

## Det talte Ord #32

*Kristi Ånd eller boikottens ånd.*

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I vår serie om Alfa og Omega prinsippene for mange måneder siden, pekte vi på likheten vedrørende de tre utganger. Hvordan Gud kom ned i form av en Ildstøtte, deretter oppreiste Han en profet blant de brødrene og gjennom denne profeten åpenbarte Han Sitt Formål og Plan og førte folket ut fra organisasjon ved en mektig hånd og demonstrerte Hans Overnaturlige Nærvær blant folket mens Han stadfestet Budskapet som Han gav denne profeten for å kalle ut folket fra fangenskap og Organisasjon. Budskapet var: **2 Kor 6,17-18** *Derfor sier Herren: Dra bort fra dem, og skill dere fra dem, rør ikke noe urent! Da vil jeg ta imot dere, 18 jeg skal være deres far, og dere skal være mine sønner og døtre, sier Herren, Den Allmektige.*

Da viste vi hvordan Gud, etter at folket var kommet ut, tok bort Hans Profet fra scenen, mens Gud fortsatt forble på stedet mens han manifesterte Hans Nærvær i Den samme Ildstøtten for å lede folket inn i det løfte for den tidsalder, mens Han brukte en annen tjeneste for personlig å plassere folket inn i det løfte for den dag.

Vi så hvordan Gud ordinerte Moses i Hans tid, for å være denne profeten, til å føre folket ut med en mektig hånd. Men etter at Gud hadde tatt Moses bort fra scenen, forble Gud på stedet, og førte folket inn under Josva. Vi ser, ved den andre utgangen, at Ildstøtten kommer ned og hviler på Jesus og går inn i Jesus (Jesus i Jesus, slik som Bror Branham forklarer det.) Og i Ham førte Ildstøtten folket ut av Organisert religion som hold folket ned og undertrykte Guds Ord. Folket fikk et budskap om å komme ut fra henne. **2 Kor 6,17-18** *Derfor sier Herren: Dra bort fra dem, og skill dere fra dem, rør ikke noe urent! Da vil jeg ta imot dere, 18 jeg skal være deres far, og dere skal være mine sønner og døtre, sier Herren, Den Allmektige.* Gud brukte igjen denne profet tjeneste for å føre folk ut av organisert religion og inn i slektskap med Seg selv, men deretter tok Gud Sin Sønn (bort), Menneske Sønnens Tjeneste, den tjeneste til profeten for den tidsalderens handlingssted, og igjen oppreiste Gud en lærer tjeneste, for å plassere folket inn i det lovede Ord for den tidsalder. Gud sendte den samme Ildstøtten, og salvet Paulus til å være en lærer for hedningene for å plassere folket inn i Kristus.

Vel, i denne siste utgang / eksodus, ser vi at den samme scenen bretter seg ut igjen. Gud kommer ned med et Rop, Åpenbarer Sitt hensikt og plan til Sin profet William Branham, folket kommer ut av organisert religion og begynner å vandre ut i ørken. Deretter tar Gud denne profet bort fra scenen mens Ildstøtten forblir, for å føre folket inn og plassere dem inn i løfte for den tidsalder, og gjør dem rede for å bli adoptert som sønner, og slik går Hans Ord igjen i oppfyllelse. **2 Kor**

**6,17-18** *Derfor sier Herren: Dra bort fra dem, og skill dere fra dem, rør ikke noe urent! Da vil jeg ta imot dere, 18 jeg skal være deres far, og dere skal være mine sønner og døtre, sier Herren, Den Allmektige.*

Jeg ønsker denne formiddag å komme med et annet aspekt fra denne scenen som utfolder seg i hver av disse tidsaldere. Vi blir varslet av Skriften at under utgangen / eksodus skulle folk oppstå blant brødrene som skulle bli brukt av satan for å holde sannheten tilbake og undertrykke det ved å forsøke å forstørre den fulle utgangen / eksodus og ved å gå tilbake igjen. **Rom 1,17-18** *For i det åpenbares Guds rettferdighet, av tro og til tro, slik det står skrevet: Den rettferdige skal leve ved tro. 18 Guds vrededom åpenbarer seg fra himmelen over all ugudelighet og urett hos mennesker som holder sannheten nede i urett.* Ordet "holder" som er brukt her ble oversatt fra det greske ord "katecjo" som betyr å holde nede eller å holde det fast, slik at det ikke kan gå fram over.

Fra hans tale: **DE SALVEDE I ENDETIDEN. 25-07-65**, sier profeten i, **P 168.** *"Fordi det er umulig for de som engang ble opplyst og ikke gikk videre med ordet slik det utfolder seg ..." De er død, de er borte ...*

Således ser dere hvor viktig det er for oss å fortsette å vandre i Lyset, så lenge som Han er i Lyset. Det er grunnen til at om De Rettferdige må leve ved Tro, da er tro ikke en ting fra fortiden, men en åpenbaring som stadig går videre og som tar oss skritt for skritt inn i RETTFERDIGHETEN av Gud Selv. **1 Joh 1,7** *Men hvis vi vandrer i lyset, slik Han Selv er i lyset, (ikke; hvis vi vandrer i lyset, slik Han Selv var i lyset engang.) da har vi samfunn med hverandre, og Jesu Kristi, Hans Sønns blod renses oss fra all synd.*

Fordi Tro er en Åpenbaring, en avsløring, noe som blir klargjort for deg av det som nå blir satt foran deg. Åpenbaring er ikke noe fra gamle dager, men den er for den nåværende Sannhet.

Og disse mennesker som holder Sannheten tilbake, gjør det ved å framstille det som en historisk sak, istedenfor å framstille det som en vedvarende realitet som pågår nå. Bror Branham sa i: **BEBREIDE ORDET 23-12-62.**

**P 1223.** *mennesker er alltid de samme som før. Nå skal jeg igjen si noe, og jeg ønsker at dere hører på meg, dere som hører på lydbandet. Ikke gå glip av det, men studer det. Men de er som de alltid har vært. Han lovpriser Gud for det Han har gjort og ser fram til det Han skal gjøre og overser det Han har gjort og gjør akkurat nå. Han lovpriser Gud for det Han har gjort; Han ser fram til hva Han kommer til å gjøre men han overser det som Gud gjør nå, og her går han glipp av det hele. Jeg håper at dere for tak i det, skjønner dere? De bryr seg ikke om hva Han gjør ... Han vet hva Han har gjort, og han vet om løftene om hva Han skal gjøre, men han mislykkes i å se det som Han gjør.*

Hva er det som Gud gjør nå, etter at Hans Profet er blitt tatt bort fra scenen? Vær så snill og si det til meg? Men Jesus sa at det skulle være slik ... Han kalte dem hyklere, fordi de selv ikke ønsket å gå inn, og heller ikke ville de tillate at andre skulle gå inn.

Således ser vi hva den neste kjennetegn av de Tre utganger er, og det er at det skal oppstå mennesker blant dere som er kalt ut og som bruker sin posisjon og autoritet for å holde andre bort fra å gå inn. **Gal 3,1** *Dere uforstandige galatere! Hvem har forhekset dere slik at dere ikke lenger skulle lyde sannheten, dere som hos dere selv har fått Jesus Kristus malt for øynene som korsfestet?*

Det er, i alle disse tre utganger, ikke de utenforstående som forsøker å holde Guds Barn fra å gå inn i Guds løfte for dens tid, men det er folk som kommer opp fra innsiden av denne eksodus bevegelse som inntar disse posisjoner av å være ledere. Og de begynner å ta fra folkets overflod, og de liker sine store menigheter og store inntekter, og de føler seg truet når Gud salver en tjeneste for å lede folket inn i deres posisjoner i Kristi Legemet.

Vi har akkurat kommet tilbake fra våre møter i Syd Afrika, Malawi og Tanzania, og i to av disse lender fant en organisert boikott av våre møter sted, og denne formiddag skal jeg vise dere, ved Guds Ord, at den ånd som ville organisere en boikott, er den samme sataniske ånd som er på den Katolske Kirke og er den samme sataniske ånd som var på Jødene som organiserte boikott av Jesus' sine møter, og den samme sataniske ånd var på Jødene som organiserte boikott av Paulus sine møter. Dere vill se at det ikke var de vantrende mennesker, men heller de som påstår at de er troende, som Apostel Paulus kalte for falske brødre, som ville gjøre noe slik. In **Luk 20,17** leser vi: *Da så Han på dem og sa: «Hva betyr da dette som står skrevet: Steinen som bygningsmennene forkastet, er blitt hovedhjørnestein?*

Slik ser vi, at Jesu Kristi tjeneste slik som den var i Hjørnestein eller Toppstein tjeneste, alltid er blitt forkastet.

**Luk 17,25** *Men først må Han lide mye og bli forkastet av denne slekt.*

Jesus Selv sa i: **Luk 9,22** *Han sa: «Menneskesønnen skal lide mye og bli forkastet av de eldste og yppersteprestene og de skriftlærde, og Han skal bli drept og skal stå opp på den tredje dag.»*

Og igjen i: **Matt 21,42** *Jesus sier til dem: «Har dere aldri lest i Skriftene: Steinen som bygningsmennene forkastet, er blitt hovedhjørnestein. Dette var Herrens verk, og det er underfullt i våre øyne?*

Og igjen i: **Mark 7,9** *Han sa til dem: «Altfor lett vint forkaster dere Guds bud, for at dere kan holde fast på deres egne forskrifter.*

De forsøkte å bringe Jesus til taushet ved å korsfeste Ham, men han prediket til de fortapte og deretter reiste Gud Ham opp fra de døde.

De forsøkte å bringe Paulus til taushet. De falske Brødre kom til menigheten som han hadde etablert og forsøkte å bringe dem tilbake igjen under loven og tilbake igjen i en organisasjon, men han stod dem imot.

De forsøkte å bringe Peter, Jakob og Johannes til taushet ved å forby dem til å predike Jesus Kristus Korsfestet og oppstanden, de hudstrøket dem og satt dem i fengsel, men det kunne ikke stoppe dem fra å komme med sine vitnesbyrd.

