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GOING TO CHURCH

1) 60-1126 Why?

Rev. William Marrion Branham

Now, you here that have churches that you go to we wouldn't want you to miss your own service. You stand at your post of duty. Always when your church has services, why, and you're here locally, why, it's your place to stay at your church. See? And if you have no church and would like to come, why, we appreciate it.

2) 64-0830M Questions And Answers #3

Rev. William Marrion Branham

124 I believe it's a sin to fish, and hunt, and work on Sunday

when you can go to church. Now, I believe you're transgressing the laws of God. "Is there a commandment to such?" Yes, sir! Now, in the Old Testament we had a type of the Sabbath day. It was all...And Jesus did not come for you to keep Sabbath days. The old Sabbath day was Saturday, which was the end of the week. Sunday is the eighth day, or the first day of the week, which Jesus rose on.

125 I do not believe it's right to...Now, if you're way away into a wilderness somewhere, and you're out there on a hunting trip, there's no church around, anything like that, and there's nothing you can do; and if you was fishing, I believe that would be all right. **But** if you're around in the city, or around where church is going on, you should attend church by all means, somewhere.

3) 48-0302 Experiences Rev. William Marrion Branham

3 And how many attended church this morning, let's see your hands, all over the building? Well, that's fine. And how many intended to attend tonight, let's see your hands, all over the building, going to go to church tonight? That's fine. That's about one third of you that didn't; I hope you do tonight. I hope you go to church tonight. Go somewhere to church. Don't never miss going to church on Sunday. And...for the prayer meeting.

4) 53-1122 The Resurrection Of Lazarus

Rev. William Marrion Branham

76 Don't you worry about that. Yes, sir. When you quit going to church and blow up because the preacher told you it wasn't ladylike to wear shorts, you're on your road; don't worry, trouble is on its road. Just keep on, you'll find out.

5) 54-0512 The Seven Church Ages Rev. William Marrion Branham

And he hath made us priests and kings unto God...

- **81 Spiritual priesthood**; royal nation; spiritual offering." What is it now? "Spiritual sacrifices, that is," quoting the Scripture, "that is, the fruits of our lips giving praise to His Name." Now, what kind of a what? "A spiritual sacrifice."
- **82** Now, now we might as well get started right here; notice, a good place to start from.
- **83** When a little confusion comes in the church, you don't run over to one side and pout now. If you are, you sure ain't a priest. See, you pray through. "Spiritual sacrifice, the fruits of our lips giving praise to His Name." See what I mean?

84 <u>"Well," you say, "I just don't feel like going to church." But you're a priest. It's your duty. You've got to be there</u>.

6) 55-0227A The Position Of A Believer In Christ Rev. William Marrion Branham

49 Then just as sure as church time comes, you just can't keep from coming to church. See? You just going to go if you have to hobble. That's all. You're going to church, because the Spirit Itself bears record of gathering together in Christ Jesus.

7) 56-1206 A Secondhanded Robe Rev. William Marrion Branham

33 So if somebody says, "Just stay home tonight and look at the television. It's too bad to go out." Don't you worry. If you know the Lord Jesus is coming, oh, you're going to church regardless of what the weather looks like or anything else. You're going to stay right there. For we're expecting something to happen at any time.

8) 60-0403 As The Eagle Stirreth Rev. William Marrion Branham

85 And a Christian is a special-made person. That's exactly right. **There's no need** of going to church, 'less you got Something that tells you that it's all there. See? It's something special that God does for you.

9) 60-0712 Hear Ye Him Rev. William Marrion Branham

77 How many drunkards would see the footprints of a drunkard that was converted and living saintly and godly? How many women would take hold when they seen a royal woman stand up, dressed like a lady, and act like a lady, and going to church, and her whole heart give to God? That's when you're sealed.

That's when you're marked. Everybody knows you. You're the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savour. It's henceforth good for nothing, be cast out under—trod under foot of man.

- 10) 61-0423 Abraham And His Seed After Him Rev. William Marrion Branham
- If you love the world better than you love prayer meeting, if you'd rather watch a television program than to pray, there's something wrong with you. If you'd rather take a Sunday afternoon ride instead of going to church, there's something wrong with you somewhere, "Because where your heart is, there your treasures are also," said the Lord Jesus. Your heart is built into it, you're a part of it, you become a part of Christ, because you're built into the structure of Christ, because you're the Bride of Christ, if you love Him.
- 11) 61-0723M The Ever-Present Water From The Rock Rev. William Marrion Branham
- And when a man or a woman begins to complain about going to church, they get so tired of going to church, they're not ready for the journey. That's right. There is something wrong somewhere.
- 12) 62-0123 Forsaking All Rev. William Marrion Branham
- 165 And everybody say, "I ain't going to church. I don't want to go to church. There's too many hypocrites." Why, you're smaller than they are. You're trying to hide behind them. If you can get behind them, you're smaller than them. That's right.
- 166 I read a little article in the paper the other day, where an old man...He was both deaf, dumb, and blind, and he went to Sunday school every Sunday. And they asked him, by braille, said, "Why do you go to church? You can't hear what the preacher said. You can't hear none of the songs. Why do you go to church?"
- 167 And he said, "I just want to let everybody know what side I'm on." Just want to let the devil and everybody else know what side he was on. I think that's good. Yes, sir.

13) 62-0520 Perseverance

Rev. William Marrion Branham

102 Oh, it's true, she had many hindrances, but her faith didn't have any hindrance. You might have some. I have plenty of them, lot of hindrances. But about your faith, that's the thing. **If you can't be persistent, if you're going to let everything hinder** you...Now, physically, you might feel bad, physically you might not feel well, **and otherwise, you might not feel like do-...going to church, you might not feel like doing anything**, but your faith don't have no hindrance, it moves on anyhow.

14) 65-1127B Trying To Do God A Service Without It Being God's Will

Rev. William Marrion Branham

26 I'm so misunderstood, and I don't know why. See? People think I don't even believe in people going to church. That's a million miles from the Truth. "We must assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the day approaching." See? We must come together in unity.

... ...

88 Now, in this, I was watching this one day, standing, and Something said to me... looking at it, and I thought ... Brother Hickerson, one of my trustees ... or deacons at the church at Jeffersonville ... **If I don't believe in going to church, why do I have church?** We had them all across the country, hooked up the other night, every two hundred square miles had one of my churches.

15) 65-1204 The Rapture

Rev. William Marrion Branham

206 God bless you. It's been spoken, it has to come to pass, it will come to pass. And little...[Blank spot on tape—Ed.] People, no one wants to die. No one wants to—to be lost. Let me tell you. Whatever you do...I don't care how well you go to church, and how loyal you are to church. **That's fine; nothing against that. You should go to church. You do that. Keep on going to church**. But, whatever, just throw away your traditions, and move right on up into Christ. Cause, it's going to sound

one of these days, and you're going to be caught with the mark of the beast on you, and not know what it is until it's too late. That's exactly right.

