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There are a few things I would like to say today in connection with the proclamation of the Word which we indeed hear and take to heart in abundance in this place. As regards the opening word, I would like to read briefly from Hebrews 12, Hebrews 12, from verse 22, Hebrews 12, verse 22:

[22] ***But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,***

[23] ***To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,***

[24] ***And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things that that of Abel.***

A truly wonderful passage. There are, after all, several scriptures in the Old Testament which speak of God's desire to establish a new covenant. For example, in the book of Jeremiah, chapter 31, the chapter which also speaks of the return of the scattered people of Israel. Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 31:

[31] ***Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.***

I do not wish to read much further. Anyone who wishes to, may do so. Here we are told that God intended to make a new covenant. We all know where he made the first covenant. Everyone is familiar with the making of the covenant. Everyone knows about the giving of the law.

The Lord God came down upon Mount Sinai, spoke to Moses, and the whole people heard the voice of the Lord. And they were afraid, because the Lord's voice was so mighty, and the fire or smoke rose up. For God had come down in that fire to give his Word. The people were afraid, but then they were sprinkled with blood. And God consecrated or gave the first covenant to the people of Israel through Moses.

Then came the promise that he would establish a new covenant, and the entire New Testament bears witness to this covenant which God has established. And if the

promise is found in the Old Testament, that God will establish a new covenant, then we are entitled to ask, when did God establish this covenant and where did God establish it? And there we hear our Lord say in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 26, verse 26 and 27: ***"This is the new covenant in my blood."*** At that time the people and the book were sprinkled with blood. Here was a new covenant, and the Redeemer himself has by his grace given his blood and thus his life for us, the children of the new covenant.

And we believe that Israel too is included in this new covenant and will ultimately be brought into it at its fulfillment. God began with Israel, God will finish with Israel, and in between lies the church from the nations. We do not wish to go into further detail on this subject. It has been explained often enough.

In any case, God has a plan, a plan of salvation for humanity. And we must allow ourselves to be fitted into this divine plan of salvation and become part of what God is doing in our day. Here we have the freedom to speak also of what has happened in our generation.

Everyone else might perhaps say "4000 years ago God did this," for which we are also grateful and "2000 years ago God did that." We can bear witness to what God has done in our generation. Witness to God's supernatural work. Witness to the confirmation of the Word through great signs and wonders. Witness to what was promised and to what is being fulfilled before our very eyes.

There are promises for Israel. There are promises for the church. And as regards the end times, we have references in the Old and New Testament, in the Gospels and in the Epistles to what is to happen at the end of the age. And since we are now living in the last days, we would do well to examine this prophetic part of the plan of salvation in particular, to gain very certain guidance and direction, so that we do not merely speculate about what ought to be done, but know God does what He has promised. For God's Word remains forever.

As far as political events are concerned, there is much about them in the Word of God. In the Book of Haggai, chapter 2, we are told the following. Haggai 2, verse 21:

[21] ***Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth,***

[22] ***And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.***

If one looks up this word ***"shake"*** in the epistle to the Hebrews, Hebrews 12, verse 26, one will see that the man of God in the New Testament has taken this word from Haggai and explained that in the end God will shake heaven and earth. Political circumstances too must fall into place within God's timetable for the end times.

As regards the people of Israel as a whole, once the gathering of the church from the nations is complete, the two prophets, whose ministry is similar to that of Elijah and Moses, will appear. According to Zechariah 4, also in the Old Testament, the prophet saw these two men of God as two olive trees beside the lampstand. [Zech 4:11] The lampstand represents the church, and the two olive trees, the two prophets, who will then appear in Israel, are outside this lampstand. This means that they will not appear during the age of the church, but only once the full number of the Gentiles has entered the church, Romans chapter 11, from verse 26, then God will turn to Israel, and these two prophets will then proclaim the Word of the Lord, the prophetic Word, in Jerusalem for three and a half years.

