. And he said he knew what he's talking about, but he said, *"Maybe...I doubt if you do because it's too hard to explain."*

24. But to see what I'm looking at here in the Lamb is simply Isaiah, chapter 53, with Psalm 40. Go to the Book of Hebrews, the whole thing will be laid out for you. And that is, that there has to be somebody who is going to be able to get between the people and God. And under the Aaronic priesthood from the very time of the Garden of Eden there had been nobody able to get between man and God and work a complete reconciliation. Nobody could. And so what you're looking at is the High Priest, Melchisedec, which is God Himself serving mankind and being His own representative. That's what you're looking at. And that took Its form in the Lord Jesus Christ and the shedding of the Blood-- the Lamb... as in Isaiah 53. He had to be the Lamb in order to be of the Order of Melchisedec. No priest could offer himself and make it pay before God. There's only One who could do it and that was the One who came down, laid aside his glory... because he said, "Glorify Thy..."

25. Let me read that to you, in John 17. (Sometimes I wonder if I quote it correctly because it's such a tremendous one.) He said, in verse 5.

(5) And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Now, if you don't see a Father and a son there... if you just think you see the Father is the son, you're seeing something different from what I'm seeing. I would find God talking to Himself and everything else--which He could do--but that's not what you're looking at here.

You're going back to the concept which we do not believe in... in Oneness, as Jesus-Only. We do not believe in Trinity; we stand right between. And that doesn't mean we believe in two Gods. That means we believe in one God and the son. There it is right there. "Well," you say, "I've got to understand that." Well, if you've got to understand that, you talk to God; don't talk to me. I do my best to bring out everything Bro. Branham said, and I leave it right there with what he said it. And I don't try to change it. That's exactly what you and I have to do here.

26. Now, let's go back to the Book of Galatians. And you can see this a little more. You're talking about the Lamb. Where was he back there? Where is he now? Now, in the Book of Galatians, chapter 3, verse 19 (I won't read everything connected with it.)...

(19) Wherefore then serveth the law? (Wherefore then 'comes' the law? What's it come for?) It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

(20) Now a mediator is not... of one, but God is one.

Now, it tells you right there, when you have a mediator you have three people involved: two that are engaged in an argument or a fuss and a fight, and the third one comes in to settle it. Now, it tells you right here, God became His own mediator-- Melchisedec! (See?) God, His own mediator...serving. That's why this is very, very important to understand Who is here now, Who is getting a Bride ready, Who came down. Now we under... we use the word, terminology, 'Jesus', like Bro. Branham did but he preached this sermon after the ring of angels so that we might know the fullness of what has transpired. (See?) Now, Jesus can't come down as a man. And remember, God could not come down without the shed Blood. Bro. Branham brings that out-- the Logos... God condescending, but not without Blood. (See?) Now, again you're looking at the same picture back there in Genesis. You're looking at the fact of the condescending God due to the Blood. He can do it and the Blood stands there. But you turn down what he brings, where does the Blood go? You see what I'm trying to show you? From God's side.

27. Well, look-it... come on, Romans, the 5th chapter.

(1) Therefore be... (having been, not being justified. But it's therefore having been) justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (Now, how did that happen? It tells you in verse 6)

(6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

(7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

(8) But God (commended) his love toward us, (and) while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- (9) Much more then, (now) being... justified by his blood (just as though we never sinned), we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more being reconciled... saved by his life.

See what you're looking at, there? You're looking at the absolute fact of what the Blood has accomplished. And God is no longer angry. (See?) It's also the same thing where it tells you in the Book of Hebrews, that "He saves from the utter most to the uttermost all that come unto God by him." There is no limit. That's from God's side. (See?) But you turn down what He said in His Word, it's over! Now, nobody but us believes that. That's how the Ark only had eight people in it. And as I said the other day, "Oh, poor Noah didn't say, 'Open the doors, Lord. Let these poor drowning folk in!'" Or they'd have swamped the Ark.

