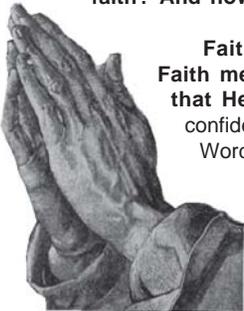


CHAPTER TWELVE



INTRODUCTION

It has been said that “All things are possible to them that believe”. And faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Ephesians 2:8-9 states, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”. How are we saved by faith? And how can we put faith into action?



Faith is a requirement for salvation. We are saved by faith. Faith means believing that God is what the Bible says He is and that He is able to do what His Word says He will do. Faith is a confident and implicit reliance upon God. It is counting Him true and His Word true, and putting that confidence into action in our lives.

Paul says, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22). Faith works with assurance. He who has faith draws nigh to God with expectation. He knows that God is true and that His promise is for him. He lays hold upon the promise because the promise belongs to him and because God is pleased to have him claim his rights in the promise. When he takes hold upon the promise, he is sure of the result.

In Galatians 5:22, faith is said to be one of the fruits of the Spirit. We have a natural faculty of faith, the sixth sense, or the power to believe. And the Spirit of God, working upon this natural power, quickens our faith and turns it into channels that lead Godward, and thus God becomes the object of our faith, not upon any system of man or denomination. It naturally follows that the more spiritual a man becomes the stronger will be his faith and the more effective it will be in its action.

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

“The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). The Christian graces flourish only in the soil of faith. Under the influence of doubt and unbelief, they droop and die. Hebrews 11:6-“ But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”. We should never trust in our works in order to maintain our righteousness. “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). That inward, conscious, satisfying knowledge of being right with God can come only by faith in the finished atonement of the blood of Jesus Christ, giving us access to the throne of God.

Brother Branham said, “Remember, you are not saved by wisdom; you are not saved by your education; you are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. You’re not saved by any good works. You’re not saved by shouting. You’re not saved by dancing in the Spirit. You’re not saved by speaking in tongues. You’re not saved by keeping sabbaths. You’re not saved by meat-eating. You’re not saved by joining church. You’re not saved by water baptism. You are saved by faith. Through grace are you saved.” (UNPARDONABLE.SIN.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-8 54-1024)

“FAITH” IS A REVELATION

Let’s read more of what Brother Branham had to say about “faith”:

“Now, “faith” is a “revelation from God.” Now, “faith” is a “revelation.” There’s where I want to stay there just a moment. It’s a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It’s nothing you did. You didn’t work yourself up into faith. You never had faith; it’s give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you; therefore, faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LAV-7 N-1 65-1126)

“But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It’s revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture. Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it’s something that’s revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn’t so. Now, faith... That’s what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body.” (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

“Faith isn’t something that’s imaginary thing. I want you to get it. Faith is a direct revelation. See, if you only accept Christ as your Saviour by an intellectual, you haven’t got it yet. You cannot say that Jesus is the Christ, until the Holy Spirit has revealed it to you.” (FAITH.ONCE.DELIVERED.TO.THE.SAINTS.title CHICAGO.IL 55-0501)

“To know Him is Life, the Person, Christ Himself, not comparing. It’s a revelation that God built His church upon. And if we don’t build upon that same church... The Bible said, “Abel, by faith...” And faith is a Divine revelation. See? Faith is a Divine revelation. All right. This whole Thing’s built upon the revelation then, and unless this is revealed to you... Jesus said, “I thank Thee, Father, that Thou has hid these things from the wise of this world, and revealed it to babes such as will learn.” See?” (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

“I tell you, faith is a great big thing when it comes on the Word of God. He’s not afraid then. Faith’s got hairs on the chest, big muscles. It says, “Shut-up.” Everything else scoots to the corner (That’s right.) when God speaks. “If ye abide in Me and My Words in you, say what you will.” There you are. Oh, I like that. Um. Devils will tremble and sinners awake. Faith in Jehovah will anything shake.” (THY.SEED.SHALL.POSSESS.GATE.title PHOENIX.AZ 62-0121M)