16) 53-0219 Accept God's Gift Rev. William Marrion Branham

2 We thank you for everything that you've done. We thank you for all the ministers, for what they have done, the cooperating of pastors. **You attend church**. Work hard. Men like that who believes in these great principles of God, what they've taught you to be true, God has come around and confirmed that it is the truth. So you must believe that. They are men of God.

17) 53-0510 Testimony Rev. William Marrion Branham

the people to attend their own churches tonight. I didn't come to take anyone away from their church, expecting them tomorrow night again. We want everybody at their post of duty, at their own church. Brother Reed's intention is not to take somebody from somebody else's church. He only wants the sinners who doesn't go to church to come to his church. Those who are already, have a home church...I know Brother Reed, knowed him for a long time. I know how his heart stands with God.

18) 53-0513 God's Provided Way Rev. William Marrion Branham

8 If you've been converted during the time of this revival, and you don't have any church that you've taken up with yet, I'd ask you to come join this little church. It's a wonderful little place here to come, serve the Lord. If I lived here in this neighborhood, I'd be a member of this church. I am a member of it, anyhow; I'm an associate pastor. And so, I have to come back once in a while to see about my church. And I look around, you know, so I will be back to see you, the Lord willing, pretty soon. And so...And all you people that's around in these other cities, that belongs to these churches, go to church every day, every day that you can, every day that they have service, go. Attend your church; be real loyal. Just stand by your church. Stand by your pastor; help him out with everything you got. Give him spiritual support. Fast and pray

for him. And have faith in him, and God will lead the church on to that glorious day that we're looking forward to come.

19) 54-0320 Faith Cometh By Hearing

Rev. William Marrion Branham

69 Church tomorrow, wherever it is. Attend your church. Then tomorrow afternoon, if your church is not having service, come over to our little service here. I'm just here to—for the glory of God, trying to help you, and praying, and asking God to bless you, and to keep you all healthy, and full of His glory and power. And I—I know He will do it.

20) 56-0421 What Visions Are

Rev. William Marrion Branham

4 We feel that every person is duty bound to attend some church and belong to some church as a Christian. Now, the Bi...Many people say, "Oh, I stay home and read my Bible. I'm just as well off." No, the Bible said we shouldn't forsake to assemble ourselves together. We've got to do that; we've got to stand together, and all the churches.

21 A) 57-0519A Hear Ye Him

Rev. William Marrion Branham

88 Now, to you local people here in the city that's got churches that's not dismissing for the service tonight, you attend your own church. That's your post of duty. We don't want to call you from your church when you got service.

21 B) 63-0317E

The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals

Rev. William Marrion Branham

328 "Forsaking not to assemble yourselves together, **AS THE MANNER OF UNBELIEVERS**, and that much more as you see the Day approaching."

21 C) 60-0712 Hear Ye Him Rev. William Marrion Branham

94 That's the way Christ is doing to His Church. He's beating it, and turning it, and beating it, and turning it, and beating it. HOW DARE A PREACHER TO BE SISSY ENOUGH NOT TO TELL THE WORD OF GOD and tell men and women when they're living wrong. Tell them it's wrong to wear these immoral clothes. It's wrong to smoke cigarettes. IT'S WRONG TO STAY HOME FROM CHURCH. It's wrong to go to gambling, and racing, and carrying on the way the church is doing today, and playing lotteries and things. God forbid when I have to do that. No, sir.

21 D) 63-0724 God Doesn't Call Man To Judgment Without First Warning Him

Rev. William Marrion Branham

6 Then I thought, well, I like to talk to the church and I thought, well, I—I...Brother Neville gets to talk to you all the time, so then when I'm down here maybe drop down. I DON'T WANT TO BE HYPOCRITE ENOUGH and not out on a call, or nothing, JUST SET UP THERE AT THE HOUSE AND CHURCH OPEN DOWN HERE. I—I've got...I want to be down here because I love you.

EPHESIANS 4: 11-13, ALWAYS IN FUNCTION

22) 58-0223

Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever Rev. William Marrion Branham

11 But there's five ministering gifts which are—are the foreknowledge of God. And the first of those are apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Those are God sent gifts to the church.

23) 62-0607 Putting On The Whole Armor Of God Rev. William Marrion Branham

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

167 And if that office denies any of this Word, then it's not Goddressing, you see. See? No, not that, that's that wolf in sheep's clothing. Watch that fellow, beware of him.

24) 63-0324M Questions And Answers On The Seals Rev. William Marrion Branham

232 194. Would the Bride of Christ have...? Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the Rapture?

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

25) 64-0830M Questions And Answers #3 Rev. William Marrion Branham

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

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

204 Men of God are anointed all over the world to preach the Gospel. See? I'm just one little pebble on the beach among many big stones. See? So I...There's just many that's more eligible, more worthy, more of anything to preach than me; I'm just one little, humble person laying out here. I'm one grain of wheat in a whole garner. See? So that just a...You know what I mean!

205 Any man that's called of God needs to preach the Gospel.

26) 61-0903 Let Your Light So Shine Before Men Rev. William Marrion Branham

55 Mothers, that's the way you got your baby. God give you your baby. It's just as much as He give Hannah her baby. And now you're bringing your babies back tonight, to the temple, just like Hannah did little Samuel, too, in dedicational service. Now, we dedicate and give your baby back, by prayer, to the God Who gave it to you. And I pray that these little boys and girls that's standing here tonight, will be prophets and prophetess like Samuel, was of old, to the Lord, that you're giving them back.

27) 57-0908M Hebrews, Chapter Five And Six #1 Rev. William Marrion Branham

52 Oh, I know there's many rise up and go out and say, "Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come, He's the teacher." When you get that idea, you're just wrong. For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the Church if He was going to be the Teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. The Holy Spirit set teachers in the Church, so He could teach through that teacher. And if it—it isn't according to the Word, God doesn't confirm it, then it isn't the right kind of teaching. It must compare with the entire Bible, and be just as alive today as It was then. There's the real thing made manifest.

28) 59-0415E The Faith Of Abraham

Rev. William Marrion Branham

9 Now, there's five offices of the church: Missionaries or apostles (both the same), prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists. God puts those in the church, and they're all to edify the church.

29) 60-0331 From That Time Rev. William Marrion Branham

43 Faith cometh by hearing. Then God has set in the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors, all for the perfection of the saints. Now, if He can get a hold of your heart, then He can work His works. But as long as you can get yourself out of the way, as long as you can relax yourself, and let the Holy Spirit take over...