To be honest, it saddens me every time I hear that anyone, especially the Gentile brothers, with their doctrine of the Trinity, goes to the people of Israel to try to make them believers. Rather, these so-called missionaries ought to become Bible believers in the one true God, besides whom there is no other, before they go there. And let it also be said to them, they might as well save themselves the journey. We must respect God's plan of salvation as it has been set out for us in the Word of God by grace.

And as our brother from Tschenstochau said, this Pope has now made his fourth journey there. He will make many more journeys yet. But just imagine, there is a black Madonna. I don't know who she is supposed to be or who made her. But when one thinks of the black Madonna, one really sees black. And now a lifeless image is supposed to pray the rosary. How that is supposed to happen, nobody knows either.

The masses are being deceived, time and again, in the most pious of ways. And they don't realize it. They think Peter was the first Pope. Peter wasn't a Pope at all. And the first three centuries didn't have a single Pope. There simply wasn't one.

But you know of course, that the Popes have been very clever. And there came a time, when they traced back the history of the church and drew up a list quite arbitrarily. Peter, and then 45 others, until it was Leo's first turn. So that in all their cunning, they created a list of Popes for themselves, without any break, from Peter right up to the present day, the 265th Pope. That's how clever they were.

Even though the entire history of the church contradicts it, they nevertheless drew up their own list with names and dates, so as to be able to keep the masses ensnared in lies and deception. That simply isn't true. It's a distortion of church history. And anyone who has read it, both the Catholic and the Protestant versions, will know that even at the Council of Nicaea in 325, Arius and Athanasius, the two leading figures, knew nothing of a papacy and nothing of the primacy of a Roman bishop, not even at the Council of Chalcedon in 381.

So, one forgery after another, and one deception after another, one dogma after another. And this whole deception must now somehow be brought to light. For even amongst the Protestants, there are no longer any who still protest. They have all turned towards Rome. And we in this place turn away from Rome and

towards Jerusalem, to the Word of God, which went forth from Mount Zion and from Jerusalem, to the original Word of our God, the Old and New Testament.

Last night I read the quotation from Brother Branham's sermon concerning political developments, the sermon of the 6th of August 1961, and here, at the very end, Brother Branham says, after setting out God's plan of salvation and shedding light on the end times, Brother Branham says:

**Aren't you glad?**

**Back to the message, brother.**

**Back to the original.**

**Back to Pentecost.**

**Back to the real blessing.**

**Back to the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Back to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**

**Back to the signs and wonders.**

**Back to Pentecost.**

**Away with your organizations.**

**Back to the Holy Ghost.**

**He is our teacher.**

**Our Lord said back then**: "***When I have gone away, the Spirit of Truth will come. He will guide you into all truth. He will teach you all things.***" [Joh 14:26; Joh 16:13]

And then Brother Branham emphasizes it once more and says here:

**Back to the message.**

**Back to the beginning.**

**Back to what Paul taught.**

**Back to the baptism as he baptized.**

He had seen people who had been baptized differently and they had to be re-baptized. [Act 19:3-5]

And he said: "***Even if an angel from heaven were to preach anything else to you, let him be accursed.***" [Gal 1:8]

So back to the message. My friends, back, for it is evening.

We believe with all our hearts that God had men. And today I have brought with me Herder's German Encyclopedia. This is the Catholic account of history, history of the church in our country, the largest in the entire German-speaking world and perhaps even in the world. The Protestant version is written by Dr. von Hutten in Stuttgart and here it is the Herder Verlag, that is the publisher. And I am reading this very briefly on purpose now. It is here on page 123 of this encyclopedia, which has over 1000 pages, "*the Branham Movement*". I read: "*William Branham, 1909–1965, was one of the American healing evangelists of the 1940s and 1950s. From childhood he had supernatural experiences, apparitions of angels and other heavenly signs accompanied him. Unusual miracle healings took place at his mass gatherings. During the last three years of his life he became a preacher of the end times. His followers regarded him as an end time prophet, the messenger of the final church age, the Elijah and forerunner of the returning Christ. In his end time preaching he set out God's apocalyptic timetable, holding very specific views on God's judgment. Branham also found followers in Germany. After he had appeared in Karlsruhe in 1955, a group formed in Krefeld, from which, under the leadership of Ewald Frank, born 1933, a church emerged, the Free People's Mission. Within this church, belief in the Trinity is rejected, baptism is performed in the name of Jesus, as is rebaptism. To this day, Ewald Frank continues to publish Brother Branham's sermons and messages in an ongoing series of publications…*" up to here, from page 123 of this book, to show that these people too are very well informed.