“When Christ died, you know what He did? He gave you a checkbook when you become His child. And at the bottom of every check it’s got Jesus’ Name. Now, the only thing you have to do is co-sign this check with Him. Sure you’re not afraid He won’t keep His—He won’t keep His Word, the bank of heaven won’t honor it. “Ask the Father anything in My Name, I’ll do it.” Oh, my, what a promise. Are you—could you put

your name on the check with Him, tonight. **“By His stripes, I was healed.** I, William Branham, was healed, nineteen hundred years ago, by His stripes.” He’s got His Name signed in His own Blood at the bottom of it. **The Father will recognize that. You just try it once.** Don’t try it, just do it. Anybody can try it. It takes somebody who knows what they’re doing to do it. That’s right. It ain’t a try. We don’t go at trying. **If you got faith, you don’t try; you go do it, because you know you can.**” (JEHOVAH.JIREH.2.title YAKIMA.WA 60-0802)

“Jesus, when they come down off the mount, He says, “Who do men say I the Son of man am?” “Some say You’re Elijah; some say You’re of the prophets, and some say You’re this, that.” He said, “But Who do you say?” Peter said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Watch. “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona (the son of Jonas); **flesh and blood never revealed this to you.**” Amen. **See, it has to come spiritual revelation.** Flesh and blood never told Abel that he was wrong—or Cain, that he was wrong, never told Abel that Cain was wrong. But it was a revelation that Abel had. It was blood. We’re coming into that question in a few minutes. It was blood, not fruit, that took us from the garden of Eden. It was blood. And **Abel by spiritual revelation was revealed of God that it was blood.** “And he, **by faith,**” Hebrews 11:1 says, “he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.” Which God accepted his sacrifice. There you are. See? **He offered it by faith, by revelation.**” (QA.HEBREWS.PART.1.title JEFF.IN COD 57-0925)

YOU ARE SAVED BY FAITH

“By faith you’re saved.” How many knows that? Though many, how many good men prays over you, how many good preachers preaches to you, **you’ve got to have your own personal faith for salvation.** Is that right? It’s your own. I don’t care how many good sermons you hear, how many good churches you belong to; **it’s your own personal faith that saves you.** How loud you cry, how much you beg, how much you scream, how much you dance in the Spirit; **you’re only saved by your faith.** Is that right? **That’s the only way you’re healed.** (AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-2 60-0911M)

“Remember, you can only be saved by your personal faith. You can only be healed by your personal faith. You believe this to be the Bible? God’s Word. You believe your pastor to be a man of God, whatever church you go to? If you don’t, you should leave it. Get to a man that is a man of God. Then if you believe him, believe he’s telling you the truth, then accept it. **Your own personal faith in Christ saves you. No matter how good your pastor is, how godly, saintly your mother is, how—how real the Word of God is, how much you cry, how much you pray; it’s your faith that saves you. By faith are you saved.**” (AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-2 60-0911M)

“For no matter how much I would pray for you, if you yourself didn’t have the faith, it wouldn’t do any good. That’s right. It takes your faith. And no matter how much I preach to you and how well I brought the Gospel to you, if ye yourself... It’s your own personal faith in Christ that saves you. Is that right? I couldn’t save you, no matter how bad I’d want to. I’ve got brothers that’s not saved. And I’ve tried my best and persuaded, and cried, and begged, and tried to stand in the breach for them. But they’ve got to have their own faith in God. Many of you Christian people here has brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and fathers, and children, and everything, unsaved. Is that right? Raise your hand. Well, you can’t save them. You can’t do what Christ has already done. Christ has saved them. Now, **the only thing they have to do is accept that salvation, God’s free gift.**” (I PERCEIVE YOU.ARE.A.PROPHET.title CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0614E)

It isn’t necessary to come up here and kneel down, and pray through until you—until you’re saved. **You’re saved already, but you have to accept it.** Your praying

doesn’t do it. **Your faith is what you’re saved by, not by prayer.** But by faith are you saved: same thing by healing. I’m sure we all understand that.” (PARADOX.A.title PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-165-0117)

TRUE FAITH IS BUILT UPON THE WORD OF GOD

“The Bible said the Gospel came to us not in word only, but through the power, manifestations of the Holy Ghost. In other words, it’s the Holy Ghost taking the Word of God and making It manifest. See? And otherwise **the only way that the signs of Mark 16 can follow the believer is that the Holy Spirit Himself takes the Word of God and demonstrates it to the people.** That’s it. **Now, faith makes that Word live.** See, the Word is God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” And then **Jesus said, “If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, ask what you will and it’ll be done for you.”** See? That’s staying with Christ in the Word. Don’t go right or left; stay right with it. See? And then it’s actually not your word then; it’s His Word, and His Word has the power and authority behind It.” (CONFIRMATION OF THE COMMISSION, TEMPE.AZ 62-0122)