30) 62-0218 Perseverance

Rev. William Marrion Branham

240 Now He set in the church, to keep the church in line with the Word, what?

Apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, offices of the church. God-sent, not man-called. God-sent, inspired men to keep the church lined up. Now, what is it? Gifts of the Spirit in the church. Not a bunch of fanaticism, but truly gifts of the Spirit in the church. That's right, keeping the church.

31) 62-0612 Behold, A Greater Than Solomon Is Here Rev. William Marrion Branham

34 This is the Word, we believe that, and that's the Word, but God set in the Church apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, and all those things are the perfecting. And, now, the teachers, and the pastors, and evangelists, they're the one who brings the Word,

and the prophets are to comb in those little corners for individuals, you see, and foretell things that's coming, and so forth....

32) 62-0623 Perseverant

Rev. William Marrion Branham

167 Now, that's the way to get something done. Now, that's the way you congregation ought to feel about your pastor. See? That's when God will answer. That's right. You got to approach God's gifts in the right way, with reverence. And ministry is, minister gifts. They are gifts in the body, five spiritual gifts that, predestinated and foreordained of God to the Church. I know there's nine local gifts in the body, but these are God's office gifts, the office, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. And we must respect them if we expect something from God.

33) 62-0624 Super Sign

Rev. William Marrion Branham

202 And now look, if that anointing here...Now, maybe the brothers don't do that, but these are other ministers, there's nine gifts been sent to the Church by God. Is that right? Apostles, which means "missionaries," apostles, prophets, that's seers, and—and teachers, pastors, evangelists. That's all these gifts setting here together, now not only one office, but all of these offices together, with the Holy Spirit here manifesting them.

203 These pastors, they've taught you the way to live, you've followed their instructions and received the Holy Ghost. You receive their...the Holy Ghost and receive salvation by following exactly what those teachers told you to do.......

34) 62-0701 To Take On The Whole Armor Of God Rev. William Marrion Branham

171 In His army, <u>He presents His army in the form of five offices, first, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. That's His army, that's His soldiers, that's His commanding officers, all with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, waiting out there to meet the enemy on any grounds he comes upon, to meet the enemy with the Word of God. Amen. Each one backing one another up, with Him, the Chief Captain, not out there in front, up here above, back behind, but in them. Amen. That's the army. Vindicating. Vindicating what? His resurrection, by the proof of His works.</u>

35) 62-0705 Jehovah-Jireh #1

Rev. William Marrion Branham

207 What's these gifts sent to the church for? What is the first gift? What's the first thing? Apostles (which is missionary), prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. They're altogether for the perfecting of the Church.
208 And where does the Word of the Lord come, to who? The Word of the Lord came

to the prophet, always, never questioned. Not a gift of prophecy; a gift of prophecy is on one, and then the other. A prophet is born, predestinated by God.

36) 62-0708 A Super Sign

Rev. William Marrion Branham

227 I'm going to ask these godly pastors to stand here with me. I'm going to stand with them at the Judgment Bar. They may not be able to have discernment; that's just given, you know. But they are man of God, saved as well as I'm saved, called to their ministry. There is five gifts in the ministerial body; first, is apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists. That's God's predestinated.

"God hath set in the church, gifts!"

37) 62-1230M Absolute

Rev. William Marrion Branham

115 No matter what your experience is, then, if something in you tells you that that Bible isn't true, that power of God, apostles, prophets, and teachers, and pastors, and the gifts of the Spirit

<u>apostles at Pentecost, there is something wrong with your</u>
<u>absolute</u>. It has to tie to a denominational creed instead to God's Bible. When, He said, "Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail." <u>Watch</u> what your absolute is.

38) 63-0112 Influence

Rev. William Marrion Branham

104 And now, "God has set, in the Church..." "God," not the organization, not the achievement of man, to make bishops and so forth, presbyters. But, "God set, in the Church, first apostles," that's missionaries, "secondarily prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists." God set them in the Church, and every bugle will blow the same, the same Gospel. See? If he's a prophet, he blows the bugle of a prophet. He foretells the things that is to come, and hits every time.

39) 64-0206E God's Provided Way For This Day Rev. William Marrion Branham

That's what a minister is. He don't preach what he wants to preach. He just gets hisself out of the way, it's a gift, and inspiration comes, and he—he speaks through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Any other gift is the same way. Now, ministerial gifts, and so forth, has been. There is, first, of God-given gifts, is, "first apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists." That's the offices. That's our gifts.

40) 64-0214 The Voice Of The Sign

Rev. William Marrion Branham

205 Preaching is a gift, inspired—inspired preaching. See? And the gift, some are apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, some evangelists. That's the gifts that's in the Church.

See? But it's possible we could have more than one, like Paul, or any of those. Now, as—as long as there is apostles, there has got to be a prophet.

As long as there is a prophet, there has got to be an—an evangelist. Why is it ministers say, "There is a pastor and evangelist, but there is no prophet"? See, that's picking what you want to, making It say something It doesn't. But God is His Own interpreter of His Word. He says whether It's right or not.

41) 64-0614E The Oddball Rev. William Marrion Branham

109 And that's the way the gifts of the Spirit is, a...to the person, it's a part of that Diamond. It's sent, and been brought down, and brought into a gift, to interpret, to preach, to teach. There is five spiritual gifts; apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, and they are all for the edifying of the Body of Christ. And just as sure as there is teachers, pastors, there's got to be prophets. We know that.

42) 64-0823E Questions And Answers #2
Rev. William Marrion Branham

There is five offices elected of God. "For God has set in the Church apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists." God did that. Man has deacons and so forth, and everything else, but you see, but God set in the Church for the perfecting of the Church; can't divide it.

43) 64-1205 The Identified Masterpiece Of God Rev. William Marrion Branham

93 Politics don't belong in Church. The Holy Ghost is to take the Church over, and not a politic vote of who is who. "God placed in the church some apostles, some prophets, and some teachers, and evangelists, and pastors." Not men voted them in there. God placed them in there, by the calling of the Holy Spirit, prayer meetings, and laying on of hands, and staying before God.

44) 65-1125 The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ Rev. William Marrion Branham

271 Whatever you are, you are servants of God, whatever God wants you to do, where your place is. "God placed in the Church, some apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors..." He placed that by virtue of His Own predestination. And you were that, to begin with.