De forsøkte å stoppe Stefan ved å steine ham til døde, men han ropte ut desto hardere, og hans tale, som han prediket der angående deres vantro, er den lengste preken som er opptegnet i Bibelen.

De forsøkte å stoppe Johannes. De kokte ham i olje og trodde at dette skulle ta seg av saken, men det virket ikke, derfor bannlyste de ham til en øy som heter Patmos, men det stoppet ham aldri, men skjønt menneskene svikten ham, gjorde ikke Guds Nærvær det.

Om en tjeneste er av Gud, for å si det slik, da vil det alltid være motstandsdyktig. Dette er mønstret gjennom alle tidsaldere. Men det som de ikke forstår er, at i deres forsøk med å holde tilbake og undertrykke denne tjeneste, har de faktisk en tjeneste i Guds plan, fordi denne forkastelse fører til den virkelige kroning av denne tjeneste.

### **DEN NÅVÆRENDE FASE AV MIN TJENESTE. 08-09-62.**

**P-57.** *her er tingen jeg ønsker å øve meg på for noen få øyeblikker. Det er vanlig i en slik tid som denne at når en man har vært tro mot Ordet og når **alle mennesker har forlatt ham**, inntil Gud griper inn og forsvarer denne personen og kroner hans tjeneste, Skjønner dere? Det stemmer. Hva en trøst.*

### **GUDSBESPOTTENDE NAVN. 04-11-62.**

**P-110.** *Jeg tror ikke at Demas gikk ut i verden, fordi Demas var av en ... Han var fra en stor rik familie, om dere kjenner til historien, og han ønsket seg å gå sammen med resten av folkemengden. Men stakkars lille Paulus, hva var det? **Gud la det alltid gå slik med en tjeneste og deretter kroner Han det.** Han tillot at Jesus kom til dette punktet (Se på dette her) da Han kunne vekke opp de døde, da Han kunne gjøre hva som helst Han ønsket, og deretter kunne en romersk soldat rive skjeggen ut av ansiktet Hans og (Bror Branham gjør som om han spytter) spytter i ansiktet Hans. Sla ham på ... Legge en duk rund ansiktet Hans og sier: "Vel, de sier at du er en profet ..." De stod alle sammen rund omkring Ham med sine rør og (Bror Branham illustrerer at de slår Ham.) slå Ham på*

hodet og sa: "Fortell oss nå hvem som slå deg?" Han visste hvem som slå Ham. Så absolutt visste Han det. Men Hans tjeneste var i ferd med å bli kronet. Det kommer alltid til et punkt hvor det ser meget, meget svakt ut, nesten helt ferdig, da kroner Gud det. Å, Gud la det skje. La det skje Herre. La oss bøye våre hoder. Jeg elsker Ham, jeg elsker Ham, fordi Han elsket meg først ... (Nå, tilber Ham, vi har hatt en tung undervisning.) Og kjøpte min frelse på Golgatas tre. La oss løfte våre øyne opp til Ham. jeg ... (Vær nå i Ånden. Skjønner? Jeg elsker Ham.) Jeg elsker Ham fordi Han elsket meg først ...

### **AFTENTIDS BUDBÆRER. 16-01-63.**

**P 112.** Leg merke til, når Budskapet er forkastet av folket, og budbæreren ser ut til å være fullstendig beseiret, han kan ikke komme inn noen steder, han kan ikke få den plassering som vår Herre hadde. Husk, da han var ... Å ja, da Han, den unge profeten, helbredet de syke: "Å, du og du, Han er en stor Kar." Hei rabbi, hvordan går det med deg?" Men en dag satte Han seg ned og begynte å fortelle dem Sannheten. Han fant nåde i menighetene, hos folket. Tusener fulgte Ham, Han hadde 70 disipler rund seg, foruten de tolv. Men en dag etter at Han hadde mangfoldiggjort brødene, for å bevise at Han var Gud, fordi bare Gud kunne la det regne brød fra himmelen. Skjønner dere? Han mangfoldiggjorde brødene. Og rett deretter ... Han vandret på vannet, utførte mirakler, og gjorde disse ting for å bevise at Det var Han. Og da Han gjorde det, satt Han seg ned begynte nøye å fortelle folket. Folket snudde seg vekk. Og de sytti sa: "Å, du og du, hvem kan høre på det? Det er en hardt ting å si. Du river ned noe som vi virkelig trodde var noe annet. Vel, hvem er du som kan si oss disse ting?" Og de gikk sin vei. Da snudde Jesus seg til sin lille gruppe slik som i Noahs sine dager, slik som i Sodomas dager, og sa: "Ønsker der også å gå." (Gud hjelp oss.)

**P 113.** Legg nå merke til at når Budskapet blir forkastet og det ser ut som om budbæreren er blitt beseiret, da er det at Gud kommer på scenen, hans Budskap er avsluttet. Noah (da døren ble låst). Noah forkynte, i døren til hans ark, i hundre og tjuve år, og da de til slutt lo seg i hjel på Noahs bekostning, gikk han inn i arken og tenkte at dette er nokk nå. Gud låste døren, mens folket hang rund omkring arken for å se hva som skulle skje. Han satt der i sju dager til og ventet i spenning, og på den sjuende dag begynte det å regne. Å du og du. Hva hentet med Moses? Han var lederen som førte folket ut. Røde Havet kom i veien for ham, han var kommet til veis ende. Det var da Gud kom med en sterk vind Østen fra og delte havet, ved enden av veien.

Jesus varslet hans Disipler at denne forkastelse kommer til å skje og hvordan de skulle oppføre seg da når dette skjer. **Luk 9,5** Er det noen som ikke vil ta imot dere, når dere går ut av den byen, så rist støvet av føttene deres som et vitnesbyrd mot dem.»

**Mark 6,11** *Og dersom noen ikke vil ta imot dere eller høre på dere: Når dere drar derfra, rist da av støvet under føttene deres som et vitnesbyrd mot dem. Sannelig sier Jeg dere, det skal bli lettere for Sodoma og Gomorra på dommens dag enn for den byen!"*

Og ikke bare tenk at det er de vantro som kommer til å forkaste den nåværende sannhet. Det er de som gjør seg selv til troende som kommer til å gjøre det. **Joh 1,11** *Han kom til Sine egne, og Hans egne tok ikke imot Ham.*

Apostel Johannes sa i **3 Joh 1,9-11** *Jeg skrev til menigheten, men Diotrefes, som elsker å være den fremste blant dem, tar ikke imot oss. 10 Når jeg kommer, vil jeg derfor minne om de gjerningene han gjør, fordi han taler imot oss med onde ord. Og han nøyer seg ikke med det. Selv tar han ikke imot brødrene, og dem som ønsker å gjøre det, hindrer han ved å støte dem ut fra menigheten. 11 Du elskede, etterlign ikke det som er ondt, men det som er godt. Den som gjør godt, er av Gud, men den som gjør ondt, har ikke sett Gud.*

Men la oss se det rett i øyene, sannheten er ikke for de som står imot det. De er alt for opptatt med å bygge sin egen lille kongedømme, og de har ikke tid og heller ikke vil de underordne seg selv til de som har sannheten.

Paulus forteller oss hvorfor, i **1 Kor 2,14** *Men et sjelelig menneske tar ikke imot de ting som hører Guds Ånd til, for de er som dårskap for ham. Han kan heller ikke kjenne dem, for de bedømmes åndelig.*

Legg merke til at også de bruker press for å kontrollere mennesker. Vi så hvordan Jødene forsøkte å holde folket bort fra selve Jesus Kristi tjeneste.

**Joh 9,1-41** *Da Jesus gikk videre, fikk Han øye på en mann som hadde vært blind fra fødselen av. 2 Disiplene Hans spurte Ham og sa: "Rabbi, hvem har syndet, denne mannen eller hans foreldre, siden han ble født blind?" 3 Jesus svarte: "Verken denne mannen eller hans foreldre har syndet, men dette skjedde for at Guds gjerninger skulle bli åpenbart på ham. 4 Mens det ennå er dag, må Jeg\* gjøre Hans gjerninger som har sendt Meg. Natten kommer da ingen kan arbeide. 5 Så lenge Jeg er i verden, er Jeg verdens lys." 6 Da Han hadde sagt alt dette, spyttet Han på jorden og laget en deig av spyttet. Han tok deigen og smurte på øynene til den blinde. 7 Og Han sa til ham: "Gå og vask deg i Siloa-dammen!" - det betyr "Utsendt." Så gikk mannen og vasket seg og kom seende tilbake. 8 Da sa naboene og de som tidligere hadde sett at han var blind:\* "Er ikke dette han som satt og tigget?" 9 Noen sa: "Det er han." Andre sa: "Han ligner ham."\* Han selv sa: "Det er meg." 10 Derfor sa de til ham: "Hvordan ble øynene dine åpnet?" 11 Han svarte og sa: "Et Menneske som heter Jesus, laget en deig og smurte øynene mine og sa til meg: Gå til Siloa-dammen og vask deg.\* Så gikk jeg og vasket meg, og jeg fikk synet." 12 Da sa de til ham: "Hvor er Han?" Han sa: "Jeg vet ikke." 13 De førte ham som hadde vært blind, til fariseerne. 14 Det var*