28. Now, I want to ask you a question: Do you want to swamp the Ark? Oh, you're so nice; you just couldn't believe this! We've got 'em in Europe, especially... over there in Norway when they said, "Don't tell me..." She said, "Don't you dare tell me that these lovely Pentecostal ladies aren't in the Bride!" --with their clicking high heels, and floozie walk and their short hair, and God-knows-what... turning down the Word and even filling the pulpits and running their husbands, everything else... making a mockery of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Come one! Read your Bibles, Brother/Sister. Get the picture. Don't be foolish and ignorant in these days. Bro. Branham warned them. (See?) Everything... everything through Scripture tells you that I'm a hundred percent on the line with the Prophet, and the Prophet was a hundred percent. You just got to get your eyes open, that's all. Now, just a minute, did Cain get his eyes open? Don't be foolish. Huh! He even snarled at God. [End of side one] No, Brother/Sister, it's too late in the day to be fooled.

He's the Intercessor, but first of all the great Mediator. That's the thing that counts right there. There's Melchisedec. (See?) Melchisedec from Judah. Praise unto God! Lion of the Tribe of Judah... never came out of the Aaronic priesthood. That's simply man trying to praise God and worship God. There's your legalist. There's your normal person. How many... how many in this world have a real, genuine revelation of what I'm talking about? I don't have it myself, but I sure got the mechanics down. I can tell that I know where I stand on it. You say, "Well, what's going to happen to you?" Everything good! It's going to get better and better. You can't sit here and fool me. Come on. I'll tell you people something about yourselves: I have sown in this church this Word and my love to you until that love has come back from you people to such an extent I could not really dislike any one of you. And some of you, in spite of myself, I love you. Put that down tonight... you've heard something you've never heard in your lives before. I've told you: you sow and you sow and you sow, and one day the life opens. And you people love me in spite of yourselves. And I love you in spite of myself. And it's just started.

Brother/Sister, we have a Word that nobody else has. Oh, I know...?... the world out there, they'll say, "Well, you see, we got this same thing. You up there harping on your little vine, and your little porch out there as though you got it all." Let me tell you something flat, Brother/Sister, Satan can duplicate anything in this world. Don't worry, we've known it for a long, long time. But there's a reality and we've got it because ours is vindicated. They turned

down what God said. They've turned down Hebrews twelve. And the Book of Hebrews is the book on the High Priest, Melchisedec. (See?) Moses built a house and he was a nice servant. But that wasn't the house that God built. There's only one house that God's building now. And that's a Bride right now, and God's doing the whole thing. Well, I hope you see what I'm talking about. That is the Lamb.

29. All right. One little more question here, and that's going to be just fine. (We can go to the Table of the Lord and the Foot-washing.)

[Question # 4]

Can you elaborate on the soul of Jesus coming back on the people?

Well, this is what I said all a long, long time ago. Where did your soul come from? From God... it's a part of God. What's the soul of Jesus? The great part of God, where God poured into him--what they call the 'kenosis' of Philipians, the second chapter--that God poured into Christ, so he became the fullness of the Godhead, bodily... all the attributes. (See?) All right. When Jesus died, he said, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell". Certainly not. That's the God part because it is God. Even a little molecule... like they often said, years ago, they said, you go down to the ocean; you take a thimbleful of water, it's just as much ocean water as the vast millions of acres and miles of ocean. Just as much ocean water. It's just a matter of quantity. That's the way we are with Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. Because, remember, he is our brother. He said he's not ashamed to call them brethren. Why? Because they're all of the same source, all born of God.

30. So all right. When he went back, that was the Holy Ghost within him in a measure you and I don't have. So therefore he said, "My Father's going to come; I'm going to come; we're all going to come at the time of the Holy Ghost. And what is that? That be naturally nothing but the soul... would be simply the soul of Jesus Christ. I don't like using the terminology too much because people might get carried away to think they're going to do something with their souls. No, you and I are perfectly stuck with ours. We can't give it to anybody else or anything else. It's a matter of genetics God has laid down in a natural election, the passing on of that Life-stream. God knows all about it.