45) CHURCH AGE BOOK Chap. 7 The Sardisean Church Age (Pages 251 – 252) Rev. William Marrion Branham

Now we can see that Jesus Christ is revealing Himself through the ages by His Spirit in the messengers. They are as Moses was to the children of Israel. As he had the revelation for his day, so each messenger had God's revelation and ministry for that day. Thus when we see that the messengers are in His hand, we see the Lord identifying Himself with these men and granting them His power. It is not enough that He has associated Himself with the whole church, which we saw when He was seen standing amongst the seven golden lampstands. Nor is it even enough that we see the five fold ministry of Ephesians four (apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors). For in each age the church goes astray, and it is not just the laity but the clergy group — shepherds are wrong as well as sheep. Then God brings Himself on the scene as the Chief Shepherd in the ministries of these seven men to lead His people back to the truth and the abundant power of that truth. God is in His people — all of His people, for if any man has not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. And He is the Word. That would be the Word recognized in the people. But He has placed a special leadership in these men of His own choosing and through the determined counsel of His own will.

They appear once in each age. It is the same Spirit in them. What a far cry is this from the heresy of Rome. They have a man of their own choosing — one after the other — none producing the power of God — none abiding in the Word of God — each one differing from the one before him and adding what he desires as though he were God. God is not in it. But He is in His messenger and he who would have the fulness of God would follow the messenger as the messenger is a follower of the Lord by His Word.

YOUR PASTOR

Rev. William Marrion Branham

284 "THE HIDDEN MANNA," a little something special. What is the special?

Not something to...The blessings of the Holy Ghost? Oh, no, that's for the whole congregation. But the "HIDDEN MANNA" WAS A SPECIAL

REVELATION 'cause he had to teach the others. See? Was a little more knowledge of the Scripture, that he could teach others. He's supposed to be. Is that right? You'll never live no higher than your pastor. You just remember that, see. And so...Cause he's the shepherd that feeds you. If he's the shepherd, he's got to know where the manna is, to feed the—the sheep. Is that right?

Now, a little special. And watch this just a minute, the revelation, THE HIDDEN MANNA.

47) 61-0108 Revelation, Chapter Four Part III Rev. William Marrion Branham

162 "Submit yourself." Congregation, submit yourself to your pastor.

Pastor, submit yourself to your congregation. If a little clique rises up, don't be on either side, submit yourself to the whole congregation. Congregation, if you start in a clique, submit yourself to your pastor in the fear of God. See? Oh, brother!

Hmm!

48) 61-1015E Respects

Rev. William Marrion Branham

165 If you can't respect the man, respect the office he holds in God. That's exactly right, see, respect him. If a minister comes up, your pastor, always respect him. I've heard congregations talk about their pastor, how just talk about him, run him down, ridicule him. How is that pastor ever going to do anything for you? He can't do it. You—you don't, you don't re-...I don't say this church, but I mean churches I have seen, that if you... You've got to love your pastor. You've got to know that he's a human being, but yet God has made him His pastor. The Holy Ghost has made him overseer, then you've got to respect him in that manner. And no matter what the pastor's done, if you respect him in your heart, as God's servant, God will respect you for doing it.

49) 57-0922E Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2 Rev. William Marrion Branham

349 And you people with these saw-blade tempers, that's always spouting off in the mouth at somebody, can't put up, and things like that. Be careful. You're guilty if you speak a word against your brother that's not right, not just, go around and tear down it. You don't have to stick a knife in a man's back to kill him. You can break his character and kill him, kill his influence. Speak against your pastor here, say something bad about him, you just might as well as shot him. Told something that wasn't right about him, well, it'll kill his influence with the people and things like that, and you're guilty of it. What Jesus said.

50) 58-1007 Church Order Rev. William Marrion Branham

41 Don't never get yourself puffed up to a place where you know more about it than your pastor or the church that you are worshipping in. If you get to that place, then I would advise each one of you to get

another place to worship with. Because, I am asking the pastor never to permit anything outside of the Bible order, the way we have seen it here in the church. And then we want these gifts to be operated, and in place, and the worshippers. If it's carried on correctly, according to the Word, you'll see a mighty, wonderful church in operation for our Lord Jesus Christ.

51) 63-0825E Perfect Faith Rev. William Marrion Branham

212 Know ye what I have done to you? **You call me your pastor, and you say well, for so I am**. If I, your pastor, have been identified by Jesus Christ, that I do His work, then believe my word, by acting this act of faith, by laying hands upon you, I have condemned the disease and afflictions that's bothering you, believe that, so shall you have your request, regardless of what it is, for all things are possible to them that believe. "And when you pray, believe that you receive what you ask for." And I truly believe that I receive it, and in my heart I accept every one of your healing, I accept it, that it's done. I believe it, I believe it with all that's in me. Also, with my hands upon these handkerchiefs laying here, I been watching it close, I believe that they'll produce just exactly what the people requested. I—I believe it.

52) 64-0802 The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride.

Rev. William Marrion Branham

500 I know it's been long and hot, but, people, we won't always be standing here. **I** won't always be your pastor. Let's make it sure. "Is there a way, Brother Branham?"

501 Yes, become a part of the Word, a part of the Word of today. Can't be a part of the Word of Moses' day; that part is done made up, that was the feet. **We're at the Head now**. This is Christ. Not the arms time, back in Luther, no. **This is the Head time. Christ, the Headstone, comes to the Body**.

53) 63-0728 Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed Rev. William Marrion Branham

80 Love one another, above everything. Love one another. Don't...No matter what the devil tries to say! Now you're all one great big sweet group now, but remember my warning, see, Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, and sit him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of a poison stuff, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another. Pray for that man, that he'll be saved too, or that woman, or ever who it is, just pray for them. And stick one with another. 81 And stay with your pastor. See, he's the shepherd, and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, and, 'cause he's ordained of God to do so. **82** Now do you remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The enemy will come. And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all.

54) 59-0712 A Total Deliverance Rev. William Marrion Branham

27 Now, there is a group of offices of our church, deacons, trustees, Sunday school superintendent, pastors, as our church is set in order. And you, the people, elected these officers and this pastor. I'm just general overseer, seeing it goes on right, and to give advice and so forth. You are the one who elects your pastor, you elect your trustees, you elect your deacons, you elect every office there is in this church; you, the people. And it's your duty to stand by those men, see, for they'll make mistakes. They're mortal. They're just men, and they'll make mistakes. But if the President of United States makes a mistake, do we throw him out, as President? We forget about it and move on. That's the way we want to do our church now. I was listening to him pray, a few minutes ago, for those deacons. And to hear back there, a testimony, at the door, from the trustees, how that with one accord you all are. Now

stay that way. Now, you members stand by these trustees, deacons, and pastor. And remember, when you get this together, remember that it's the devil's business to see that that's broke up. Now it's always has been and it always will be. But you stand by your officers, and that was the talk that I was going to make.

56) 65-1204 The Rapture

Rev. William Marrion Branham

25 But, then, if...I don't want to never try to pull somebody from their church.

Just stay right in your church and scatter out the Light. See? Be

a real Christian. Your pastor will appreciate you. A real, loyal, genuine saint, any man that believes in God will appreciate a person like that. Yes.