sabbat da Jesus laget deigen og åpnet øynene hans. 15 Derfor spurte også fariseerne ham igjen om hvordan han hadde fått synet. Han sa til dem: "Han la en deig på øynene mine, og jeg vasket meg, og jeg ser." 16 Derfor sa noen av fariseerne: "Dette Mennesket er ikke fra Gud, for Han holder ikke sabbaten." Andre sa: "Hvordan kan et menneske som er en synder, gjøre slike tegn?" Og det ble strid blant dem. 17 De henvendte seg igjen til den blinde: "Hva sier du om Ham siden Han åpnet øynene dine?" Han sa: "Han er en profet." 18 Men jødene trodde ikke på det som ble fortalt om ham, at han hadde vært blind og fått synet, før de hadde kalt til seg foreldrene til ham som hadde fått synet. 19 De spurte dem og sa: "Er dette deres sønn, som dere sier ble født blind? Hvordan kan han nå se?" 20 Hans foreldre svarte dem og sa: "Vi vet at dette er vår sønn, og at han ble født blind. 21 Men hva det kommer av at han nå ser, det vet vi ikke. Vi vet heller ikke hvem som åpnet øynene hans. Han er gammel nok, spør ham selv! Han kan snakke for seg selv." 22 Dette sa foreldrene hans fordi de var redde for jødene. **Jødene var nemlig allerede blitt enige om at dersom noen bekjente Ham\* som Kristus, skulle han bli utstøtt av synagogen.** 23 Derfor sa foreldrene hans: "Han er gammel nok, spør ham selv!" 24 Så kalte de for andre gang til seg mannen som hadde vært blind, og sa til ham: "Gi Gud æren! Vi vet at Denne Mannen er en synder." 25 Han svarte og sa: "Om Han er en synder, vet jeg ikke. En ting vet jeg: Selv om jeg var blind, ser jeg nå." 26 Da sa de til ham nok en gang: "Hva gjorde Han med deg? Hvordan åpnet Han øynene dine?" 27 Han svarte dem: "Jeg har allerede fortalt dere det, og dere hørte ikke etter. Hvorfor vil dere høre det en gang til? Vil også dere bli disipler av Ham?" 28 Da hånte de ham og sa: "Du er disippel av Ham, men vi er disipler av Moses. 29 Vi vet at Gud talte til Moses. Men hvor Denne kommer fra, vet vi ikke." 30 Mannen svarte og sa til dem: "Dette er da forunderlig, at dere ikke vet hvor Han er fra, og Han åpnet øynene mine? 31 Vi vet da at Gud ikke hører syndere. Men om noen tilber Gud og gjør Hans vilje, så hører Han ham. 32 Helt fra tidens begynnelse har det vært uhørt at noen åpnet øynene til en som var født blind. 33 Hvis Denne ikke var fra Gud, kunne Han ikke gjøre noe slikt." 34 De svarte ham: "Hele deg er født i synder, og du vil lære oss?" Og de kastet ham ut. 35 Jesus fikk høre at de hadde kastet ham ut. Og da Han hadde funnet ham, sa Han til ham: "Tror du på Guds Sønn?"\* 36 Han svarte og sa: "Hvem er Han, Herre, så jeg kan tro på Ham?" 37 Jesus sa til ham: "Du har allerede sett Ham. Han som snakker med deg, Han er det." 38 Da sa han: "Herre, jeg tror!" Og han tilbad Ham. 39 Jesus sa: "Til dom er Jeg kommet inn i denne verden, så de som ikke ser, skal få se, og de som ser, skal blindes." 40 Noen av fariseerne som var med Ham, hørte da disse ord og sa til Ham: "Er vi også blinde?" 41 Jesus sa til dem: "Hadde dere vært blinde, hadde dere ikke hatt noen synd. Men nå sier dere: Vi ser. Derfor består deres synd.

Vi ser dette igjen i **Joh 12,37-50** Men selv om Han hadde gjort så mange tegn framfor dem, trodde de ikke på Ham, 38 for at profeten Jesajas ord skulle bli

*oppfylt, slik han har sagt: Herre, hvem trodde vårt budskap? Og for hvem ble Herrens arm åpenbart? 39 Derfor kunne de ikke tro, for Jesaja sa også: 40 Han har forblindet deres øyne og forherdet deres hjerter, så de ikke skulle se med øynene og ikke forstå med hjertet og vende om, så Jeg kunne lege dem.\* 41 Alt dette sa Jesaja da\* han så Hans herlighet og talte om Ham. 42 Likevel var det mange, selv blant rådsherrene, som trodde på Ham. Men på grunn av fariseerne bekjente de Ham ikke, så de ikke skulle bli utstøtt fra synagogen. 43 For de elsket ære fra mennesker høyere enn ære fra Gud. 44 Men Jesus ropte og sa: «Den som tror på Meg, tror ikke på Meg, men på Ham som sendte Meg. 45 Og den som ser Meg, ser Ham som har sendt Meg. 46 Jeg er kommet som et lys til verden, for at hver den som tror på Meg, ikke skal bli i mørket. 47 Hvis noen hører Mine ord og ikke tror,\* dømmer ikke Jeg ham. For Jeg kom ikke for å dømme verden, men for å frelse verden. 48 Den som forkaster Meg og ikke tar imot Mine ord, har det som dømmer ham. Ordet som Jeg har talt, det skal dømme ham på den siste dag. 49 For Jeg har ikke talt av Meg selv. Men Faderen som har sendt Meg, gav Meg bud om hva Jeg skulle si og hva Jeg skulle tale. 50 Jeg vet at Hans bud er evig liv. Det som Jeg da taler, taler Jeg slik som Faderen har sagt Meg.»*

Bror Branham sa i hans tale **Innflytelse 03-08-63.**

**P 39.** *Vi ser at folk ikke har ærefrykt lengre, de kommer til kirken, folk ønsker å komme til kirken, og kritisere sønder og sammen, ler og snakker og har det gøy mens de sitter der og hører på forkynnelsen, **ingen ærefrykt i det hele tatt.** Og når de møter dem på gaten og med ... Du venter ingen respekt fra folk; vi må ikke gjøre det. Men vi må vise vår Kristne verdighet ved i hvert fall å respektere folket ved å si: "God morning bror," eller hva du enn ønsker. Noen av dem roper: "Hei pastor." Vel, det er for ordinær. Husk at Jesus sa: "Slik som du gjør til en av disse, gjør du mot Meg. Han som mottar Meg, mottar Ham som har sent Meg. Og han som mottar Ham som Jeg har sent, mottar Ham." Ser dere, som du gjør til dem, har du gjort mot Meg. **Vet du hva denne respektløsheten er? De er ikke klar over Guds Nærvær.** Verden er blitt så simpel, og religion er blitt så forfallen, helt til det ikke finnes respekt lenger, slik som det alltid har vært.*

Hvem er da disse mennesker som vil holde Guds Ord tilbake siden det er et Levende Ord blant menneskene? Jesus sa i **Joh 8,47** *Den som er av Gud, hører Guds ord. Dere hører ikke, **fordi dere ikke er av Gud.***

Og Apostel Johannes sa i **1 Joh 4,6** *Vi er av Gud. Den som kjenner Gud, hører på oss; den som ikke er av Gud, hører ikke på oss. På dette kjenner vi sannhetens ånd og villfarelsens ånd.*

**RESPEKT 15-10-61.**

**P 75.** *Om du ikke kan respektere selve mannen, respekter da den tjeneste han har fra Gud. Det er helt riktig, respekter ham. Dersom en prest, din pastor kommer, da respekter ham alltid. Jeg har hørt at forsamlingen snakker om deres pastorer, hvorfor bare snakke om ham, kjøre ham ned, spotte ham. Hvordan kan en pastor*

*da gjøre noe for deg? Han kan ikke det. Jeg sier ikke at det er denne menighet, men jeg mener menigheter i sin alminnelighet, og jeg har sett at dersom du ... Du er nødt til å elske din pastor. Du er nødt til å forstå at han er et menneskelig vesen og at Gud har gjort ham til Hans Pastor. Den hellige Ånd har gjort ham til en oppsynsmann. Da må du respektere ham. Og uansett hva denne pastoren har gjort, om du respekterer ham i ditt hjerte som en Guds tjener, da respekterer Gud deg for det. "Han som mottar Meg, mottar Ham som har sent meg." Jesus sa: "Han som ikke mottar Meg, kan ikke motta Ham." Du skjønner at de sa at Gud var deres Far; Han sa: "Deres far er djevelen." Således ser dere, at dere må respektere og tro det, tro at Han er til.*

**Joh 13,20** *Sannelig, sannelig sier jeg eder: Den som tar imot den jeg sender, han tar imot mig; men den som tar imot mig, han tar imot den som har sendt mig.*

Hva om de da begynner å snakke bak ryggen din, og får folket til å stille spørsmål ved dine motiver og forteller deg at du har din egen agenda for å gå ditt hvor Gud kaller deg å gå med Budskapet som bare glorifiserer Gud, og peker på posisjonen folket har som sønner og døtre i Guds Familie, og en suveren Gud. En Budskap som viser et forbilde av slektskap som sønner og døtre og dette eksempel var i Kristus Jesus den først fødte og lydige Guds Sønn i en umåtelig stor familie av brødre.

Jesus sa i **Luk 9,48** og sa til dem: *Den som tar imot dette lille barn for mitt navns skyld, tar imot mig, og den som tar imot mig, tar imot ham som sendte mig; for den som er den minste iblant eder alle, han er stor*

Og de kan ikke engang motta en Kongesønn på en misjons reise fra Kongen Selv.

**Mark 9,37** *Den som tar imot et sådant lite barn for mitt navns skyld, han tar imot mig, og den som tar imot mig, han tar ikke imot mig, men imot ham som sendte mig.*

**Matt 10,40** *Den som tar imot eder, tar imot mig, og den som tar imot mig, tar imot ham som sendte mig.*

Om du ikke tilhører deres krets, da kommer de ikke til å samarbeide med dem. Det er faktisk slik at dersom du ikke tilhører deres krets, da fordømmer de deg og de taler ille om deg og de føler seg selv rettferdiggjort ved å gjøre det. Og de forsøker å sette folk opp mot deg, til og med før de selv har hatt en mulighet til å høre Nådens budskapet og om adopsjonen Ånd

Sitatene til Bror Branham blir ikke oversatt her på grunn av tidsmangel, og Bror Brians tale er viktigst her og nå. Men for de som er i stand til å lese engelsk kan fortsette med å lese disse sitater. De er viktig, og understøtter Bror Brians tale.

Oversetteren.