I shall read very briefly from page 151, specifically the following. Page 151, on the Second Vatican Council: "*Since the Second Vatican Council in its decree on ecumenism has now also taken into account those Christians who believe in the Trinity of God, it must be examined to what extent particular fellowships that reject the belief in the Trinity are still Christian.*" Have you understood that? So, it is stated very clearly here that only those Christians who can participate in this full communion, those who believe in the Trinity, are being considered. But God does not consist in three. God is one God. And this one God has revealed Himself in heaven as the Father, on earth in the Son, and then through the Holy Spirit. Yet He remains eternally one and the same God, God above us, God among us, God within us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one true God.

But we can already see where this leads, namely those who reject this constructed doctrine of the Trinity, which arose following the Council of Nicaea. The Roman Church prefers to use the term "Trinity" rather than "Triune God". So Christians who reject this belief are in the eyes of this Church simply not Christians. That is the question here, whether they should still be classified as Christian. And make no mistake, I'm deliberately reading just very quickly and very briefly from page 200 or page 293. That astonished me myself. As you know, Brother Branham was deeply moved by God to show the sisters their place, including with regard to the wearing of jewelry, clothing and hairstyles. Here in this encyclopedia it is stated: "*Jewelry, the wearing of trousers or short haircuts are forbidden in the Branham movement.*"

So they know more than we would like them to. We have of course already read about certain things in the history of the Swiss church and in another source and now most recently in the German encyclopedia as well. We are not afraid, whatever may come. We stand firm on the Word of God. And if God is with us, then we are the overwhelming majority. Even if a thousand fall on our right and ten thousand on our left, we shall stand firm on the Word of God, for we have been destined for this and have become part of the Word by grace. [Psa 91:7]

We spoke yesterday about this intermingling and when one sees how this intermingling has been orchestrated, the way in which the whole world is being made drunk, exactly as it is written in the prophet Jeremiah. And it is also good to know that not only the New Testament, but also the Old Testament has already spoken of this and that prophets and apostles were enlightened by the same Holy Spirit and spoke of the same things. Jeremiah chapter 51, verse 7:

[7] ***Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.***

Just as a person who drinks too much wine begins to stagger about and can no longer find the straight path, so here it is shown spiritually that this great Babylon, right? Everyone knows what is meant by this. Light is shed on the Old Testament by the New Testament and from the Old unto the New and from the New unto the Old. That is why one must always read both. Babylon has been a golden cup. The Pope has the golden cup. He has the golden telephone. He has much more besides in gold. Anyone who sees the treasuries will be able to judge this properly. "***Babylon has been a golden cup in the Lord's hand that made all the earth drunken.***" But there is one exception on earth and that is God's chosen ones who do not drink from Babylon's golden cup but have taken the cup of salvation, who can say: ***"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage."*** [Psa 16:6]

Verse 8 reads:

[8] ***Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.***

And now it comes.