57) 61-0723E God Being Misunderstood

Rev. William Marrion Branham

266 Don't forget Sunday. **Don't forget Wednesday night is prayer meeting. Remember, pray much, pray for me, <u>pray for your pastor</u>, pray for your neighbor, your deacons, your trustees, pray that God will have His way with us all.**

58) 65-1206 Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy Rev. William Marrion Branham

309 If you have need of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, if you have need of a rededication, a new life; **your pastor won't despise you, he'll love you for**it. Just give yourself completely to God tonight, while we're here. Let...It's, I know it's been hard, cutting, strange, I don't do that to be mean, I do that to be honest. I do that because I love you, I love God, and I do it to try to help you. And truly, friend, I—I—I believe...And with all my heart, with all my faith, I believe that my Message comes from God. It's—It's been proving that to you, through the years.

THE REVELATION

59) 63-0318 The First Seal Rev. William Marrion Branham

38 And there, about twelve o'clock in the day, the Holy Spirit just swept right down into the room, and the whole thing just opened up to me, and there It was, see, so...of this—of this First Seal being opened. I'm as positive as I'm standing here tonight, that this is the Gospel Truth that I'm going to say here. I—I just know it is.

39 Because, if a revelation is contrary to the Word, then it isn't Revelation. And, you know, there is some of the stuff can looks so absolutely true, and yet isn't true. See? It looks like it is, but it isn't.

60) 62-1230E Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir? Rev. William Marrion Branham

63 Now we want to read a text tonight, or read a Scripture reading, out of the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And I believe that this is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, as written in the Book. And any other revelation that would be contrary to this Revelation, would be wrong. I believe that would bear quote...quoting—quoting again. Any revelation that will not fit in with this Revelation, and bring this Revelation to light, is the wrong revelation. It must be Scriptural.

61) 64-0802 The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride Rev. William Marrion Branham

54 Now, way I always find my Messages is by prayer. I'll be sitting in prayer and something reveals to me. And I wait on it a few minutes and see if it's right, then I feel it closer. And then sometimes I keep waiting till it breaks into a vision. But when it begins to come, and I'm satisfied it comes from God, then I go to the Scripture. See, That is, ought to be the confirmation of every

spiritual thing that's done, because the Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ; see, It is His Body.

55 And now, in that, maybe I find a place in the Scripture that doesn't sound just right, and I'll wonder. I go back again to prayer. It comes again. Then I—then I begin to—to examine my Scripture.

A TRUE ORDAINED PROPHET

DEUTERONOMY 13: 1-5.

- 1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,
- 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;
- 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.
- 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

63) 52-0816 Faith (Africa Trip Report)

Rev. William Marrion Branham

104 Now, look. Some of these, this going on around...You always seek the face of God. And I don't care who tells you anything contrary to what God tells you, don't you believe it, and you obey God. Will you do it? I don't care who he is, how righteous he is, how much of a pastor he is, how much of a preacher, whether he's a prophet. He may be sent of God, a real, true, ordained prophet of God, but if

God tells you something contrary to that prophet, don't you believe the prophet. You believe God. How many believes that's true?

64) 65-1127B Trying To Do God A Service Without It Being God's Will

Rev. William Marrion Branham

159 Remember, but, him being king, and got the revelation, he overstepped his place. There was a prophet in the land by the name of Nathan, he was the one that was ordained to get the revelation. There's anything to be spoke, He said, "The Lord doeth nothing until He reveals it to His servants the prophet." But, you see, David being king, with the anointing upon him...Now, is that the Scripture? Anointing upon him, and got a true revelation; but it was wrong: Because Nathan was the prophet of that age; and the revelation never come to Nathan; and when the revelation come to David, he never even consulted Nathan about it. He's just going to go ahead and do what he wanted to do. Uh-huh.

163 So, you see, David, being inspired... Now, you remember I said the, anointing, the false anointing? Remember the Holy Spirit can come and anoint a person, and still it's out of the will of God. Here, It proves it right here. See? We have to go through God's way of doing it, not our ways, God's way of doing it. Cause, David, being a king, anointed, anointed with the Spirit of God upon him (a type of Jesus Christ), but that wasn't God's channel.

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225 Then here come Nathan with, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, David, the great revelation you had is as wrong as it was when you brought the ark up." (Uh-huh! Uh-huh! See?) "Don't you do it. Don't try it! But God said He'll have 'your son to do it." There! See? There you are!

THE POWER OF THE INFALLIBILITY

65) CHURCH AGE BOOK Chapter IX
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BUT I DENY UPON THE INFALLIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE WORD THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE MAJOR PROPHET-MESSENGER WHO WILL REVEAL THE MYSTERIES AS CONTAINED IN THE WORD. AND WHO HAS THE MINISTRY TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN TO THE FATHERS. "Thus saith the Lord" by His unfailing Word stands, and shall stand and be vindicated. There is one prophetmessenger to this age. On the basis of human behavior alone, anyone knows that where there are many people there is even divided opinion on lesser points of a major doctrine which they all hold together. Who then will have THE POWER OF INFALLIBILITY which is to be restored in this last age, for this last age is going to go back to manifesting the Pure Word Bride? That means we will have the Word once again as it was perfectly given, and perfectly understood in the days of Paul. I will tell you who will have it. It will be a prophet as thoroughly vindicated, or even more thoroughly vindicated than was any prophet in all the ages from Enoch to this day, because this man will of necessity have the capstone prophetic ministry, and God will shew him forth. He won't need to speak for himself, God will speak for him by the voice of the sign. Amen.

WHAT IS A FALSE PROPHET

66) 64-0830M Questions And Answers #3 Rev. William Marrion Branham

146 Now, as some great theologian tried to corner me on that, he said, "Brother Branham, you...God some day will give you the secret of those Seven Seals. Those Seven

that's not even in the Bible." No, no! It won't be that, because if you do, that would make it a...If I told you that, I'd be a false prophet, because (you see?) this Word...There...Everything that's—that's...The whole revelation of Jesus Christ is all completed in this Word. See? And if the Seven Seals pertained to the seven churches, it had to be already past, because we're in the Laodicea Church Age. And the Seven Seals was only revealing what they had left off back there, and it opened up what they had left; what Luther left; what Wesley left; and all the reformers, and Pentecostals, and down to the present time.

67) 65-0220 God's Chosen Place Of Worship Rev. William Marrion Branham

98 In the beginning, God fortified His people with His Word. **One Word**,

misconstrued, caused every death, every heartache, every sorrow. Eve, she never broke a sentence; SHE BROKE A WORD. When Jesus come in the middle of the Book...That was the first of the Book. When Jesus come in the middle of the Book, what'd He say? "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In the last of the Book, Revelation the 22nd chapter, the 18th verse, the very last part of the Bible, Jesus speaks Himself, said, "I testify that if any man shall take one Word out of this Book, or add one word to It, his part will be taken out of the Book of Life," because he's a false prophet and has

misconstrued the people, and their blood will be accounted to his hand, of

68) 65-0911 God's Power To Transform Rev. William Marrion Branham

doing so.