From *The Spoken Word is the original Seed* paragraph 28 brother Branham said, *I hope that's clear (See?), because... And if one says it's this a-way... One says you must join this church: "This church only has salvation." That's the Catholic version. The Lutheran come around and say they are the way. Here comes along the Methodists with something else, the Baptists with something else, the Pentecost with something else; and there seems to be such a gathering of confusion. But then when you take this written Word to our brethren, many of them says, "Well, them days isn't now." Another one says, "It's just a history." The other one says, "It's a book of poems." The other says, "The church has a right to change it." Then where do we stand? Where is there a resting place for faith?*

***Lean not unto thy own understanding 65-0120 P:65*** *It's ordained for this Laodicea church to be in this condition, putting Christ on the outside, and Him knocking, trying to get back in, [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit--Ed.], **no cooperation nowhere** though. Vindicating His Word in the day now, like He did in every day, and they walk right away from it. Leaning to their own understanding, that's--that's all there is to it.*

***Why it had to be shepherds 64-1221 P:127*** *After Luther's revival come a organization. After Wesley's revival come an organization. After Alexander Smith, John--Alexander Campbell, John Smith, all the rest of them, come an organization. After Pentecost, right down like the real thing, but it come an organization. What did it do? Pulled away. We've had fifteen years of revival; it's never been known in all history. And watch, in this fifteen-years revival, it swept around the world, and not one organization's been built out of it. Where was it? (It started the latter rain; it died in its--instant, it died.) There's been no organization follow this. Why? It's the grain itself; there can be no more. And **the shuck now is pulling away, no cooperation, nobody wants you.** Why is it? It has to be that.*

***Why it had to be shepherds 64-1221 P:80*** *Notice the great Shepherd Prophet's ministry. Of His miracles, every church opened and would receive Him. They wanted their sick healed. They wanted to do great things. His popularity was great. But when the evening time came, one day after He had turned water to wine, and had fed thousands bread, and had performed miracles, He begin to set down and talk to them. And He said to them, "I and My Father are One. Why sayest thou, 'Show us the Father'?" "Oh, brother. **This man making himself equal with God?**" That was too much for their ecclesiastical thinking. But it was the Truth; He was. See? But **when they did, many did not follow Him.** Then He turned around and said, "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you." Now, what do you think a smart, intellectual person would thought? I imagine the priests that had had Him in the temple was*

very ashamed of them having Him there. "To think that a man would stand up and say a thing like that, 'Except you people eat my flesh, and drink my blood.'" Said, "This is a human vampire (See?) 'Eat my flesh and drink...' Why, he's a cannibal. You good thinking people will, you'll get away from such a lunatic as that." He never explained it, He just said it. **He did it to stumble them, to separate His sheep from goats. He did it to throw them off. And then nobody wanted to cooperate with Him. They had no cooperation from then on.**

**Harvest time 64-1212 P:135** It's a carrier. It had to be. But when that wheat begins to grow, like the church first was a carrier to Jesus, but **when He begin to tell them the Truth of God, they separated from Him. Now, what's happening? No cooperation. Why? It has to be that way, so that the wheat itself can lay before the sun, s-u-n, and so the spiritual wheat can lay before the S-o-n to be turned to a golden grain of the Word (See?) made Word, God made flesh, vindicated. The... "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He also." The church that lives by that Word, rightly, not through organization, but in Presence of the Word, the Son, it becomes (What?) a very same Word that went down on the day of Pentecost.**

**Proving His Word 64-0816 P:54** How hard it was on little Joseph to know that the poor little fellow, away from his people, **betrayed by his brethren, thrown into a ditch**, supposingly to be dead, sheep blood put upon his coat, where they'd slayed a lamb to eat it, put the blood upon it and took it to his father, knowing all of this. But Joseph could remember one thing, that the hand of the Lord was upon him. He knew that he was a believer. No matter how much his brothers turned him out, how much there was no cooperation or nothing else, Joseph knew God would keep His Word. When he saw that vision of all of them bowing before him, he knowed that had to come to pass, because it was **THUS SAITH THE LORD. Amen.** I don't care how unreasonable it seemed, Joseph knew it was the truth. No matter how hard the task was, and what he had to go through with, he knowed someday every one of them would bow before his feet. How's he going to do it when they hated him? But he knowed God would prove His Word so every time.

**Going beyond the camp 64-0719E P:46** Now, after four hundred years God walked right among them one day. According to the Scripture He was to be made flesh and dwell among them. "His Name shall be call Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father." And when He came among the people, they said, "We'll not have this man rule over us. What fellowship card does he pack? What denomination sent him?" He had no cooperation; **every church He went to, they threw Him out. They had nothing to do with Him, because He wasn't one of them.** And as it was then, so is it now. The Bible said the Laodicean church would put Him on the outside, and He was knocking trying to get in. There's something wrong somewhere.

**Feast of the trumpets 64-0719M P:125** And now, Lord, **there's no cooperation nowhere**. Trying even to get into South Africa where I know there's some souls there yet waiting. Every place, and look like they won't receive me, Lord. Not because of me, Lord; **it's because of this Message**. But **You said it would be this way; and You made it known to us, so we wouldn't be discouraged**. We know the hour we're living.

**Feast of the trumpets 64-0719M P:107** And **Jesus had been put out, wouldn't have no cooperation with nobody, be put on the outside, rejected** (The Bible said so.); for it's Christ made manifest among us, Jesus among us all made manifest in the purity of His Word, making It known. And if that... This is not just makeup, friends, this is **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, the Scripture.

**Trial a 64-0427 P:76** But bear me record. The seventh church age, which is the Laodicea church age... Will we admit that this is the Laodicea age? Remember, **He, the Word, was put out of the church. Is that right? Put out of the church, and He was on the outside trying to get back in: "I stand and knock at the door.** "And you say that "I'm rich and I'm--have need of nothing and..." "And knowest thou not that you're miserable, blind, naked, wretched, and don't know it?" **He was on the outside, the Word**. What is it? Our traditions. Our Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal tradition has rejected the Word, and it can have no cooperation nowhere. Everybody's hands off of it, and want to call it an evil spirit. And do you understand that Jesus said in the last days before the coming of the end time, that He would be revealed again as "Son of man," not "Son of God?" And that fulfills Malachi 4, and all these other promises of Abraham? The last sign that Abraham received, he was waiting for a coming son, and the last sign that he was to receive was God revealed in a human being. And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Lot and Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

**Spiritual amnesia 64-0411 P:8** He wasn't much to look at, but he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That's the main thing, I think. Of course, he come to Samaria to begin his campaign. I'm sure he **had no cooperation from nobody. He had no fellowship** card from any denomination. He had no credentials to show what group he come from. But he had one thing; he had the Word of the Lord for that city. And I wonder, if we could transport Amos today down to our time, I wonder if he'd be welcome in our city today? I wonder if we would receive him, or would we do just like they did? We find our cities in the same decay. And we find that sin is just great among the people as it was then. And I wonder if this little unknown man... How's he going to start this campaign? How, where's he going to begin at? **What church is he going to, or who's going to cooperate with him?**

**He had nothing to show where he come from. He had nothing at all but THUS SAITH THE LORD for the city.**

**Voice of the sign 64-0313 P:38** And now, we find this day that we're living in, it's just a repeat of that again. Ministers and people ashamed to stand in the pulpit, and the Gospel becomes a meal ticket to them. They're afraid to say anything. Some man's going to put them out of this, that, or the other. There's only one Man can put you out of heaven; that's God. And how you going to be put out of heaven staying with His Word? That's what He sent you for.

**When their eyes were opened 64-0312 P:33** And look, the Scripture had said that was going to happen, exactly word by word the way it was. Even David, hundreds of years before, about eight hundred years, cried the very same thing that He said on the cross. And no doubt that in the temple that morning they might have sang that same psalm, Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" In the temple singing about it; and the God that they claimed that they served, they were crucifying. So is it today. **The God that they claim that they believe in, that manifests Himself, they'll... He'll shut up every door, and no cooperation, no nothing else. Say it's contrary to their creeds.** "Oh, fools, slow of heart," to know the day that we live in. Has not God promised this in the last days? How this Laodicea church would be lukewarm and Jesus on the outside, trying to get in for a little cooperation. **What is Jesus? The Word, the true Word that's made manifest, on the outside trying to get in, and couldn't get in.**

**God identified by characteristics 64-0311 P:42** Today we got hotbed plants called Christians, somebody you have to spray and baby and humor, "And will you give me fellowship, will you cooperate, will you do this?" Oh, you bunch of hotbed plants. We need some genuine Christianity, borned of the Spirit of God. And that'll take no cooperation, no nothing else; they don't want nothing. Jesus turned, looked at them disciples, said, "Will you go too? You want to go also?" He said, "I've chose twelve of you, and one of you is a devil. Why don't you go also? "Then Peter said those memorial words, "Lord, where could we go? We are persuaded; we know that You are the identified Fountain of Life. You have the Word, and It only. We are persuaded."

**Influences 64-0215 P:70** As it was in the days of Noah, how many people laughed at him, and made fun of him? They come up there just to hear, say, "We'll go up and hear the old crank pop off again, just to have some fun." Get up, walk away, wouldn't even listen to him preach, all kinds of things... And they perished in the judgments he was preaching. Amos, that little preacher, knowing from nowhere, a prophet anointed, come up and looked down in Samaria that time, His bald head shining, his gray beard... When he come up across the hill

and looked down, them holy eyes of his narrowed as he looked upon that city. Not like tourists that come from all over the world, 'cause their priests, all of them had sinned. And false prophets was telling them it was all right. **He walked down there with no cooperation for his revival.** He walked down there without anything and screamed out. And he said, "The very God that you claim to serve will destroy you."

**Perseverant 63-0802 P:45** No matter what they say, "Well, they'll throw you in jail. The ministerial association will kick you out. You'll not have any fellowship. There's no cooperation." Didn't make John any difference. He was perseverant. **He had a message, somebody must hear it. And out of his entire group, I don't think he got about twelve, but he got something.** When he got the power of God on him, then the Lord begin to move on him. Now, the Lord Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When we can see the commission of the Lord, then you can be perseverant.