31. The more that... Listen, I'm going to tell you something, Brother/Sister, we're talking about the soul now... I want you to know something: This fight in the Supreme Court, you know, to overturn ... [Ward versus Roe]?...to overturn abortion... This is more serious than you think because even the world knows--the theologians of the world, and the 'Right to Live' group-- they know that they're dealing with souls. That lets us know one thing: that Bro. Branham talked about a natural birth-control that's absolutely the pattern that should be followed. Now it sounds like a pretty rough thing up here in the pulpit, young people and all. I'm going to tell you something: it's still the Word of God. And the prophet, a hundred percent right. And the world is showing us the seriousness of what's going on today. That's why Bro. Branham could say, "*The body doesn't have life. It's kicking muscles and nerves until that spirit of life comes in for the body.*" And tell that Mormon fellow, he said, "*You will see that baby.*" Why? Because you're dealing with the soul. Even Job said, "Oh, that I had been a premature birth!" He just wanted to escape what he was going through. He didn't say, "Oh, that I had never had anything

or was never anything.” He didn’t say that. So when we look at these things here, elaborating on the soul of Jesus and understanding what our souls are. And like Bro. Branham said, when he said concerning a man asking a woman to marry him, he said, *“She’s a sacred vessel for childbearing.”* You know what he’s talking about. He’s talking about sex going on in this world--an illicit union outside of wedlock, and all those things absolutely illegal before God.

32. We have allowed ourselves to be entrapped, ensnared by these things and the church has to come clean. I never realized that till looking at television the other day (was a station where they have... I think the man is a Christian that runs it in Washington, Christian program, what it is) and first of all one day they had a program on Africa. And here are these poor African Christians coming over here (except Bishop Tutu, forget him. He’s a... he’s got to be something very morbid. He’s wrong. But these other men are real Christians)... they come over here and say, “America, don’t put sanctions against us. You’re destroying us!” America stands here having destroyed the Indian... so self-righteous. I want to tell you, Brother/Sister, my wife doesn’t understand me and you might not, but I tell you, I know what pain and suffering is. I’ve been through it. I could be blotted out today with the atomic bomb or anything else, right now, and say, “Thank God! It’s all over!” I want to get over there. Not to the extent that I’m going to let you blow my brains out or somebody else or stand and say, “Come shoot me.” I’m not a complete idiot. (I’m an idiot but I’m not a complete idiot. I’ve got one or two marbles left... slightly lopsided, but... rattle around there.)

33. But I tell you what, you better understand a few things, Brother/Sister. This is rotten. Aids... Listen! ...?... I preached years and years ago, their pus would drop on the ground. And I knew the ground couldn’t purify it because out there in Denver, some scientist had already many, many years ago found antibiotics in the soil that could cleanse diseases... (whether it got on the market, I don’t know) but, I know one thing: When you turn it loose it loses its power, the ground becomes entirely corrupt, men’s bodies rot, and now in Aids they’re rotting! What are you waiting for? When all these things come to pass, “Look up and rejoice... your redemption draweth near.” Listen, it already did more than ‘drew near’... it came right on down. We beheld his glory--the glory of the miracles, the glory of the pictures, the glory of the ministry--all these things, Brother/Sister, right now.

34. We’re in a dangerous age. I don’t know... this is kind of disjointed on this question here. But you know I answered your question. I also brought out these other things as they came to my mind. But, you know, if this isn’t it, I’m going to tell you something, Brother/Sister, it’s it anyway. Because this is worse than the Bubonic Plague. This is worse than anything the world’s ever seen. It’s worse than the Atomic bomb even. Actually, I think Aids and the Atomic bomb go together, because somebody ought to pull the trigger to just take a chance and see if anybody’s still tough enough... hasn’t got that much Aids in him. The HIV--one, two, three, four--they got the whole bunch of them. They’ll have five and six of ‘em pretty soon. No serum works on all of them.

35. Look what they’ve exposed in the colleges. It’s about... not quite as bad as the prisons, and what’s in the High School. You kids that are going to High School--some of you sitting here, you’ll be going there--I know I talk tough up here and your parents got to do a lot of talking afterward to cover my tracks because I say some things maybe your ears... you think shouldn’t be hearing. I’m going to tell you one thing: you watch yourselves because the percentage is rising.