195 Israel did the same. After they seen Moses vindicated, and then let Balaam spray them, that precious vindicated Seed. **Pastor, don't you (never) say nothing**against this Word. Look at Balaam, he was a prophet, and he seen the Seed of God vindicated. But under his own great denomination that he lived in, Moab seen that bunch of wanderers coming through the land, he sprayed it, and said, "Well, wait a

minute. We're all Christians. We're all believers. Why, our fathers and your fathers are the same. Aren't we Lot's children? Wasn't Lot Abraham's nephew? Aren't we all the same? Let's marry one another."

196 And Israel, as Eve in the garden of Eden, let Satan spray her, he also sprayed Israel through a false prophet. When, the real prophet was with them, with vindicated Word. But by an intellectual knowledge conception, he sprayed them. Think of it. Now, it was never forgiven, the sin was never forgiven.

197 The seeds rotted right in the path of duty, on the road to the promised land. Every one of them perished and rotted, right straight at church, in the line of duty, following God. And let Satan spray that intellectual spray over them, educational, intellectual conception, saying, "Why, we are all the same, we're all children of God." You're not!

But he let that false teacher there spray them with that intellectual conception that he had of It.

69) 60-1205 The Ephesian Church Age Rev. William Marrion Branham

115 If the Bible said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins," and every place in the Bible says the same thing, and everybody that was ever baptized in the—in the Bible time was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and he commissions them to be baptized, sprinkled, or something else like that, that man is a liar, found out a false prophet. 116 I hope I ain't hurting feelings, but I...Brother, you—you can't baby This, it's time, take the gloves off and handle the Gospel. See? That's the Truth.

70) 65-0725M The Anointed Ones At The End Time Rev. William Marrion Branham

240 Look at the last days. "It'd be so close it'd deceive the very

Elected if it was possible." Oh, my! The reason the Elected won't

be deceived, you know why? Is because they are the Word. See?

Just like the Life that's in the root, I said a while ago, It can't deny Itself. See, It is the Word and in the season of the Word. That's right.

- 241 Just like Jeremiah, he knew. No matter what Hananiah said, he knowed where he was at. That's exactly like Moses did, and—and the rest of them. That's, he knowed, no matter what the false prophet said, there was the Word of God. It was written. That's the reason Micaiah could say, "All right, you just wait and see."
- 242 Ahab said, "I believe my prophets. My organization is right. When I come back in peace...Put that fellow back yonder in the prison. I'll take care of him! Give him bread of sorrow. Turn him out, don't have no fellowship with him at all. When I return in peace, we'll take care of that guy."
- 243 Micaiah said, "If you return at all, the Lord hasn't spoke to me." He knowed he had THUS SAITH THE LORD, and his vision was exactly with THUS SAITH THE LORD; not for some other season, but for that season. Amen! Hallelujah! The season! Bold, stand up and dispute with a Archangel! It's been said, that, "Fools will trod with hobnail shoes where Angels fear to walk." That's right.
- 244 The reason the Elected, Jesus said, won't be deceived, because they are that Word. They can't be nothing else. They can't hear nothing else. They don't know nothing else. That's right.
- 71) CHURCH AGE BOOK Chapitre IX
 The Laodicean Church Age, Pages 329-330,
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The second thought that must be impressed on our hearts is that the seven church ages started out with the antichrist spirit as well as the Holy Spirit Who is to be blessed forever. I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Did you notice it? The antichrist spirit is identified with false prophets. The ages came in with false prophets and they will go out with false prophets. Now of course there is going to be a REAL FALSE PROPHET in the grand sense of that man mentioned in the Revelation. But as of now before his revelation there are to appear many false **prophets**. Matthew 24:23-26, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, He is in the secret chambers; believe it not." **These false** prophets are earmarked for us in various other Scriptures such as the following. II Peter 2:1-2, "But there were false prophets

also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord That bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." II Timothy 4:3-4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." I Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." Now in every case you will notice that a false prophet is one who is outside the Word. Just as we showed you that "antichrist" means "antiWord" so these false prophets come perverting the Word, giving it a meaning that fits their own devilish ends. Have you ever noticed how the people who lead others astray bind them closely to themselves by fear? They say that if the people don't do what they say, or if they leave, then destruction will follow. They are false prophets, for a true prophet will always lead one to the Word and bind the people to Jesus Christ and he won't tell the people to fear him or what he says, but to fear what the Word says.

72) 65-1031M Power Of Transformation Rev. William Marrion Branham

256 Is that right? You can cross that line. Like the children of Israel did in their journey, coming through the wilderness, Israel did the same. After they heard Moses' message and seen it vindicated; listened to a false prophet that said, "Oh, now look, children, we're all the same. We should marry one among another, and we should do this." And Moses had told them different, and seen God vindicate it. Because, Balaam seemed to be a more instructive man than Moses was, see. He had come from a great nation where there was great people, and was all organized together, the land of Moab, great armies, and great things that the people in them days would have feared. And here come a prophet down, a prophet, anointed one, false anointed one, see, come down to an anointed one (look how close), and taught the people, and many of them went after that. Don't you never forget that. See, went after the thing that wasn't the Word, the vindicated proven Word!

257 <u>Don't let someone come in here and tell you something</u> different. Watch what God is vindicating and proving.

THE SEDUCTION, (TO BE SEDUCED)

73) 64-0313 The Voice Of The Sign

Rev. William Marrion Branham

146 What then? The end-time sign will certainly accompany the end-time Voice. Elijah is supposed to come on the scene, a man anointed with that spirit; a woodsman, and so forth, and lover of that, and come on the scene to a vindicate. Now watch what the Scripture says now, and then you won't be deceived, see, the end-time sign and the end-time Voice.

74) 64-0719M The Feast Of The Trumpets

Rev. William Marrion Branham

205 And now you see what the beast is, don't you? It's a power. And a power, 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?

75) 61-0730E The Sixfold Purpose Of Gabriel's Visit To Daniel Rev. William Marrion Branham

103 I—I hate to say this. But, some great writer, that I was reading about the other day, if he didn't have that messed up! He said "What it was..." Now, just to show how stupid...Oh, excuse me, I don't mean to say that. Forgive me. I don't mean that, I really didn't. No. A—a—a man without anointing, see. The man said, "You see here that

Daniel's time on, when Daniel come, it meant that they would have no more vision or no more prophecy." Said, "All these things today that they talk about, about having visions and prophecy, was all a thing of the devil," that, "there was no such a thing as visions and prophecy." Brother, there was dozens of prophets after Daniel. And there was John the Baptist. There was Jesus Christ. There was the prophets through the New Testament. There was visions. There was Angels. How in the world can a man say that? But, you see, that's with a selfish motive, to trying to push something over on the people, to make it a little church doctrine, or a little petty thing, to become a reality to the people. And if the people hasn't got the Holy Ghost, they'll be deceived by it.