**Indictment the 63-0707M P:128** His deepest wounds come from the house of so-called friends. Think. Think of it. Think of it. Stop. I'm waiting a minute. Ministers, think of it. Where did His wounds come from? The house of His so-called friends. As it was, so is it. Think of it. At Calvary He wasn't surrounded by savages, barbarians, but of ministers who claimed to love Him. And today, when the Gospel is thoroughly identified, when the great signs of His resurrection is proven among us, it isn't the street out there that jumps on you, it's the so-called ministers. Them that's supposed to love Him is what He's surrounded by today. "We'll not have that thing among us. We'll not have this man rule over us. We'll not support; we'll have no cooperation about that in this city, if that thing comes this way. It's nothing but spiritualism. It's the devil." Not knowing the Word of God, the blind leading the blind. As it was then... Think. So is it now; just as it was then, so is it now. Think.

**God in simplicity 63-0317M P:112** Now, you see, while it was in the simple way and everybody was against him, everybody was at his throat... **All the ministerial association and everything else was at his throat** (That's true.), trying to get rid of him, everything else. But in that simplicity, even though they had no cooperation with his campaigns and whatevermore they had, everybody thought he was a crank, God was hiding Himself. But when it come time for that seed to get ripe that had been planted, God manifested Himself by sending fire out of the heavens and licking up the sacrifice. God hiding in simplicity and then revealing Himself again. See? Sure. It pleased God to do that. He's always did it in such a way. Yes, sir.

**Way of a true prophet 63-0119 P:28** Remember, he had no recommendation. He come different from our evangelists of today. He had no recommendation from

*the priests. They didn't even know who the fellow was. But there was One who knowed who he was. That was the One that sent him. That's all counted to him. As long as he knowed where he was sent from, his message had to go forth just the same, and regardless. He had no denominational credentials to back him up when he went into the city to come to the ministerial association and say, "My brethren, I'm sent of this certain group, this religious group. I belong to this certain, certain..." He had not that. He didn't have any of those things. Neither did he have a fellowship card to show that he even stood in good fellowship with the ministerial association from the country he came from. He had no cooperation for his campaign. He never even consulted anybody about it.*

**Perseverant 62-0623 P:94** *So the--they sent the deacon board over, and told him, said, "Now, look, Micaiah. We'll take you back into the association if you'll just say the same thing the bishop and all of them says." He was talking to the wrong man there. Micaiah knowed what it was to trust God. He said, "As the Lord God lives, I'll only say what he puts in my mouth." Oh, brother...?... Seminary or no seminary, cooperation or no cooperation, said, "I'll just say what God puts in my mouth." He took that night and went back the next day. He said, "Go on up, but I seen Israel scattered like sheep, having a--no shepherd." And so this great big bishop smacked him in the mouth and said, "Which way did the Spirit of God go when it went out of me?" He said, "I saw God set in heaven. The council was held. And I saw a evil spirit come up, a lying spirit, said, 'I'll go down and get in the mouth of them prophets and make them prophesy a lie.'" You say, "Well, now, brother, how could a man tell whether he was wrong?" Why? Micaiah's vision was according to the Word. The Word of God had already been spoken by--by the prophet, and the Word of the Lord always comes to the prophet. And if the prophet Elijah had cursed Ahab and told him that the dogs would lick His Blood, how could he bless what God had cursed? So his vision was according to the Word.*

**End time evangelism 62-0603 P:102** *The Mosaic fathers was Malachi 3, "I send My messenger before My face to prepare the way before the Lord." Matthew 11:6 says the same thing. Jesus witnesses that that's when He seen John, said, "What'd you go out to see? A man dressed in fine collars turned around, and so forth. Not John..." He said, "Them that dress like that belong in king's palaces, and these big denominations, that kiss the babies, and marry, you know, and so forth, bury the dead, and marry the young, and so forth. They're back there." Said, "What'd you go out to see? A reed shaken with any wind? No, not John. No, no, he didn't shake when they busted against him." Said, "**You'll have no cooperation if you go there.**" **It didn't make any difference to John; he went anyhow.** See? Said, "What'd you go out to see, a prophet?" Said, "I say, and more than a prophet. If you can understand it, this is who was spoken of by the prophet, saying, 'I send My messenger before My face, to prepare the way,'" Malachi 3.*

**Taking sides with Jesus COD 62-0601 P:23** Let me just stop again just a moment. When I went to Bombay... (I count that my greatest meeting because of the effects it had on the people.) And I... If in Africa, they say thirty thousand came to Christ at one time, then there was a hundred and fifty or two hundred thousand came to Christ at one time out of that half a million there. What could I do? There wasn't a thing. Perhaps maybe, say there was--just say there was a hundred thousand of them. There was no church, nothing I could do, There was nobody to give to them. The Message that I believed, there wasn't even a Pentecostal denomination would cooperate with me. And all those souls probably drifted right back into Sikhs, Jains, Buddhism, whatevermore they come from. No place to put them. Now, that's a shame; that's a disgrace (See?), because **I had no cooperation, because of the stand that I take. See?**

**Perseverance 62-0520 P:19** One day... In Matthew 11:6 we read a little sermon. I might have preached it around here one time, on the "Forgotten Beatitude," when John the Baptist, in prison, sent over to see if Jesus really was that One. And John was a great man, and he paid Jesus a very poor compliment. But Jesus told them, "Just stay..." 'Cause John was worried. His ministry had been saying, "There's coming One Whose fan is in His hand. He will thoroughly purge His floors. He will take the wheat to the garner, and He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire." Oh, my, what a Messiah coming. But when He come on the scene, it was different, **a little humble man with no cooperation from any of the sects around there.** And they... The sect was different, and they... His preaching was different, and He was pushed around from place to place, and running here and running there. So that seemed kind of strange. Couldn't understand it. "Why? Why? Surely I preached it, and they ought to all all believed it. And here when He comes, my, looks like I'm let down."

**Fellowship 62-0519 P:35** Outer courts, what is it? The sinner who comes and hears the Word and builds up faith in him that it's God. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God." Now, what are we trying to do? Get into fellowship. Now, the man heard the Word. He believed the Word, and he was sprinkled then with the water of separation. **Yet he wasn't in fellowship.** No, sir. Now, you fundamentalists, I want you to look at this. **He still was not in fellowship.** Remember. When Israel come up from Egypt, Moab met him and wouldn't let him have a revival in his land; **there was no cooperation.** And Moab believed the same God that Israel believed in. They went and got their bishop up there, Balak, brought him down there, and he was just as fundamental as Israel was. Israel that wander, no place to go, this great, organized nation here together brought their celebrity out to curse that bunch of renegades (they said), coming up there. They forgot that this bunch of people that had no place to go,

*but were wanderers and pilgrims and strangers... They failed to see that Pillar of Fire going before them. They failed to see that brass serpent, and that smitten rock following them, although they had done wrong.*

**Letting off the pressure 62-0518 P:84** *Could you imagine Amos having a card that day when he come down there to preach to the people? Said, "Here's my fellowship card. I got cooperation with all the Pharisees and Sadducees." They hated him. That's right. They would today. If he stood today, he'd stand right on this Word, the same thing, and condemn from the--from the Catholic plumb to the Pentecostals. He'd do the same thing. He sure would. He wouldn't--he wouldn't have no cooperation. He wouldn't have to pack a fellowship card. But he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That's what the people didn't want. You think he'd walk through the streets today and see the people, you think his righteous soul could stand still? Certainly not, no. That's what's the matter. Our pressure's build up. That's what's the matter with our nation today. That's what's the matter with our world today.*

**Way of a true prophet 62-0513M P:57** *Certainly they wouldn't receive him; neither would they do it today. They had long forgot that God was able of these stones to rise up true prophets to God. God's able of the backwoodsman; He's able to raise of these stones men that'll stand for His Word and prophesy in His Name the Truth, laying the axe to the root of the tree and let the chips fall. **I don't care whether you got cooperation or no cooperation**. But that's the way of the true prophet. Some people thinks he's got it easy. They don't know what they speak of. He wasn't brought into town by a carriage, setting upon fine harnessed horses, tassels, and the high priests standing out there with big high things on their heads bowing to him, "The honorable Doctor So-and-so is coming." That would've been some organizational setup.*

**Way of a true prophet 62-0513M P:55** *I'd imagine those priests of a morning have a little--on the Sabbath morning have a little, a prayer, so forth, and a little dedicational services, and--and went back, and talked a few things on great Moses, that one day lived and a great somebody else that someday lived. "But oh, the days of that's past now. You people know our new president, our new government, and our--all we got"; and talk on a few things like that and go home. But here come a man not caring for that; he come with **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. See? That's the way of the prophet: **no cooperation; knowed what was facing him; knowed that everything would be against him; knowed that they'd reject him, that they'd turn him down**. But he was coming in the Name of the Lord. Jesus knew that Calvary was facing Him, but He come in the Name of the Lord. See? That's the way of the true prophet.*

**Meanest man I know 62-0127 P:32** But he turned his back upon the Lord and walked away feeling relief, satisfied, that he had done what he was told to do. Sometimes it's not good to do what you're told to do. In that case, it was right. So then we find out that he must've hurried back and brought the commission and... "I found him; I--I know who he is. I met him, and I told him. And I've got His promise that he will be here. He will be here. He said he would be here." Now, there's something wrong with this scene. There's something wrong somewhere. Those Pharisees didn't like Jesus. They hated Him. They couldn't find His Name on their denominational roll. They could find none of their schools of theology He'd come through. But He'd come through one, not theirs, God's. So we find out that these Pharisees hated Him. He had no cooperation with them. They despised Him.

**True sign that's overlooked 61-1112 P:153** Nothing great shiny, a glow, and though it's evil spoken of, it was a sign. And today the sign is evil spoken of. It has no cooperation. It's--it's--it's evil spoken of and called everything, but it's a sign that's overlooked, a sign that's evil spoken of. The Bible speaks of that, a sign evil spoken of. Let us remember this as we journey to our home. Don't you never let this Message die from your hearts. Whatever you do, don't you do it. You meditate on this day and night. And pray day and night for God to rise His witness now. We're ready, for I believe soon time shall be no more. We're coming... How...

**True sign that's overlooked 61-1112 P:87** This man was a man sent from God. Oh, brother. He had no following. God give him a following, a little flock, just like He did Elijah. God give him his following. He didn't get it from some political organization. He preached the Word, stayed on God's Word, and God give him a little flock. Elijah stayed on God's Word. God give him a little flock. This man had no cooperation. He had no following, no cooperation, belonged to no denomination, asked for nothing, and feared nothing. That was John. Why? He was a man sent from God. That's the reason he stood. He was the Elijah standing there to prove to the people that the Messiah was coming. He said, "I'm the voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, as saith the prophet Isaiah. Prepare to meet the Lord."