[9] ***We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.***

In Revelation 19 and particularly in Revelation 18 we are told three times that in a single hour this great city of Babylon which has ruled over the kings of the earth will be destroyed and all who have traded with her will see her from afar and mourn. To make this even clearer in the book of Jeremiah I read verse 13:

[13] ***O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.***

[14] ***The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.***

What moves me deeply in this context is the fact, as I read it last night and one can also read here in this great encyclopedia, how the Pentecostal movement's rapprochement with the Roman Catholic Church is being driven forward at the expense of the truth, and what unites them is the belief in the Trinity, the belief that the person of the Holy Spirit is just as important. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, and that is the pure truth. The Spirit of God was already hovering over the waters in the beginning in the Old Testament. I can read it to you from the account of creation from Genesis chapter 1, verses 1 and 2:

[1] ***In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.***

[2] ***And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.***

All the prophets knew this. Moses knew this. Elijah knew this. Everyone knew this. No one spoke of a second or third person. Everyone spoke of one God, who is King and Judge, Creator and Sustainer. And we have the same testimony in the New Testament. For the church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. [Eph 2:20] Is it not written in Isaiah 8? ***"Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a precious cornerstone."*** [Isa 28:16] Shall we take a quick look? It must be Isaiah chapter 8. Isaiah chapter 8 and also in other chapters. Here in Isaiah 8, verse 13 it says:

[13] ***Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.***

[14] ***And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.***

[15] ***And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.***

The problem in the days of our Lord was that the clergy's conception of the Messiah was quite different from what God had announced in His Word. There were ample promises from Genesis 3, verse 15 where the seed was foretold who would come through the woman and crush the serpent's head right through to the promise, ***"Behold, your king comes to you,"*** Zechariah 9, verse 9, ***"riding on a donkey's colt."*** In between lie all the prophecies, including that of Micah 5, ***"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of***

***Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel."*** [Mic 5:1] And he was born in Bethlehem; he is the Lord. But the Lord, who is also King, had to become man; he had to become mortal in the flesh.

And I shall tell you why: to take away the power of death. For his kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and there is no end to his reign.

The disciples asked: ***"Are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?"*** The Lord said: ***"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, but ye shall be endued with power from on high."*** [Act 1:6-8] This King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, who alone possessed immortality, had to become mortal in the flesh. Have we understood that? For God had said to the first man: ***"On the day you eat of it ye shall surely die."*** [Gen 2:17] Thus death has come upon all mankind. [Rom 5:12] If then the kingdom of God is an eternal kingdom, then the eternal kingdom of God must consist of people who have eternal life. What use is an eternal kingdom if today I live, tomorrow I die? That would surely not be the kingdom of God.

The Holy Scripture tells us, through the prophet Isaiah, and also in the book of Revelation, that death will be no more. [Isa 25:8; Act 21:4] And we believe this with all our hearts. Isaiah chapter 25, verse 8:

[8] ***He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.***

Amen.

So, the King of Kings, had to overshadow Mary through the Holy Spirit, creating this life within her, and this life developed. [Luk 1:35] And lo and behold, Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus Christ, our Lord, was born into this world, so that we, who were born into this world, might find redemption, not only from sin, but even from death. And that is why Paul was already able to exclaim in 1 Corinthians 15: ***"O death, where is thy sting? O hell, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*** [1Cor 15:55, 57]

Peter writes in 1 Peter 3, from verse 16, that Christ died according to the flesh. In the Spirit, He went down to preach to the spirits in prison. [1Pet 3:19] These are in fact passages that ought to be read with particular emphasis here today. Perhaps, we shall read these two scriptures now, and you will see why they are important. In 1 Peter 3, we read from verse 19, so that we may make good use of the time:

[19] ***By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison,***

[20] ***Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.***

This is complemented by 2 Peter 2, from verse 4. 2 Peter 2, verse 4:

[4] ***For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment...***

Please consider the context.

[5] ***And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.***

Last night we drew a parallel between Genesis 6 and Luke 17, roughly from verse 30 onwards, specifically our Lord's words: ***"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be."*** [Luk 17:26, 30] I would like to say it once again here today. It is not enough for us to skim over this passage carelessly. They were marrying and giving in in marriage and knew not until the flood came. [Mt 24:38-39] That is true. That is how it was. But who was courting whom? What was it all about?