76) 65-1128M God's Only Provided Place Of Worship Rev. William Marrion Branham

256 Sometime the Capstone will return, the Head of all of it, and receive the Bride unto Himself; which the woman is took from the man, a part of the man. Every...Genes of the man is in the woman, what makes the woman. And that's the way the Word of God is in the Church, what makes the Church the Bride. Not a denomination, that's of the devil, every one of them. I ain't calling the people in there that; they are poor deceived people, like Jesus said, "Blind leading the blind." And He could not call them out.

77) CHURCH AGE BOOK IX, The Laodicean Church Age Page 331 Rev. William Marrion Branham

Now why do these false prophets come against the true prophet and discredit his teaching? Because they are running true to form as did their forefathers when in the days of Ahab they withstood Micaiah. There were four hundred of them and all of them were in agreement; and by them all saying the same thing, they fooled the people. But ONE prophet — just one — was right and all the rest wrong because God had committed the revelation to ONLY ONE. Beware of false prophets, for they are ravening wolves. If you are still in any doubt about this ask God by His Spirit to fill you and lead you, **FOR**

THE VERY ELECT CAN'T BE FOOLED. Did you get that? There isn't any man can fool you. Paul could not fool any elect, had he been wrong. And in that first Ephesian Age the elect there could not be fooled for they tried the false apostles and prophets and found them to be liars and put them out. Hallelujah. HIS sheep hear His voice and they follow HIM. Amen. I believe it.

78) CHURCH AGE BOOK V The Pergamean Church Age Page 175, Rev. William Marrion Branham

He said in Matthew 24 that in the last days the two spirits would be so close together that only the very elect could tell them apart, for they alone would not be deceived. How can you tell the spirits apart? Just give them the Word test. If they don't speak that Word, they are of the evil one. As the evil one deceived the first two brides, he will try to deceive the bride of this last day, by trying to get her to hybridize herself through creeds, or just plainly turning from the Word to any sign that suits her. But God never placed signs ahead of the Word. Signs follow the Word, as when Elijah told the woman to bake a cake for him first, according to the Word of the Lord. When she did as the Word said, the proper sign came. Come to the Word first and then watch the miracle. The seed Word is energized by the Spirit.

79) 65-0725E What Is The Attraction On The Mountain? Rev. William Marrion Branham

148 What's happened upon Mount Sunset? God confirming His Word. That's what all this noise is about. Notice, it's God fulfilling His promised Word again, of Revelation 10:1 to 7, "And in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's Message, the mystery of God should be finished." The hidden mystery of Revelation 10:1 to 7, the last Message to the last church age. Fulfills exactly, in this age, Saint Luke 17:30, "The day when the Son of man shall be revealed."

149 "And there shall rise false prophets and false Christs, show great signs and wonders, insomuch it'd deceive the Elected if possible." The people still in doubt. And, as usual, the church is just as puzzled.

80) 63-1124E Three Kinds Of Believers Rev. William Marrion Branham

201 Look how Satan come right up there and agree with every bit of that Word; hev, to where he could show his power to deceive her, to betray her. That was—that was Satan. And here Satan is, in the form of Judas, in that age. That was Satan in the first age. What was he? Agreeing with the Word till just one little thing; he's trying to find a place where he get a weakness.

81) 65-0725M The Anointed Ones At The End Time Rev. William Marrion Branham

147 But watch. Jesus said, that, in this end time, again, the two spirits would be real close together again. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now notice. It will be closer than that was. This is the end time. Oh, children! God have mercy upon us! Till, "It would even be so real till it would deceive the very Elected if possible." Now how do you go...how did we tell it in them days? How you going to tell it today? The same way, stay with the Word, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

148 Now care all this Message. And when you listen to the tape, even maybe I'll be gone someday when the Lord is finished with me here on earth, you'll refer back to this. Listen to my voice, what I'm telling you. If He takes me before His Coming, just remember, I've spoke to you in the Name of the Lord, by the Word of the Lord. Yes.

82) 65-0829 Satan's Eden Rev. William Marrion Branham

64 There is the god of this world that I preached to you about last Sunday. Here he is today in deceit, that treacherous hour, that tremendous time that we're living. It's the most glorious time of all the ages, because we are facing the great Millennium again; we're facing the Eden again. But right at this age, all the deceit and every tactic that he's ever used and been able to deceive with, he's gathered it all together and reinforced hisself; and come down like God, and has put hisself in place of God; religious, and can quote the Scripture and can tell you Scripture, just as Satan did to Eve in the garden of Eden. But leave out one spot of It, is all he has to do, make that gap, where the poison doctrine of the devil can pour through, like the thinking man's Filter we was talking about the other night.

THE SOVEREINGTY OF THE CHURCH

83) 59-1227E A Super Sense Rev. William Marrion Branham

16 It's official, as long as the church. In our church, it's the sovereignty of the church. The church moves, or puts in the trustee, the church moves the pastor, or puts in the pastor. Whatever it is, it is the church in all. That's apostolic. That's the way it was did in the Bible time. Therefore, we feel that no one person, then, is a dictator or something in the church. We don't want that. Every man, every person, myself, in voting in anyone, and just got one vote, just like any other person of the church here, just one vote. Isn't what I say; it's what the church says, see, what the church says in the body. You like that? Oh, I think that's just Scriptural. That's the way it should be.

84) 58-0720E The Placing Of Deacons Rev. William Marrion Branham

1 And, that is, that the first is the placing some deacons into the church. And our little church here is sovereign. It doesn't have any denomination or anything to send its deacons, it elects its own deacons. It elects its pastor, it elects its trustees, it elects everything that comes in and out of the church. No one person has the say-so over anything, it's the church. And the church are those who come and support the church with their presence, with their tithe and offerings, are always the ones that has legal say-so in the placing of such.

Rev. William Marrion Branham 26 But I believe in the supreme authority of the local assembly. Yes. Let each church be its own, choose its pastors, its deacons, its, whatever it is. And then, that way, the man in there has no bishop over him. The Holy Spirit wants to speak something to that church, they don't have to ask anybody about whether they could do this or do that. It's the individual in contact with the Holy Spirit. Show me by the Bible what's greater, in the Bible, than a local elder to a local church? That's right, yes, sir, the sovereignty of the local church, each church in itself. Now, brotherhood, that's wonderful. All churches ought to be in a brotherhood like that,

86) 57-0922E Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2 Rev. William Marrion Branham

together. But the sovereignty of local church!