**True sign that's overlooked 61-1112 P:84** Micaiah had no cooperation. Moses had no cooperation. Noah had no cooperation. None of them only had--ever has cooperation. It's all against them. But they are signs in the evil days before God sends judgment. And God keeps His Word and wants His Word kept by His people. Praise the Lord. Now, getting down to the closing, for just a few minutes now. Now, listen close.

**Abraham and his seed after him 61-0423 P:48** *The very thing that we come out of, Pentecost went right back into it again, just as hard as they could go. The very thing that you used to call, "old formal Baptists and Methodists," it--it ain't formal Baptists; it's formal Pentecostals now. You done the same thing that you come--your fathers come out of. You turned right back around and done the same thing and bottled It up, made one church over here, and another over here, and fighting one another. **If this person don't come to your church, you have no cooperation with it.***

**Jezebel religion 61-0319 P:53** *All this went on in Israel. Finally, one day, come stomping out of the wilderness, come an old hairy-looking fellow, Elijah the Tishbite. **He never come up out of any of their organizations; he come out of the wilderness. He had nothing to do with them.** He was a prophet of the Lord. Brother, he shook that Jezebel kingdom for everything that was in it. **They hated him. He had no cooperation;** I'll guarantee you that. The Bible says not. Certainly. He made them painted-faced Jezebels burn up, I imagine. He laid the axe to the root of the tree like John did; the chips fall wherever they wished to, but he laid her in there. He shook the nation, showing that they were wrong, and trying to call them back to a true living God, and back to His Word instead of a Jezebel worship.*

**Be not afraid it is I 60-0720 P:9** *And the theme of our campaigns is always Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." How many of you Christians believe that, that He's the same yesterday? Thank you. That means you're real Christians when you believe that. Now, He is not dead, but He's a living. I've been around the world, and in all kinds of places, and under all kinds of circumstances, all kinds of religion. I was entertained recently by seventeen different religions, and every one of them denied Christianity. And yet, in the midst of five hundred thousand people that I was speaking to at Bombay, the Lord Jesus Christ and Christianity triumphed over everyone of them and put every witch doctor and holy man and everything else to shame. And there's no way of telling how many came to the Lord Jesus. **We had no cooperation amongst the churches and just dropped in for three days,** and there was no way of telling how many was saved.*

**Thirsting for life 59-0613 P:14** *Don't be afraid. Our God is God. If He ever was God, He's God yet. And if He's God at all, He's God of the whole creation. And so when saying that, then I said, "They won't say nothing. And I think that God has chose that this would be. Now, we'll see if it happens." And they bowed their heads. And when we prayed, the man's eyes come open, could see as good as any person in here. Oh, I said, "How many of you will receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour if this man's eyes come open." And just as far as you could see, tens of thousands of hands up in the air. And then with **no cooperation amongst***

*the churches... Perhaps, tonight, ninety-nine out of every thousand is back in the temples of the Buddha and so forth, because of the lack of cooperation of men to get there and lead those people on into the churches. It's a pity that there's no cooperation among Christian people today when God tries to do something. That's the hardest thing I have found, and the most misunderstanding thing, that **the people will not cooperate because you're not of their denomination.** It's a disgrace to the world.*

***Preparation 53-1111 P:52** Now, there was a during the time of the judges, a little old fellow named Shamgar. He wasn't even a judge, just a little old... Very much said about him, a little bitty spot in the Bible, about a couple of verses, Shamgar. Maybe you may never read of him. He was just a little old Israelite. And during the days, every man done his own way he felt by doing it. He had no cooperation, one was a Methodist, another one a Baptist, another one a Presbyterian, the other one a Oneness, the other was a Twoness, the other one a Threeness and... Oh, my, **no cooperation, they couldn't get together.** So every man done what he thought was good in his own sight. That's the reason the Philistines come in and got them. Now, if you borned again Christians will forget your differences and come together as Christians ought to, we can do something. Our King will come to us, Jesus Christ.*

***My commission 51-0505 P:2** The reason that I was doing it, was not **because of no cooperation** here, but was in respects of Brother Freeman. You see? And I didn't want to be holding the same time he was. And if I thought that I was hindering his meeting in any way, I wouldn't do it.*

***Ashamed of Him 65-0711 P:7** And I want to get with the trustees and the elders here, while I'm here. This is becoming everywhere. We're living in these last days, to where the Gospel does not have the preeminences as It should have. It don't have the rights that It should have. **It's all sewed up in politics and things, and just like a union.** And that's what it's finally coming to, because the mark of the beast has to come by union, we know. So we--we... 'Cause it's a boycott, "no man can buy or sell, save him that have the mark of the beast."*

***Feast of the trumpets 64-0719M P:82** The hour that we're living, the ecclesiasticals, the spirits uniting together now and bringing them all to this big one slaughter to blot out; it's already in writing here in this nation now. And **these churches has to be closed, unless you're with the organization. It's a union; it's a boycott,** just like the mark of the beast. And now you see what the beast is, don't you? It's a power. And a power, a ecclesiastical power, Jesus said it'd be so close like the real thing, it'd deceive the very elected, if it was possible. But He promised to have something here for us in that day, that we wouldn't be*

*deceived, and that's the Word, and Christ to make It manifest to us. They're supernaturals devils unseen to the eye, but you can see what they're doing. See?*

***Jesus came and called 64-0213 P:59** Now, I'm going to say something here. It's not a doctrine; I'm just prophesying. You know what's happened? It's going to come to a place soon, mark my word, that all denominations are going to have to join the ecumenical council. If they don't, they can't have the support of the council. Therefore, **there'll be a boycott that nobody can go to these churches or go to any churches. Unless you have a mark from your own church** you cannot buy or sell. You see it. Just as it was, so is it going to be again, a mark unto the beast. And the church shall realize, and that's spiritual people. And you Pentecostal people anyhow, are recognizing it. You begin to feel it. When your churches... Many of your organizations of the Pentecost, and I don't have to call your name, but you know right now they're coming into it. They've done witnessed that they were. And when you do that, what are you going to have to be? You're going to have to forfeit your evangelical teaching of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You going to have to forfeit your doctrine of the Bible. And the members is not going to stand for it. Real born again Christians will die first. They're warned by the Word. They know this thing's coming. Yes, sir.*

***Third Exodus 63-0630M P:73** Then there's a persecution coming upon all those who won't unite with it, and a boycott. It'll be too late then; you've already took the mark. Don't say, "I'll do it then." You better do it now. Raamses was growing. But remember while Raamses was growing in the power in Egypt, God had Moses in the wilderness. He was growing too. Raamses had a political system. God had a spiritual system under a prophet ready to come down and speak to the people. They're both growing again. It'll be a showdown one of these days. The time ain't far off when there'll come a showdown.*

***Super sign 62-0708 P:65** Let me make a prediction. I'm not prophesying. I'm predicting. I predict that in the next few years that all organization religions will be forced to take a stand. And they will have a union of churches, and **a great boycott will follow this union of churches.** All denominations will be forced into it: all of them. If they don't, **there'll be a horrible boycott.** Nearly every one of them today has not knowingly joined that World Council of Churches, selling their birthrights: Protestant brethren with the mother Catholic of Rome. They'll do that. You know the Bible said that the tares would be bound, bundled first. They're bundling all in one great group. The Bible said they'd make an image unto the beast. I believe it'll come to pass, that shortly, that if people do not join some organization, some church, go in, their doors will be closed.*

***Way of a true prophet 62-0513M P:145** Amos knew Israel, her ungodly lovers would soon destroy them. And their ungodly lovers of today will soon destroy*

*them. The very denominational creeds and things, that they've bound themselves into (you Pentecostals), that's the thing's going to destroy you: your creed and denomination. You're binding yourself right up yonder to take the mark of the beast and don't even know it, holding it right over your eyes. **Sure it is, a boycott. What are you trying to do? You belong to this or you don't belong.** See? You just wait. Just a little bit longer. Then you say, "I'll get out of it then." No, you won't; you're already in it; you're already marked; you're caught with the mark on you. No matter, Esau wept bitterly when he knowed better; but he wept bitterly, trying to find a place to repent and couldn't find it. You'll stay there then. Now's the time to flee.*

***Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:201** Billy Graham may preach everywhere; Oral Roberts, them godly men may preach everywhere. The Lord may send me to sow seeds somewhere else (some field), but I believe our nation is sowed down, and I believe she's ready for the harvest now. When the Spirit falls and there becomes a move amongst the people, them denominations will swing together just as certain as I'm standing in the pulpit. And the church of God will be ousted, and they'll make it such a racket until they'll confederate it and **put a boycott on anybody that don't belong to them.** Rome will rule the world for just a hour. She'll rule for a little piece. Not Communism, Romanism will rule the world with the cooperation of Protestantism in a denominational form of church, which God has rejected. That's as close as I know the Word of God.*

***Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:195** And remember, Christian friends, I'm a man; I can make mistakes, but God, being God, cannot make a mistake. All the Words that's been written must be fulfilled; Jesus said so. So we've got things here in the Scripture that must be fulfilled, and that is one of the things, this boycott to come. **But before this boycott can come of the marking of the beast, there has to be a Seed sowed for God to take a church out of it.** You understand now? A Seed has to be sowed. A denominational seed and there--to make a form or an image to the beast, the church of Rome... And there has to be a true Bride.*

***Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:8** All right, I predict that the two denominational groups, Pentecostal and the Evangelical groups, will work together in a denomination, will unite themselves together, and will become a member (all of them) of the Federation of the Council of Churches or the Council of Churches. They already belong to it, all of them. And **there will come through them a forcing or a boycott, that'll stop everything but what belongs to that union of churches.** That's what a... **The Bible said that there would be a boycott, even to such a way it would cause people to not buy or sell unless they had received this,** the mark of the beast, which is Romanism, and the image of the beast, which is Protestantism, that the image... The beast had power, authority to*

give the image life to speak, and it did. And that's the Confederation of Churches, when they confederate themselves together.