We already mentioned yesterday that a mixing of the peoples is now taking place, the like of which has never been seen on earth. And if we turn to Genesis 3, Eve was the first to fall for the enemy's lie. And ever since then there have been repeated separations and repeated mixings. If we look at the people of Israel, who were given as an example, there were always glorious new beginnings. And after that came the time of testing. And during this time of testing there was the trial, which one either passed or failed, remaining on God's side or intermingling.

What happened according to God's testimony in Genesis 6, that is, before the flood came upon the earth, since the Lord said: ***"As it was in those days, so it will be in the days when the Son of Man is revealed"***? [Lk 17:26, 30] We have the right and the duty to shed light on these days to which the Lord referred and to see what they were all about. It was also said that at that time the two lineages really did exist and I have written it in my book: "Science has examined skeletons and they say: Here is a species that cannot be classified." And in the English language everyone is familiar with the phrase "the missing link". So something is missing here.

Here is one genus, here the second. Here man, here animal. But something is missing here and that is the lineage of Cain. Scientists cannot know this because they have no divine revelation. We are privileged to know it by grace.

In any case, the sixth chapter of Genesis speaks of these two lines. One was the human line, the other the divine. And that is why one line was called "the children of men" and the other "the children of God". [Gen 6:2] The line of Seth were the children of God. The line of Cain was the human line. And so it came to pass that these two lineages crossed, intermingled and intermarried and thus God decreed the end of all flesh of both lineages. And concerning this divine lineage He said: ***"My spirit shall not always strive with man."*** [Gen 6:3] If anyone thinks that these sons of God were angels, fallen angels, they are mistaken.

As for where the fallen angels are, we have just read in the second epistle of Peter

that they were cast down into darkness and are awaiting the day of judgment. [2Pet 2:4] If this is true, then say "Amen". That is what we have read.

And by the way, it is written that angels neither marry nor are given in marriage. [Mat 22:30] And in the completion, you are all familiar with a question posed by the scribes. There was a woman and this woman had for some reason been unlucky in life. Her first husband died, then the second, the third, the fourth and then the seventh. [Mat 22:23-25] You all know the Bible story of our Lord. They were brothers who according to the old law had to procreate in order to preserve the tribe and the lineage. [Deu 25:5] And lo and behold, what happened? Then they asked of these seven, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? [Mat 22:28] And the Lord says: ***"Have you not understood? In the resurrection there is no marriage. They shall be like the angels."*** [Mat 22:29-30]

So these sons of God are 100% the line of Seth, the line of Seth blessed by God. These are the children of God. One might say in this regard, "Thus saith the Lord." One might say, "Thus says the Word of God." One might say, "This is the absolute truth." One could underpin this fact with some very powerful statements.

And look, at the time when the prophet Noah brought God's message, even this line of the children of God did not heed him. They went along with the rest of the crowd and even gave their sons to the daughters of the other side. [Gen 6:2] They courted and were courted. So, some did it of their own accord, others were pushed into it. In any case, it was done. And God did not want that. God wanted the Messiah, according to the flesh, to come from the pure, holy line, which can then be traced right back to Mary in the New Testament. [Luk 3:38] And so he decreed the end of all flesh in order to repopulate the earth anew through Noah's three sons without this terrible intermingling. [Gen 6:13]

When it is said, "***as it was in those days, so it will be in the days when the Son of Man is revealed***" [Lk 17:26, 30], then we have the right and the duty to ask: "How is it happening today?" Today there is spiritual intermingling. The children of God no longer allow themselves to be disciplined by the Spirit of God.