You can't kiss and fool around like when I was a kid. Yes, there were young men and women could kiss and fool around. They didn't touch each other sexually. They couldn't go that far. But you're hardly out of the cradles before you're messing around and you'll die, rotting in your bodies. Don't think I'm kidding you. You'll do it; you watch and see. Won't do any good to pray for you. There'll be no medicine because if it's a plague nothing will touch it. Do you know something? They haven't even cured TB. they can't. If it goes out of your lungs it'll go some place else in your body. And the Bible said, "Sin not, lest the worse thing come upon you."

36. We've seen our last sign; we've seen what's going on. Don't fool around. It doesn't matter. I could talk my head off. You'll do it anyway. You'll try to smoke your cigarettes and mess with crack and everything else. But I know one thing about it. Just the day after tomorrow.--twenty-four hours and a few minutes--I'll be standing right there in the Presence of God with you. What're you going to do then? Go to your stupid school teacher that lied to you? Your parents won't do you any good. My parents wouldn't have done me any good anyway. I came to a place in God they never knew or ever would know of. There's a way out. I'm going to tell you the way out. The Blood stands there and the Lamb stands there, but you better take the Word, and let this Word fortify you. It's a stronger Word than I had. I would to God I could've heard someone preach like I'm preaching to you when I was young. Even bypassing Bro. Branham--never mind what he preached--just what I preached would've made so much different. My great failing was I couldn't believe God, I thought, financially. One day I had to stand there... years standing there. That's why I say, "When you've stood where I stood"... it's not been a bad place to stand; you can always come back and tell the people what God's like, what life is like. But it's running out very, very rapidly.

37. Every exercise in drinking Communion (taking Communion), every exercise in Foot-washing—all of these things--they mean more than more and more and more. I'm not just talking to you, warning you; I love you and I know that you people know what I'm talking about. I know you're real. I know you're sympathetic, empathetic. Beyond that, I believe you're a part of It because I can't get in this pulpit ...as I've said before, I could get up here... I could get up here almost drunk (but I don't drink, of course)... If I was on drugs, your very presence and your attitude would clear my head and my mind and my heart, that I'd have to deal with you as children of God. Try that in Pentecost! They haven't got a message; they haven't got anything. I've been all through it. Turn on your TVs... you haven't got 'em, but sometime go down to the store and just watch the so-called Christians on their TVs. What have they got? Haven't got answers. We've got the answers tonight, through Our Lord Jesus Christ. We got the Word; we got the Life.

Well, that's your questions. I've answered 'em and answered more than your questions, which is fine. So if you have anymore you just let 'em come in. I want you to pray that the Lord will lead me what we're going to maybe be looking at in a very little while to take up a new series. I haven't been any rushed about it. But now I'm going to be looking at it very seriously to see what God wants of us.

Communion Service

1. Now, let's just go again to Corinthians, the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians. We're going to have the Table of the Lord in just a minute or two. And tomorrow morning we have service at ten o'clock. Don't forget.

And there are different ones to remember in prayer--operations coming up, operations gone by, this and that. We don't worry about them. We just know that the Lord uses doctors and what-have-you to help people. And we'll just believe right along with that. I've had help by doctors. But I must admit the help I like best of all is from the Lord. It doesn't cost anything and it's sure a whole lot more effective; doesn't hurt either. You don't have to come through any anesthetic, and such a joyous surprise to be healed. Some of you sitting here tonight, you know what I'm talking about.

2. All right, verse 23 [1Corinthians 11:]

(23) For I have received of the Lord that which... I delivered unto you...