**Jezebel religion 61-0319 P:64** Then one day after sin had took its toll, and God has brought His people to their knees... Jezebel took everything; she wiped it all up; and she'll do it again. That's **THUS SAITH GOD'S HOLY BIBLE**. She'll do it again. She's right on the throne now, behind the figurehead, twisting it anyway she wants to; and nobody's going to stop her. Certainly, nobody's going to stop her now, because what they couldn't get in the religious circles they cut it all into politics, and there they done it. Uh-huh, that's exactly what they done. Which the political will be a boycott just exactly back to the mark of the beast, as sure as I'm standing here. See? And the Bible said it.

**Thyatirean church age 60-1208 P:3** Many of them, Lord, was pulled apart, and killed, and fed to lions; great things taken place. The earth is bathed with the blood of the righteous. And, Father, their blood cries out today against that wicked adulterous church. And You said, someday when You poured--the Angel poured his vial upon it, and the--the blood of every martyr was found in it. Lord, help us to have--be ready to stand now, because the time is closing in. As we see this two-horned beast rise up out of the earth, not out of the thickness and multitudes of people, with horns like a lamb, but it spake like the dragon... We believe that hour is close at hand now, Father, when these churches is confederating themself together, making a image unto the beast; and it'll be terrible on that group, Lord, that won't join it. The very boycott will come, but in that hour You promised to take Your church, and You--You help us, Lord.

**Handwriting on the wall 56-0902 P:36** Now, I want you to notice. As soon as the king saw this vision and he made it, he forced every person in his Kingdom in his domain to worship this image. He made an image. And it's believed by scholars and which, I do believe that a Spirit-filled person would see it that that... He worshipped Daniel is what he did. And he made an image to Daniel. And he called it Belteshazzar. He called Daniel, Belteshazzar, which was the name of his god. And he made an image and forced every person to worship that image. I want you to notice that the beginning of the Gentiles, when God dealt with them, they got haughty in their heart and forced every man to worship the image of a holy man. And the Gentile age was issued in with that; it will go out in the same way. The same way a--a boycott of the mark of the beast that will force people to worship images and to do the things that we've been taught that was contrary to the Word of God. And, brother, it'll be so slick and sly until it will deceive the very elect if possible. So you better purpose in your heart tonight and be filled with God's Holy Spirit, that you'll be able to discern the right and wrong thing when the proclamation is issued. Hallelujah.

**Mark of the beast 56-0715 P:17** And today we're approaching on the subject of one of the vital signs, great barricade dropped across. Now, a mark, the Bible speaks that the mark of the beast would be known by the hand or the head. I've heard it predicted by many different ways, that the tattoo a sign in your hand, a sign on your head. Now, I do not believe that that's correct with Scripture. And there's going to be a group of people that's going to be marked for destiny in hell. And there's going to be people marked for their eternal destiny in heaven. And these two marks run side by side. And it's going to get so great (Listen.), so pinching, that just before the coming of the Lord, that you'll have to have one mark or the other one, or there'll be a boycott: you can't buy nor sell. Notice, now how does this begin? Now, these two great things has been working in the churches for years. Now, look. Judas was the antichrist. We know that. He was the one. He was not seemingly against Christ, seemingly he was for Christ. And the Bible said that in the last days them two spirits will be so close to each other, that it would deceive the very elect if possible. And as the Spirit of God from the beginning finally works down, down through Moses... Do you believe Christ was in Moses? Certainly. Was Christ in Joseph? Why, he portay--portrayed Christ just perfectly: born, loved of the father, hated of his brothers, sold for practically thirty pieces of silver, put into a ditch supposedly to be dead, taken up setting at the right hand of Pharaoh, the greatest nation in the world. When he went forth, they bowed the knee, "Joseph is approaching." Perfect type of Christ... How his brethren was made known to him, how they wept and said, "This is our sin," and how that was portrayed letter by letter of Christ.

**QA Image of the beast 54-0515 P:34** And now, let me get this one though again while we... Now, someone asked me today; two or three times I've been asked it:27. Brother Branham, speaking on the mark of the beast, don't you believe they'll tattoo a number in your head, or tattoo something on your hand? No, sir. Don't never look for that. It'll be a boycott, certainly. No man could buy or sell 'less he belongs to the confederation of churches. That's true. That'll come like a union, unionizing the thing, bringing it down, unionized religion. Mark my word; it ain't far off. And you'll see it, she's just around the corner. The reason you don't know these things; you're here at home all the time. Follow me over these countries where Catholicism has the upper hand one time, and see what takes place. Brother, they tell them all what to do and what not to.

**Perfect strength 61-1119 P:105** He had to get to the end of his road then. Nobody would cooperate with him no more. None of the churches would cooperate with him. All of his church left him, went back to the world (same as it is now... That's right.), went on back to the world. Just a very few was hanging on, one here and one there, coming from way across the country where you had to go to see him and so forth. He was in pretty bad shape; he come to the end of his knowledge and said, "Lord, I stood on Your Word; I told the truth. And all of

*them's gone away; there's nobody left here. I ain't got anybody to preach to." Amen. "Yes, I stood on Your Word, Lord, and now look where I'm at now, not none of them will receive me. I go into town, they say, 'Here comes that old crank. Yeah, yeah, here's that old crank coming to town; now he'll start carrying-carrying on about this here modern living and everything.'""Don't have him. Pastor, don't you cooperate with that guy. No, sir."Pastor, "Now, that old fanatic's in town again. (See?) That Elijah out there, the old baldheaded fellow, don't you pay any attention to that old fellow. Look at him; he don't even dress like a clergyman with his priestly robes on like mine (his hat, you know; and stand up in front, and collar around, you know)." Said, "He don't..." Said, "He's a different fellow. He's a odd-like guy."And I imagine some of the great guys said, "You know what? He's a neurotic. Uh-huh, yes; he's a neurotic, living out there in the wilderness, staying out in the woods most of his time, coming in with a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him. Oh, my. And then condemning them women... Mm, mm, I never seen such a thing. Don't you have anything to do with him, at all. Don't cooperate."*

***Queen of Sheba 58-0215 P:20*** *And this little woman, being a queen, she begin to draw up a lot of enthusiasm, for everybody was telling the same thing. That's the way we want to do it: all speak the same, glorifying God. Not one say, "Well, I'm a Baptist; we don't cooperate with such. Oh, I'm a Presbyterian; I'm not Pentecostal." Don't make any difference what it is, what denomination, or what tag they're wearing, if you're a son and daughter of God, you can't keep away from it. That's right.*

***Indictment the 63-0707M P:137*** *He said, "They calling the holy works of God an unclean spirit doing it." And no forgiveness for it, making shame of His Word, trying to expose It, and call It a fake or fanaticism."Don't go to it. Don't attend them meetings." What do they do in doing that? They take their denominational creed nails. That's right. These pleasure-hunting teachers, worldly, ungodly, denominational mad, take the denominational nails and crucify the Son of God with it afresh from their pulpits. Why do they do this? They love the praises of men, the degrees that the church can give them, more than the love of the Word of God. I condemn them. They can't conform to the world, because they're--can't conform to the Word, because they're already conformed to the world. They've already... The hypocritical day that we live in...*

***Queen of Sheba 58-0107 P:20*** *What about America then? What about the day that we are living in? What about the unpardonable sin that's been committed thousands of times then, times thousands of times? When the church and the great teachers and so forth say, "Don't attend that meeting. Why, it's the devil," they separate themselves eternally from the Presence of God. No matter how great they are, how much they've preached and what all they've done, God's*

*Word cannot fail. No matter who you are. There's no respect of persons. Teacher, scholar...Jesus said those Pharisees who were so religious, that they had to come through a certain lineage and a certain birth, had to be trained, and holy, and just, and honest, and upright, He said, "Ye are of your father, the Devil." That's right. The Devil is religious and can put on very much pious and holiness actions. But God looks on the heart. Jesus said in a certain place, "How can you speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart speaketh the mouth." Then if your heart thinks one thing and your mouth speaks another, He said, "You are hypocrites."*

**Recognizing your day 64-0726M P:61** *So did Nathanael, a great Hebrew. When he saw that sign of the Messiah that was promised there, no matter how many priests, how many anything else... What did it do? It disturbed the priests to see them people leaving the churches and going. He said, "If any of you attend his meeting, you'll be excommunicated. We'll put you right out of the denomination."So is it today. "We'll put you out of our organization if you attend his meeting."Remember the blind man? The father and mother couldn't even answer. They was afraid because they said anybody that went to see Jesus or--or attended His meetings, they would be excommunicated. But that blind man could speak for himself. He that was once blind could then see. I who was once blind can now see. I who didn't know these things, it's been made known to me by the Holy Spirit. Turn loose denominations, because they're coming anyhow.*

**Influence 63-1130B P:67** *The blind man that was healed, he couldn't explain. He couldn't tell just how it was that He did it. And he didn't know whether he was a sinner or not; he said, "It's a strange thing to me, that you men here, you priests asking me what, this question."They said, "Who healed you?" They asked his father and mother, but they said...They'd already, priests had told them, "If anybody attended Jesus' meetings... "He's an insane man. If you attend his meetings, you're excommunicated from this church. We'll put you..." That's what the Bible said. "We'll put you right out of church, if you attend that meeting."But the blind man... See, the meeting come to him, and Jesus healed him.*

**Testimony on the sea 62-0720 P:53** *Then, it must have been Matthew, said, "Let me testify. Do you remember that day we were going down into Jericho, and we were going down there to visit some friends? And you remember our friend down there, Rebekah? And she is--was the--the wife of Zacchaeus. And she'd told us her husband was a businessman, and how that he had--was a doubter, because he was a member of the synagogue, and the synagogue said that anybody that believed this man to be a prophet was excommunicated from the church. And he belonged to all the societies of the day, and so they... He knowed if he ever confessed it, he'd be put out." "But Rebekah, his wife, the disciple of our Lord, she was a believer. And she used to tell him all the time, 'Zacchaeus, this man,*