And that brings us to the point which I first heard, probably in 1962, when brother Branham spoke about the denominations, using Revelation 17 to illustrate this, and referred to the first organization, the Roman Church, as the Mother Church, and described all the other organized religions that have become denominations as its daughters. [Rev 17:5] It's written there, in Revelation chapter 17, precisely about this mother and then also about her harlots or her daughters. You know the Holy Scriptures, of course. And then brother Branham made a very powerful statement that shook me to the core. He said: **"All denominations are antichrist movements."**

And I have been able to understand that to a certain extent because every denomination naturally bears the mark, the distinguishing sign of the first denomination.

That is also what the Holy Scriptures say about the mark of the first power, which is described as the power of the beast. [Rev 13:16-17]

But when he then repeated himself and underlined, highlighted and emphasized this, he said: **"All denominations are antichrist movements, including the Pentecostal denomination."**

Then I startled. Such a shock ran through me. It went right through my whole body. And I thought to myself: "Man of God, I hope you haven't gone too far with your judgment." Please put yourselves in my position and then imagine the year 1962. At that time I too was in the early stages of this divine instruction without the overview that I have today by God's grace.

But look at what is now happening on earth. I read it out loud yesterday. Regular conferences between Pentecostal delegations and the Roman Church have been taking place since 1971. The German Cardinal Bea set the whole process in motion and from the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to 1965 the course was set. Charismatic movements are everywhere, hands are raised everywhere, singing in the Spirit takes place everywhere. My beloved brothers from Wroclaw, the melody in this singing reminds me very much of the peculiar singing of Catholic priests when they sing a little in Latin.

And I ask myself, who is setting this melody, where does it come from? I have been to charismatic gatherings and was very surprised at how much this melody resembles the way a Catholic priest performs it during the liturgy, singing and swaying from right to left. That is how they sing in charismatic gatherings. And the two have come together, Pentecostalism and the Catholic Church and everything in between is swept up and must go along with it. Had they started with the Methodists or the Baptists, it would have been difficult to make headway with the Pentecostals. But it was started quite correctly, namely directly from the last denomination that will ever exist on earth, straight to the first and everything in between has been included.

Everywhere, as I have already said, there is charismatic worship, everywhere there is singing in tongues and I wish we could experience the day as I did in 1953 at a conference, a Pentecostal conference in the city of Kassel, when I had to stop in the middle of the sermon, because a song in tongues rose up amidst the service, but not as the priest sings, rather a heavenly song. And in the blink of an eye, baptisms in the Spirit took place and the whole congregation sang to the Lord in new tongues and praised the Lord. We believe in this place, in the true baptism in the Spirit. We believe in speaking in tongues, in prophecy, in miracles, in all nine gifts of the Spirit. [1Cor 12:8-10] However, we believe that everything must be tested and that is to be done by the standard of the Word of God.

And if it does not agree with the Word, there is a beautiful passage in the Prophet Isaiah chapter 8, though unfortunately only in the English translation. It says: ***"If***

***they do not speak in accordance with the Law and the Prophets, there is no light in them."*** [Isa 8:20]

I really like that translation.

Back then, in the first Church Age message at Ephesus, the test came and it says: ***"You have tried those who claimed to be apostles and found them to be liars."*** [Rev 2:2]

They were able to compare whether these men in disguise, who claimed to be apostles, had truly been sent by the Lord, namely by seeing whether they preached as the Lord's apostles had preached, whether they baptized in the same way, and whether everything that took place there was in accordance with what happened at the beginning. And because this was not the case, they were able to discern. Many wish to possess a gift of discernment that floats somewhere in a vacuum. We can only discern when we know and understand what is right on the basis of the Word of God. Only then are we able to discern matters as God would have them discerned. If not, then our discernment will be such that everything that happens amongst us is right and whatever happens amongst others is wrong.

That, after all, is the sort of general discernment that the whole world possesses, especially the religious world.