You know, Paul was a faithful person. Everything he got from God he just spilled his guts; he just brought it right out. [Of] course he couldn't do certain things God wouldn't let him do. He was a good servant that way too. He said, "Well, I'd tell you about Melchisedec but (he said) that's for the end-time. So I can't tell you about Him." He said, "I know about Him, but (he said) I could tell you things (he said) you would never really believe." In the light of what you believe today about that picture, there --the angels coming down, Bro. Branham with the Pillar of Fire--what you believe now... without, really, something concrete in the way you've been going for years, could you have accepted that? No way... no way; you couldn't [have] done it. Now, had Paul told them things way back there, they couldn't have taken it either. He said, "You're not ready for it." Now, the Ephesian Church... the Ephesian Age was the perfect age, and the closest Paul could get to the Ephesians was... was tell them 'the Spirit of the wisdom and revelation and the knowledge of him' would come and supersede the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, which was temporary. Now, you just tell somebody outside of this Message that Baptism of the Holy Ghost is temporary... Ppffft! Brother/Sister. And it is! Read your Bibles. They're completely bogged down. Paul told the people every single thing that God told him for them.

3. Now, then, do you believe the tapes have everything in them to put you in the Rapture or do you need Billy Paul and Joseph and Lee Vayle and a bunch of other people? You don't need any of us. You don't need any 'buddies'... Bro. Branham's bosom buddies... or cohorts or pals. "...?... Bro. Branham told me so and so." Now, I can tell you things he told me but you didn't need them... you didn't need them. If you're a real born-again person, you won't be all messed up in your thinking, running here and there with a bunch of loose ends. You'll have all your marbles. The Bible says, "He's not given a spirit of fear but of love... power, and a sane mind." No... you're not a bunch of Yahoos out there. Paul gave them exactly what God told him. So did William Branham. It's on tapes. Bro. Branham talked about the washer woman who didn't even have a pastor; just had three tapes and she made it. So, let's put it where it belongs.

4. [1Corinthians 11:]

(23) ...I delivered (what the Lord gave me)... That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

(24) And when he had given thanks, he (broke) it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. (Now, that's simple as A-B-C; it'll do that).

- (25) After the same manner ...he took the cup, when he ...supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Now, there's a good question right in there. What is the Blood testament come to? Now, the Blood testament is thoroughly misunderstood. It's a propitiation to get you to God, so that now God could teach you and lead you. What if there's a bunch of people running around that can't be taught? Do you think the Blood's going to do 'em any good? Ahh, Come on! It's null and void, Brother/Sister.

5. Hey, just hold your finger there and go on back to the Book of Hebrews. (See if I can find it. I'm not too good at the Bible... finding things.) But, look-it over here, in the 10th chapter, talking about the sacrifice... verse 12 [Hebrews]

- (12) ...this man, after (he'd) offered one sacrifice for sins (which was himself)... sat down on the right hand of God
- (13) From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. (That's going on now... See? He's waiting for it.)
- (14) For by one offering (hath he) perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Bro. Branham spoke of the perfection of the Blood)
- (15) Where of the Holy Ghost also is... witness to us:

I just call that simply the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Shows you're under the Blood. And if you're not full of the Holy Ghost you're not under the Blood. It's waiting there for you, but you haven't divided the Word. You haven't come to where you are a part of It. Now, the thing is, if you've got the Holy Ghost you will believe the Word for the day.

6. So let's get back to 1 Corinthians, 11th chapter.

- (25) (He said the)... testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as (you) drink it, in remembrance of me.
- (26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye... shew the Lord's death till he come.

7. A thought's just struck my mind. I want to go back to Hebrews again, 10th chapter, verse 16.

- (16) (And) This is the covenant that I will make with them (in) those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

What's the Holy Ghost for, then? Bro. Branham said (That you take)... *“the greatest battle is when you bring your mind in subjection to the Word of Almighty God and plug up every*

channel to the inlets of the soul with the Word of Almighty God till nothing else gets in there, then watch the reverse flow; It begin to come out."

8. Now what's going to happen to us if we're in this Divine flow, Brother/Sister? 2 Cor 3:18 - chapter 4. And the sowing will then bring us more and more into this Divine family of love and grace, where Christ in our midst says, "These are my brothers and sisters. And I'm not ashamed, because they come from the one source." All Word, (See?) There it is.

(17) ...their sins and iniquities (I will) remember no more.

(18) Now where remission of these is, there is no more (remembrance of sin. There's no more) offering...