“Now, the only way that a church can be built, the only way that a man can have faith is not by his denomination, not by his affiliation; but his faith rests, not upon the theology of some man’s ideas, ‘cause it’s more or less, altogether, man... **But the only way faith can find its solemn resting place is upon the immovable and unchangeable Word of God. “Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word.”** That’s how it takes. And—and when faith is heard and accepted, it’s forever settled. Nothing no more can ever move it, no matter what comes or goes. Nothing can ever change that faith. Think of that. You’re anchored, and you no more change for time and eternity. You’re anchored forever. For God by one Sacrifice has perfected forever those that are sanctified or called.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.AND.7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

“Jesus had perfect faith. He—He had it, and it come because He was the Word. And you become the Word; you become the Word, as you receive the Word. “If ye abide in Me, and My Word’s in you. My Words (which this Word) abides in you, then ask what you will, and it’ll be done for you.” See? “And if ye say to this mountain, ‘Be moved,’ and don’t doubt, but believe in what you’ve said, then you shall have what you said. **When you pray, believe that you receive what you ask for, and you shall have it; it’ll be given to you.**” Time, space, nothing else will ever change it. You know it’s done. It’s already—it’s already over with.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“And let’s remember, while we’re obeying the Spirit, one great lesson that we want to learn is never be hastily (See?), take your time, have faith. If we have asked God anything, **remember, God answers prayer.** He does it in His time, the way it’s best, makes it work just right for us. (POSITION.IN.CHRIST.title JEFF.IN AD.3 60-0522M)

FAITH IS POSITIVE , NEVER NEGATIVE

Now, **hope** is one thing and **faith** is another. **Faith is a positive sense. It’s not a guess work; you don’t just imagine it. It’s just as real as any other sense of your body, just the same as sight is.** Sight is real. Hearing is real. See, taste, feel, smell, and hear, the five senses of the body that control the body, they’re real faculties to you if none of them’s injured. And then, faith is just as real as any of the other five senses, and more real, because it’ll go in and above those five senses.” (MINISTRY.EXPLAINED_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN TUESDAY_50-0711)

“When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a perfect faith in a perfect Word, like Jesus did. The Word of God is perfect. We’re to have perfect faith in this perfect Word and resist Satan. **By His faith in—His Word we—He conquer—we can conquer anything, both death, hell, and the grave.** We know that God is God, that perfect faith in God’s perfect Word, He conquered everything that He come in contact with. **Death could not even stand in His Presence. Sickness could not stand in His Presence.** ... And now, “If ye abide in Me (Through Him, He brought the Word to you.), and My Words abide in you,” then walk in the same kind of a way: virtues flowing from you, the rivers of God’s fountains of blessing just flowing out to the people. See what I mean? **And you’re not bluffing it; you’re not imagining it. It’s actually taking place, and you see it.** If you’re just imagining it, that don’t do any good; but if it’s really there, it really happened.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

FAITH MASTERS ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

“Notice. Now, notice, perfect faith is a master of all circumstances. Perfect faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, it masters it. Now, just watch. **When you believe anything, do anything, and you got faith in what you’re doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that don’t have one thing to do with it.** See, it masters that circumstance. If it’s in a—a room of sickness, and the Lord’s revealed that this certain thing’s going to happen, you just speak it and go on. “Oh, does the...” Just don’t ask any questions. It’s already over; just keep going. See? It masters all circumstances. “Well, if you do this, So-and-so’s going to do...” That... See, it already got it mastered. See? **Faith believes that God will work it out.** “I don’t know how He’s going to do it, but He will do it anyhow.” See? It masters all circumstances. And faith and love is relations, because you can’t have faith unless you’ve got love, because your faith is in a God Who is the very essence of love. Faith and love works together.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“Joshua stopped the sun. Is that true? Somebody said, “All things are possible with God, nothing impossible.” But all things are possible to you also. Nothing impossible to them that believe. All things are possible. Brought right down and made you, if you just know Who God was. Well, **I’m afraid that the Church doesn’t know their authority.** I’m afraid that Holy Ghost born men doesn’t realize their authority where—or the authority that God has permitted to His Church. “I’ll give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom. **Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose will be loosed. I give you power over serpents, and over all kinds of diseases,** oh, everything, and nothing shall harm you.” **Exercise your faith.** Let it loose. Let God have His way. God will grant it to you.” (ATTITUDE.AND.WHO.IS.GOD?.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815)