What is it about today? To discern clearly and distinctly on the basis of the Word of God, not to mix things up, but as it is written: ***"Ye my people, be ye separate, do not touch the unclean thing, and then you shall be my people and I will be your God. Ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord the Almighty."*** [2Cor 6:17-18]

So, there is a calling out of the Church of the Living God. And this Church itself, according to 1 Timothy 3, verse 15, is the pillar and foundation of the truth. Truth is found in the Church, but the Church is built upon the right foundation, upon the true ground of the Apostles and Prophets, and thus it is bearer of both, the pillar and foundation of the truth. No mixing, but a calling out and setting apart.

Consider what happened to Israel. ***"I have chosen you as the smallest of all nations, because I have shown you favor. I have set you apart."*** [Deu 7:6-7] And what did God say? ***"Do not take wives from among the daughters of all the nations whom I have delivered into the hands of my enemies."*** [Deu 7:3]

And what did Balaam do, the false prophet, whom Joshua describes as a fortune teller? [Num 22:5; Jos 13:22] He could not curse Israel, but he could bring them down by saying: "We are all the same. We serve the same God. Your God is our God, so your daughters may marry our sons." [Num 25:1; Num 31:16] And immediately God's judgment came, and 23,000 people died in a single day. [Num 25:9; 1Cor 10:8] And if you read about Israel's return after the 70-year captivity, particularly in the books of Nehemiah and Ezra, you will see that all foreign wives had to be sent

away. [Esr 10:11; Neh 13:23] A purification and sanctification took place amongst the returned people of Israel. This must happen here too.

For behold, "wife" in the prophetic word signifies the church. God spoke to Hosea concerning Israel: ***"My wife has been unfaithful to me."*** [Hos 2:2; Hos 3:1] Through the prophet Jeremiah, God did the same. He says: ***"I took you in the prime of your youth, yet now you have been unfaithful to me, just as a wife is unfaithful to her husband."*** [Jer 3:20] God has used this image.

In the New Testament, there are only two images in the prophetic word involving a woman. One is in Revelation 12, a woman clothed with the sun with a crown of twelve stars on her head, which signifies that the New Testament church, overshadowed by the sun of righteousness, and is crowned with the doctrine of the 12 apostles. [Rev 12:1] And, by the way, Brother Branham said there too, It's not my own idea.

And then, Revelation 17, the woman, the great whore, riding on a beast. [Rev 17:1, 3] It's not the beast riding on her, but she on the beast. And this tells us, very clearly, that it is not the final political power that will rule over the final religious power, but the final religious world power will rule over the final political power and hold the reins.

Do not worry. There is only one person on the whole face of the earth to whom all kings and princes, all presidents and dictators, whoever they may be, have come and will continue to come, all church leaders, all denominations, are knocking down the Vatican's doors because they do not want to be too late.

If the Pentecostals, who were present on Azusa Street when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place in 1906, or those who were here in the city of Kassel, or wherever they may have been, in Mülheim an der Ruhr with Pastor Paul, wherever they may have been, if they were to see today that these children's children are no longer children of God, but grandchildren, and du Plessis, who travelled with Brother Branham in those days and built a bridge between the Pentecostals and the Roman Catholic Church, was it not he who coined that beautiful phrase: "God has no grandchildren, only children"? What is the situation today? Are all those many grandchildren of the first Pentecostal generation still children of God? Or are they Pentecostal children, Baptist children, Methodist children, belonging to a denomination without having had a personal experience of salvation with God?

Beloved, in this place the Word of God is to be preached in such a way that everyone personally experiences salvation with their God. Even children are not believers, simply because their parents were believers. Everyone must have their own personal experience with God. So, not a mingling, but a separation, a calling out, a preparation and the completion of the Bride Church of Jesus Christ.

And today, on this very day, I would like to thank God sincerely and honestly with all my heart for the sending of His servant and prophet, William Branham. Without his ministry, we would not have known these things. We would have gone down the

same wrong path as the masses, accompanied by drums and trumpets and much hallelujahs. It is by grace alone that we are able to discern, because we have heard and received the Word in truth and it has been revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. Today we are able to discern.