*according to the Scripture...""Oh, you have no right to interpret the Scriptures. The Rabbi is the one who tells it." But the Rabbi was wrong. "The Rabbi's the one who's to tell it."Notice. "But Rebekah said, 'I stood, and I saw Him work, and I know that He is that Messiah. He's a prophet.'"*

***Shalom 64-0119 P:11*** *And they, seems like that the--it's coming more and more into the churches. And then when you raise up and say something against it, then they condemn you for doing it. See, you--you--you can see it coming, and--and then when you speak against it, somebody misunderstands it. Sometimes women misunderstand it; men misunderstand it, take the wrong attitude. Men sometime, good men, have to cope with such things in order to hold their rights in the religious ranks that they belong to, because if they don't, they're excommunicated, and then they're--they're on their own. And then being once excommunicated from a certain people, then it's hard to get in with someone else, because they once knew that you belonged to this other group, then, "What happened over here?" Then you've got to stand to your convictions, or go on your own, or deny your convictions. So it makes it real hard for the people.*

***Uniting time and sign 63-0818 P:35*** *Now, we find out that they rejected the Messiah and then united themselves together and drewed themselves a league, and made a--a motion among them that if any persons received Jesus as a prophet, that they would be excommunicated from the church. You remember the blind boy that was set with blinded eyes? And the disciples said, "Who sinned? Him, or his father, his mother?"And Jesus said, "In this case, neither; but that the works of God might be done, made known."And you remember, they said that the father and mother could not say. They said, "They know this is our son, but we don't know how he was healed." Because the Jews had said that any person that confessed Him to being the Prophet, that they would be excommunicated.*

***Third Exodus 63-0630M P:77*** *And then all the time that this intellectual Raamses was growing and coming to the throne... And remember, he raised up as a brother to Moses (See?), a brother to Moses. One of them had to take the intellectual seat, just like Joseph to his brethren. And what did they do with the little Joseph? Excommunicated him from the Word. The Word's God. And they excommunicated the Word and accepted a creed; and now, the creed has growed to power. Oh God, let people see that. How can I use any more voice? How can I make it any plainer by the Scriptures under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we're here? "Oh," you say, "well now, if that come from Pope John, or Pope So-and-So or Bishop So-and-So..."Do you see that God took a little insignificant desert dweller? Say, "How can all of it be wrong?" God deals with an individual, not with groups, with individuals. God getting His... He's getting his... Only thing He had to have is one man that He could hold--operate with. That's all He wants, is one man.*

**Present stage of my ministry 62-0908 P:61** Daniel took a true stand. You know where I get that in Daniel 12, or--or Daniel 9, I believe it is. When you... Daniel took a true stand for the Word. What happened to him? When he was the right-hand man to the king, but he took a true stand for the Word, and was excommunicated and thrown into a lions' den: a man of God standing true to the Word. The Hebrew children stayed true to the Word, under the king's proclamation that "whosoever shall not bow to that image when the psaltery sound and the trumpets be blowed out, and so forth, ever who will not bow to our image will be throwed into the fiery furnace." And they turned their back to the image and... They, regardless of how unpopular they become, regardless of how excommunicated they'd be from the society, they stayed true to the Word. I like that.

**Unchangeable God 62-0120 P:52** Now. But when Jesus came, we found out He was born in a manger. So right quick the Jews disagreed. He didn't come the way they thought He was to come, so they just excommunicated Him from their fellowship. And He was no more in it. But watch what He done. He, when He... That didn't stop Him. When Pentecost was first born, the church was excommunicated too. That didn't stop the message. It goes on just the same. Jesus can't be stopped. Who can stop God? You can't do it. No, you could no more do it... You could easier stop the sun. But you can't stop God. His program's going to move on. So it come...

**Only believe 61-0427 P:26** So maybe, he was there that morning to see that. However, he believed through the Scriptures that that was the Messiah. And, but yet he couldn't make a confession because the--the ministerial association of Gadara had said this: "If there's anybody ever attends one of them revivals that that prophet of Galilee over there, holds, we will excommunicate him that hour from the church. So well, he had a pastor though. And he had a big congregation, and a nice bunch of people, and he knowed he loved the Lord. But right down in his heart, he knowed there was something else ought to be added. Oh, Zacchaeus, I hope you're setting here tonight and don't get up and go till this is over. See? Just set still for a minute. And there he was, you know, out there, and believing that, and come by the little candlelight, and study through the night, when he'd go to one of those meetings, and listen, maybe disguised himself, and put a veil over his face, or something, so he wouldn't be knowed as a doctor, or Dr. Jairus, you know, or... He just wouldn't want to be known amongst the crowd. But yet, he was setting there. And he watched this, and he studied it; but yet, he couldn't open it, publicly confess Him, because he'd have to give up his ministerial association and his fellowship with his brethren. And that's the reason, all of them together run Jesus out of Gadara, and put Him back over in His own country. In His own

country it been the same thing. And anybody joined themselves with this so-called prophet of Galilee, why was, **had to be excommunicated.**

**Queen of the south 58-0613 P:33** What good does it do to feed your canary birds vitamins, and then keep him in a cage? Make good bones and good feathers and won't let him fly? Well, that's the same way, of sending your preachers away to seminaries, and making them polished scholars, and telling you, "The days of miracles is past." **What good does it do to serve a historical God?** Will ruin anything if He won't act the same today that He was then. He's no good; it's just history. (The Mohammedans is just as well off as we are, any of the rest of them.) But I thank God, that we've got a God that lives, and He's just the same, and He has the same power. He lives just the same as He ever lived. He does the same things that He ever did do, for He God. He's not a historical God, but He's a God in a time of trouble, a very present help, all times, omnipresent, ever ready... Now so, I guess her and the bishop had it out. And I can hear the bishop say, "Now, looky here, you may be queen, but **if you go, we'll excommunicate you, just as soon as you go.**" But you know, if God's dealing with a heart, you just might as well excommunicate to start with, 'cause they'll go anyhow. "For as the hart thirsts for the water brook, so my soul thirsts after Thee, O God."

**Washing Jesus feet 57-0310A P:40** Well, he... She pours the money out on the counter. He counts it. Yep. Just exactly right. Thirty pieces of Roman denarii. So he gets up and he said, "Where are you going to take this." She said, "Sir, it doesn't matter, does it? As long as you've got your money, what difference does it make? What difference does it make how--what I want to do as long as I ain't bothering you?" She gets her money--her little frankincense box. She sticks it under here, the alabaster box, and she puts it under her coat and--her little shawl, and she walks up the street. As she goes up, the devil kept talking to her. "Now, you're going to get really embarrassed. Sure enough. They'll... That Pharisee will put you in jail for doing that." Why, if... "They'll throw you out of the house if you shout. **You'll be excommunicated.**" **What do you care about excommunication? Get to Jesus is the main thing.**

**Raising Jairus daughter 56-0731 P:37** Oh, brother, what we need is Bible salvation, and back to the old hewing lines, back to the Bible. And here was old Jairus over them; it was around his heart. They had him in a general meeting, and they had taken a vote whether they should let Jesus of Nazareth ever come over in their country. No! Had nothing to do with Him. **"And any man that professes faith in Him, he will be excommunicated right away.** Now, Jairus, do you understand?" And in the meeting, little Jairus couldn't even say, "Amen." I guess that's right (See?), but in his heart he wanted to believe it all the time. "So," he said, "Now, Jairus, you remember this. **If anybody comes of your congregation and professes that any miracle has been done by Jesus of**

*Nazareth, excommunicate him right away.* Now, you know that was a Jewish order. Yes sir. Take him out of the synagogue. You know the High Priest, the bishop and the district superintendent and all of them come from place to place, making a proclamation; and **if anybody receives Jesus of Nazareth would be excommunicated right quick.**"So, you know, when you're really a secret believer, way down in your heart you want to say, "I want that old time religion, but you know, you just... So many around that don't believe in it. God will make a way for you to get it. Yes, He will. He will make a way.

*Healing of Jairus daughter 55-0227E P:40* That's the way to do it. Gets his hat and puts it on... The first thing you know, here comes the ministerial group coming out. "Jairus, why, the very audacity. Do you mean to tell me that you're going... Where you going?" "The doctor just give my child up. My only hope, I've got to go down to that Prophet that's coming across down there, the Son of God." "Why, we'll excommunicate you." **"I can see him turn around and say, "Excommunicate what you want to; my faith is built in nothing less...?... Jesus Blood and righteous.** Do all your excommunicating you want to. I'll excommunicate myself." Faith done took a hold then, but they can't stop it now, it's moving on." "Why, Jairus, a learned man like you are, a scholar, don't you know the days of miracles is past?" "No, sir, I don't. No, sir. Here I go." "Well now, Jairus, your only going to bring reproach; that's all. A man with your... A dignitary like you are, with all the class that you a deal with. All your friends will turn you down, if you ever join yourself with that bunch of fanatics."

*Seven church ages 54-0512 P:44* He was exiled out there for preaching the Word to a religious people. That's what the Word says. Isn't it? He was out there for preaching: exiled, excommunicated from the church, from society, from all the world. Amen. **But he wasn't excommunicated from the One Who loved him and washed him in His Own Blood.** He was with His Presence in the isle called Patmos, "for the Word of God's sake." "I wonder how many preachers today would go? Gets down till he goes... do a little something... A little something get upset, we get so disturbed about it. And here this man had been boiled in grease for twenty-four hours, and throwed out on the isle of Patmos, and the Lord was still with him. I just like that old song they used to sing, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere." We sing it, but I wonder if we really mean it. To my honest opinion, it won't be too long till you're going to be given a chance to prove it, so you better be really sure. Check up, take inventory, see if everything's just right.

*What is the attraction? 65-0725E P:14* The people of that day, the... what they called that day, "a better religious class of people," hated Him. The churches of that day hated Him and denounced Him, and denounced all that listened to Him. And if they went and attended His campaigns, **they were immediately excommunicated from the fellowship of the church.** No wonder the Scripture

*said, "He came unto His Own, and His Own received Him not." The ones who ought to have loved Him, the ones who ought to have been for Him, was His bitter--bitterest enemy.*