All right, the Covenant... verse 26. [1Corinthians 11:]

(26) ...as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Now, many people have perverted that. They say, "We believe in the Presence. We know he's here; we're not going to take Communion." That is a lie! That's not the Coming he's talking of. The Coming he's talking about is the Coming that puts us in the Millennium and there we drink it and eat it. So that's not this one. This is God serving us again... as He did way back to Abraham, as He did back in the Garden. If He did it back there in the Garden--and they weren't even kicked out of it and were in the Presence of the Tree of Life which spelled immortality-- then it's the same thing again today... God serving His people, and this time bringing them to the Tree of Life and Immortality.

9. Listen, we're breaking right in to the Eternal things, Brother/Sister-- even immortality in our bodies. It's got to be true! My goodness, these days we feel so good without feeling good that we know we just about got there. Now, I hope you understood what I said, because I meant what I said. Not speaking in riddles. It's just the Truth. You know somebody is going to have it. You know it's here. There's a... there's an unprecedented witness. And it's not the witness of these shenanigans going on; it's the witness of the real Real though, which is coming with the Word.

10. All right. [1Corinthians 11:]

(26) ...as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye... shew the Lord's death till he come.

In other words, what you're looking at? You're looking at the fact of the sacrifice, the Lamb. That was the question: What about the Lamb? You never ever forget the Lamb; you never cease to exalt him. And it says...

(27) Wherefore... (now, he's drawing a conclusion. Wherefore, he said, because of these things being true) whosoever... eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily (See?... in an unworthy

manner. In other words, they are facetious and ... well, look, even dress and things have... could go right along with this. Anything right along there... See? Like, they were eating and drinking and being foolish), shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

- (28) (Now it said)... let a man examine himself, ... eat... that bread, ... drink... that cup.
- (29) For he that (drinketh and eateth) unworthily, (eats) and (drinks judgment, condemnation, problems, See?... a judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (See? Not really seeing what this is all about. And you know that's true... that's very true.)

11. You know... the definite in-depth reality of the original Passover (because this is Passover) had an urgency and an eeriness, something terribly, terribly peculiar and strange... a great excitement amongst the people. And yet they knew they were moving out because of a vindicated Message. And this application of a shed life was the last sign ever given., and they moved out. You got the same thing in Hebrews 6. And I think, myself, that we are not excited enough. Now, I'm not talking now of this emotional high wire and high tension excitement. I'm thinking in terms of Israel, eating the Passover Lamb, the blood having been shed. And knowing... now watch, listen carefully... knowing that this is it or all else is gone. So therefore, the partaking of emblems which signifies the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should never fail to remember in each of these services-- like Israel-- This is it! There's nothing more. When they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and put this Message to an open shame, which they've written about--and the Full Gospel Businessmen started it with their Trinitarian dogmas... right on down the line, they said, "You must believe in a Trinity", which is a Roman Catholic heresy... Paganism.-- they showed what they were.

12. Now, look. Taking this Communion tonight represents to each of us here that believe this Word, we are either going to get out of here or we're going to die with the plague of God. Everyone must be a first-born under the Blood. Remember, it's the first-born alone that died. The others didn't. The first-born alone can escape--the Bride alone can escape. Because the first-born... look-it, here. Come on... the first-born is right over here in 1 Corinthians, the 15 chapter... ("But now...") in verse 20.

- (20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.
- (21) For since by man came death, by man came... the resurrection of the dead.
- (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ... all... made alive.
- (23) But every man in his... order: Christ the first fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his (presence).

How do you view the Blood tonight? Though “they crucified themselves the son of God afresh”... the Bride is not going to die with the world. This service... others may do the same thing and claim the same thing, but I’m going to tell you something: The Egyptians didn’t have what Israel had. Only Goshen had light. Darkness is in the land. Only those that have anointed their eyes with eye salve are the only ones that are going to escape. And remember, they stood there under the thralldom of Egypt and Pharaoh. Blasphemed by those in authority—“*Pastor Pharaoh*,” Bro. Branham called him. Scorned and would have died with the rest of them but they had faith in the ‘shed blood’... unh, unh.. in the Word that Moses gave, and they took the shed blood. And they alone utilized the shed blood because they believed what was said. You don’t think that’s right?