And another thought occurs to me when I read that the Pentecostal delegation discussed evangelism with a Catholic delegation and reached a broad consensus. I ask myself, and I mean this in all seriousness, if we were to ask this Pentecostal delegation to hold talks with us, would agreement be possible? No, and no again. Do you see what this is all about?

O Church of the Living God, the Lamb's Bride redeemed by His blood, take the Word of our Lord to heart and allow yourselves to be called out, set apart, cleansed and purified and touch not the unclean thing. May the old living remain where it belongs and may we become an unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. [1Cor 5:7-8] O how grateful we can be for God's Word! Say hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise and honor be to the Living God, the Old and New Testament are illuminated by God and the entire Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit.

Now we see what is happening to Israel. We recognize what the days of Noah signify. We see anew the crossbreeding, the intermingling. Children of God no longer allow themselves to be chastened by the Spirit of God. They mock the prophet and say "we have the Word, we have Christ, we do not need a prophet." I would not have needed one either to go astray, but to find God's true way, to recognize the difference, I and everyone else have needed a man sent by God. Praise be to the glorious name of our Lord.

We are not ashamed of this. On the contrary, we are grateful. A man sent by God with God's message to God's people in these days. And so may each and every one of us be granted a grateful heart today. And as we give thanks today, truly from the depths of our hearts, for redemption and forgiveness, for salvation and deliverance, for all that has become great and precious to us, let us now give thanks to the Lord, our God, in a prayer together.

We are the chosen generation. We are a royal priesthood. [1Pt 2:9] We are a people acquired as God's own possession. Let us praise the Lord for this. Not only we here in this place, but many, namely all who belong to the Church of the Firstborn, as we read in Hebrews 12, for they indeed belong to the Church of the Living God. [Heb 12:23] But we, here in this place on this day, wish to offer such thanks to the Lord.

For just imagine, we all would have overlooked the matter itself. We would had been unaware of it. And if anyone comes to me and says: "Huh, we already knew everything", then I say to you: "You do not yet know today what you ought to know, if you think you already knew everything." After all, it is written in the prophet Isaiah: ***"Do not say, I knew it before this day."*** [Isa 48:7] Do you all know that scripture?

God has always certain days, certain times. This is our day, our time. Praise be to his glorious name. Let us stand and give thanks to the Lord together. Brother Russ will give thanks and we all join him.

Faithful God, we thank you most sincerely for your powerful message, for your Word in this morning hour. Lord, you have always taken your own aside and spoken to them, revealing your will to them. Lord, so too with us in these days, you have been gracious. You do nothing, Lord, unless you reveal your will to your servants, the prophets, and they must then pass it on to the people. [Amo 3:7] Lord, you have not failed to do so in our days.

Faithful God, we give you our heartfelt thanks together, O Lord, for your great grace, for your mercy, for your love for us. Lord, you have loved your people Israel, as we have heard. You love your bright church. That is why you speak to them, O Lord, and make known to them your will and all that is right and wrong, O Lord. To you be the glory, O God, for having granted your people grace and an open understanding of your Word, O Lord, of your speaking, faithful God.

Just as you said to your apostles in those days: ***"It has been given to you to know the mysteries, but to others it has not been given."*** [Mat 13:11; Luk 8:10] O Lord, you have always had a multitude who have listened to your Word, even though they had to endure tribulations, persecution, mockery and scorn. Yet they remained at your side, they remained faithful to your Word, they even went to their deaths, O Lord, and did not shrink back from bearing witness before men to what had been bestowed upon them.

Grant this to us all as well, O Lord, that we may not shrink back, but that we may know that you will be with us, that you will carry us through, Lord. Praise be to your marvelous and glorious name. We also thank you most sincerely for this morning hour, for your Word, and for all the promises which we see being fulfilled, O Lord, in your church and also among your people Israel. Bless your people, Lord. This is our heartfelt prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.