281 Therefore, no one person has nothing to do in this. It's the majority of the people. Yes, sir. If twenty votes for him, and twenty-one votes against him, he goes; or, vice versa. See? **That is, it's the sovereignty of the local church and, then, each one of the members has a say-so in the church.** Anything goes on, wrong, then they can come right around, **and the only thing they have**

to do is to be before God that they are absolutely see that nothing hinders the moving of the church.

282 But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor. Read that in the Bible, see if that's not Bible order. That's exactly right. There is no one above the elder. I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here. That's up to you and Brother Neville.

292 Now, if there's anything wrong in the church that you ever know of, some individual or some person or anything, you are duty bound and will answer before God if you don't clear that thing out; you, the church. Now, remember, it's not on my shoulders. It's on yours. And anything wrong in the church, God will make you answer for it. That's right. That's the way He runs His church. That's the way it is in the Bible. That's the order of the Bible. That's the sovereignty of the local church. The pastor is the head. That's right. Amen.

87) 61-0425B The Godhead Explained Rev. William Marrion Branham

- **52** Now, the Baptist church is a sovereign church. We—we all know that, that it's a—it's a...You can preach about anything you want to, if your congregation will stand for it. They just...You want to preach whatever you wish.
- 53 And I like that, see, because I believe it's apostolic. Because, the head, the highest order in the church, is the shepherd, we realize that, the pastor. And—and if the—the...If some bishop or somebody else is going to knock the revelation out of the pastor, then how is the God going to ever work in his church? You see, you just can't get it.

WHAT IS APOSTASY

88) 65-0725M The Anointed Ones At The End Time Rev. William Marrion Branham

162 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith that was once delivered to the saints, of course.

"Concerning the Faith." "And he shall turn the Faith of the fathers, or the children, back to the fathers."

163 "Reprobate concerning the Faith." <u>Uh! You know what reprobate</u> means? If you got a Scofield Bible, there's a "h" there. Right up there, says, "apostasy." An apostasy, that's what it is.

89) 60-1204E The Patmos Vision Rev. William Marrion Branham

64 And every evil, listen, as we go into the church ages, every evil that was in that first church, lapped over into the next one. **Just kept going on down until finally it ends up in complete apostasy in the last day.** Every evil just keeps lapping over in each church, every little ism that started out. **Like in Genesis, the vine, started growing, it weaved its way through the church and comes out in the last days**. No wonder the Bible said, "Blessed are they that escape in that day." Yes, sir, that escape all these things.

90) 54-0514 The Seal Of God

Rev. William Marrion Branham

87 And, remember, that we found, without one mistake, that the mark of the beast is a mark of apostasy, that is, church members hanging to their church instead of walking in the Light. They reject Light, and there is nothing left but darkness. That's right, both Catholic and Protestant. There was "a beast, a whore," and she has "harlot" daughters. And these harlot daughters, when

they broke forth, they were virgin from the Light of that day, and they organized and bringing people down here, back into here, making them the same kind of a thing that Rome was in the beginning. The Bible said so. "The beast; and an image to the beast; the letter of his name," and so forth.

91) 64-0618 The Presence Of God Unrecognized Rev. William Marrion Branham

121 Look at the world, in the position; now, that's the world. Look at the church, where it is. Look where it's at, "falling away, lukewarm, Laodicea, putting out the Word." The whole thing going into the big council of churches, the World Council of Churches, forming the mark of the beast; which the Bible proclaims is wrong, and all those things, and yet the Protestants driving right into it, headlong, not knowing the Scripture. Their tradition! Oh, they are wanting a—a—a—a power man, and they're going to get one. They'll see that they get it.

92) 64-0726E Broken Cisterns Rev. William Marrion Branham

43 There is only two classes of people will be on the earth: those with the Seal of God, and those with the mark of the beast. Only two classes, so you'll have to have one or the other. It'll be an apostasy, a—a mark of—of religion, apostate religion.

93) CURCH AGE BOOK Chapter 3, Page 92-93 The Ephesian Church Age Rev. William Marrion Branham

Alright. Now what was the spiritual climate of that church? It had left its first love. Leaving its first love of the Word of God was revealed to us as having fallen from its origin, which was Pentecost. In plain English, that means this church was in danger of being taken away from the leading of the Holy Spirit, the control of the Spirit. This was exactly what took place after Moses led Israel out of Egypt. **The way of God was**

to lead them by the cloud of fire, prophetic utterance, miracles and signs, and God-given wonders. This was to be accomplished by "God-selected," and "God-ordained," and "God-equipped," and "God-sent" men, with the whole camp being dominated by a Holy Ghost move. They rebelled and wanted a set of rules and creeds to go by. Then they wanted a king. Then they wanted to be exactly like the world and went into complete apostasy and oblivion. That is exactly how the first church age started, and it will get worse and worse, until the Holy Spirit is completely rejected and God must destroy the people.

94) 60-0221 Hearing, Recognizing, Acting On The Word Of God Rev. William Marrion Branham

146 And Jesus predicts that this Holy Spirit, in the last days, would be the Seal of God.

Now, what would be the mark of the beast? Would be to reject

the Seal of God. For, all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast.

And if it's two spiritual marks, one of them will be a true mark of God, the other one will be apostasy. Can you see it?

95) 64-0726E Broken Cisterns Rev. William Marrion Branham

42 Look in the old Roman empire. That's exactly what led them to **that mark of an apostasy.** You found out that no man could buy or sell without **the mark of the beast.** He had to have it.

43 There is only two classes of people will be on the earth: those with the Seal of God, and those with the mark of the beast. Only two classes, so you'll have to have one or the other. It'll be an apostasy, a—a mark of—of religion, apostate religion.

96) 54-0513 The Mark Of The Beast Rev. William Marrion Branham

178 Remember, there is two marks; one is apostasy, the other one is the Holy Spirit. One is the mark of the devil.

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Now you see what the mark of the beast is? It's the mark of apostasy. It's a person who is a...just thinks, that, "Well, I belong to church, and I'm just as good as the next fellow. Am not I belonging to this church?" And you realize, where your church organization that you're depending on, where it come from? Do your realize?

97) 60-1205 The Ephesian Church Age Rev. William Marrion Branham

85 See, that apostasy had already begin to set in, in this first age. Already started right there; because the elect and true Church who wanted to keep the precepts of the Bible, and keep the Words that Jesus said in His testimony, they had already begin to pull away. Something begin to happen, and there had been false teachers rise up, people who were teaching wrong, contrary to the Scripture, trying to bring in something or add something.