Now God, give every man and woman, boy or girl in here faith to **believe that. The Word has been spoken.** “If you say to this mountain, **‘Be moved,’ and don’t doubt in your heart** (The prayer of faith saves the sick.), you have what you ask for.” We know that. We have that confidence in God. If we have any faith at all, if God’s living in us, we believe that.” (TRUE.SIGN.THAT’S.OVERLOOKED.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-2 61-1112)

God is not understood by knowledge; God is understood by faith. Is that right? **What if Peter would’ve tried to figure out how deep that water was, and how impossible it was for him to walk on that water; he’d have never walked. See? But he just took Christ at His Word and walked on.**” (MOSES.COMMISSION.title HOUSTON.TX 50-0110)

FEAR AND DOUBT ARE CONTRARY TO FAITH

“Peter, he was doing all right till he got scared. The Word told him he could walk on the water. He was scared first; he thought it was a—a ghost, and he said, “Lord, if it be You, bid me come to You on the water.” Said, “Come on.” Now, that’s just the same as James 5:14, same as Mark 16; it’s the same God said It, said, “Come on.” And so he started walking. He done all right, got down out of the ship, started walking on... He said, “If it’s You, bid me come to You on the water.” Jesus said, “Come on.” And he stepped down, said, “It’s the Lord, I’ll just walk.” But when he got his eyes on the waves, he got scared. What come in his mind? First thing, he... “I’m going to walk, because the Word said for me to walk.” And the next thing, he looked at his... Well, he looked at his symptoms; he looked out there and seen how big them waves was, and he got scared; and when he did, down he went. See? **What he feared, happened. What he believed, happened.** When he believed he could walk, he walked; when he believed—got scared in his belief, then his substance left him. See? He still professed his faith, but he didn’t have the substance. The substance would have went right over top of that whitecaps and went right on to Him (See?), if he has the perfect faith. See? But he didn’t have it. He thought he did. He did at first; he was willing to venture right out, “Why, the Lord told me to do it; it’s got to happen.” So he just steps right out of the boat and takes off. See? He never thought about the—the—the—the waves, how contrary they was. He never got that in his mind.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“In the Book of Job It says here, “Job feared.” And what he feared, it actually happened. What brought it? His fear. That’s what made it happen. **His faith would’ve kept him from it, but his fear brought him—**brought it to him. He was scared it was going to happen, and it did happen. Now, if it’d been—if he knowed it wouldn’t have happened, it wouldn’t have happened. See what I mean?” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

DIVINE HEALING IS BASED ON FAITH

“If I prayed for a person, and I—I’d tell them people they’re going to live. I believe they’re going to live. But no matter if my word was absolutely THUS SAITH THE LORD, and you’d disbelieve it, you’d die anyhow. Certainly. Here’s THUS SAITH THE LORD, and many of them receive it and die. Many of them go to hell, when THUS SAITH THE LORD, you don’t have to. Is that right? Sure. See, it’s what... It’s all based on your faith. And **Divine healing is based upon your faith.** But according to God’s Word, THUS SAITH THE LORD, that every person was healed when Jesus died at Calvary, “He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed.” That right? We were. **The Bible said you were healed. So don’t find fault with me. I’m just a preacher of the Word. You go tell God that He told something wrong, and God will tell you where your weakness is then.** You see? So that—it’s your faith. Jesus said, “If thou canst believe... If thou canst believe...” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

“The gift of Divine healing was in you if you got healed. It’s you, the one. Any gift operates by faith. And no matter how much gift of Divine healing I got, I believe it with all my heart. But you could stand here and, **if you haven’t got the same kind of faith, it don’t do you no good.** I could pray for you for hours and weeks and months. It isn’t the preachers with the Divine healing; it’s you that’s got the gift of Divine healing, that believes in being healed, ‘cause it’s by faith. By faith... **Every operation of God is by faith. The whole armor of God is by faith.** We haven’t got one natural thing of this world. Everything of the Christian church is a faith act. Look at the armor of God, love, joy,

peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. Is that right? Everything's supernatural, nothing natural. So we don't look at the things natural, because we're operating supernatural. **And the only way we can base it, is faith, is on what God said was the truth, and we look at the unseen.**" (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"In Acts 3:16 when Peter was asked how the mighty miracle had taken place upon the crippled one at the Gate Beautiful, he explained it on this wise, "And His (Jesus) Name **through faith in His (Jesus) Name** hath made this man (former cripple) strong, yea, the faith which is by (from) Him (Jesus) hath given him (the man) this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." See, there it is. **Jesus' Name, and Jesus' Faith brought about the miracle. Peter did not claim it was his own human faith any more than he claimed that it was his own name. He said that Jesus' Name used in the faith which is from Jesus performed that great work.** This faith is what the Lord was speaking about in Revelation 22:13. It was HIS faith. It was not faith IN Him. But it was HIS OWN faith that He had given to the believers. Romans 12:3b "According as God hath dealt to every man (according to verse 1 the men are BRETHREN) the measure of faith." Ephesians 2:8, "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that (Faith) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." And it also says in James 2:1, "My brethren (notice he, too, is talking to BRETHREN) have not the faith OF (not in) our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons." (179-2 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