13. Hebrews, the 12th chapter.

- (25) See that (you) refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that on earth, much more shall (we not) escape if we turn... from him that (speaks... not speaketh from heaven, but the one from Heaven that speaks. He’s not speaking from Heaven. It’s the One from Heaven speaking.)
- (26) Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he ...promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- (27) ...this word, Yet once more, (signifies) the removing of those things that are shaken, as (those things) that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken ... remain.
- (28) Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

In other words, everything tumbling down... everything, as it were, in dismay and disorder. But the blood with the Word of Moses took them through. Let’s rise at this time, shall we, and pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that we have progressed, Lord, to this hour of lateness as a sanctified people, sanctified by the Blood, by the in-filling of the Holy Ghost, by the washing of water by the Word, Lord. We believe that we have a complete Sanctification in three there, at this particular time. And, Father, in spite of ourselves we have entered into the obedience of faith and a knowledge which has not been previously granted. And, Lord, though we as human beings can be perplexed like Israel (because they surely were), we see the handwriting on the wall, Lord, that You’re going to take a Bride out of here, just like You took them out of Egypt. And this time, Lord, we know that our God, the Consuming Fire (2Thessalonians 1), having come on down. That we believe that You’ve set a seal upon us, Lord, that no man’s going to touch us. We’re going to get there to the other side in a glorified form.

Help Your people, Lord, to be full of faith tonight by the revelation of Almighty God. And, Lord, let the joy of the Lord fill our hearts and our minds, the strength of God be our portion. And if we're amazed, let it be with the amazement of the wonderment of You, Lord, and the things that You have done, so that we can stand secure in the knowledge of the vindication of this Message. And for, Lord, we know there's no place else to go. Nobody could ever approximate what was done.

So bless us tonight, Heavenly Father, as we partake of these emblems which we have now had set aside for us to commemorate, honor Your great and holy Name. And, Father, we know that those who ate the lamb, they had strength for the journey. And Elijah who was fed the secret Word went forty days and forty nights in the strength thereof and came back with fire in his eye and the judgments of Almighty God. Lord, we know that one day soon the dead will come out of the ground, so to speak... resurrection. We'll be all a great part of it and we thank You for it.

So, Lord, may we honor You tonight in the simplicity and sincerity and the strength, O God, that comes out of this Word. Heavenly Father, we're pleading because we know that the prophet knew that we weren't sincere in here. Twenty-five years later, are we sincere even now? He said, *You're green*. Are we green yet, Lord, at this time? Help us, Heavenly Father. We know it is not going to be by works; it's going to be by revealed Faith, Lord. This strength is going to be there as we stand with this Word... 'Thus saith the Lord.' We know we're not going to fail, Lord. We know You're not going to fail. We know it's going to come to pass. But, Lord, if it's not remiss, might we ask to have a greater spirit of consecration and jubilation in our midst, Lord, concerning this great Faith which has been given us. As we... at least tonight, Father, let there be a fresh start as we partake. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Bro. Vayle gives directions for proceeding with the Communion and Foot-washing.]

[Closing prayer...]

Kind Heavenly Father, we want to thank You again for Your love, Lord, in bringing Your people together whom we love in Truth and the Lord Jesus Christ, and are convinced-- are satisfied-- Lord, that the ones here believe correctly, Father, that we believe right, before You... rightly divide that Word, Lord, making the cross of Christ efficacious in the things of our God. Lord, we know it's not ourselves but it's in You and we attribute to You the honor and glory.

Now, heal the sick amongst us we pray, Lord. Give them strength, O God, a firm belief as never before that Thou art the Lord that healeth us. And all things are possible now that You're here. We thank You for it. We just claim a blessing for each one in Divine Presence and the joy of the Lord in each heart, Father God, and the true desire of each soul, Lord, that wants a greater revelation of You, a greater understanding, above all a more consecrated and beautiful walk. Father, we all long for that; we pray it might be ours.

Now, go with us as we go, in safety and security, Father, and bring us back to hear Your Word, to know the Truth. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. The Lord bless you.