TRUE FAITH COMES BY THE HOLY GHOST

"And if He has never circumcised you yet by the Holy Ghost, He hasn't received your faith yet. That's right. **That is the circumcision of the heart and spirit. God gives the Holy Ghost as a confirmation He's received your faith.** Now, if you stop believing, and scrambling around, and just believe God, God will circumcise that heart. And that cuts off all unbelief, circumcises the world and all unbelief away from you; and then you stand, the Word alone, Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you; then ask what you will; it'll be given to you." That's what's the matter with the church today. It's under emotion; it's under education; it's under creed. No wonder, it's smothered down. See? So we need a circumcision to cut the whole thing away. Come back to God and His Word, and believe It the way It's wrote there, and don't argue with It. Just stay with It. God made a promise; God keeps His promise. He can't do nothing else but keep His promise and remain God." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA.JJ.37-72.62-0705)

"Now, here it is. I want you to get it. How much more foundation could you place your faith on any level than the Word of God? What more could you put faith in? When He said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away."... Then it is a fact that God's Word is eternal. And the very world that we're sitting on top of tonight, is nothing more than the Word of God materialized. **He spoke the Word, and said, "Let there be," and the world came into existence. All things that you see was made by faith in the spoken Word of God.** God said, "Let there be," and He believed His Own Word. Well, after redemption, and a taste of God in our souls and heart, how much more ought we to base our faith on what God give us the promise for and sent Jesus to die, to redeem us to that promise." (EXPECTANCY.title OWENSBORO.KY 53-1108E)

"I'm sure the Holy Spirit is here now. I'm sure of it. And I know that what we ask, we will receive it. It might not come just right now, but it's got to come. **God's promise is true. We ask Him for anything; we don't doubt; we believe that what we ask for we get; because we met God's requirements, given our life to Him, surrendered our will to Him.** Our lives, our soul, all that we are we have surrendered to God. **Then our heart condemns us not; we can have what we ask for. "If ye abide in me and My word**

in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." **That's His promise.** Just be sure that you know God, and know that that's His promise." (BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD.title LA.CA 59-0412A)

FAITH GIVES YOU POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER THE DEVIL

"Oh, IF the great holy CHURCH only realized its POWER to do these things. But there's so much DOUBT and fear and trembling, wondering if it will, "Could it happen?" As long as that exists, the CHURCH can NEVER stand upright. And when every talk of fear is vanished and the Holy Spirit is completely in control of the CHURCH, then all fears are gone, and that Church has the POWER. See? Why, THEY have EVERYTHING that heaven owns BEHIND them. They're ambassadors of the throne. Absolutely. An ambassador of Christ has the AUTHORITY, and everything that Christ owns belongs to that ambassador. And He said, "Go ye into all the world; YOU are My witnesses after the Holy Ghost is come on YOU." And what is a witness? Is an ambassador, is to come and witness something. The WHOLE powers of heavens is right in YOUR hands. **Oh, why do we set, and the church is barren, and we set dormant? Is BECAUSE that we DON'T recognize these things.**" (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.title JONESBORO.AR 53-0506)

"Then JESUS in His Church today, would be just as POWERLESS as your FAITH is, and just as POWERFUL as your faith is. He'd be limited to whatever God would tell him to do, that he could do. And if Jesus was here tonight, He might stand before you, or you stand before Him, He'd tell you your life. He might know what was going on. He might know what you've done, or what sin's your life, or whatever it is wrong with you. But you're healing would have to come by God. Is that right? Now, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's in His Church today. He puts His Church in ORDER." (ATTITUDE AND WHO.IS.GOD?.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815)

"Joshua stopped the sun. Is that true? Somebody said, "All things are possible with God, nothing impossible." But ALL things are possible to YOU also. NOTHING impossible to them that believe. **All things are possible. Brought right down and made YOU, IF you just know Who God was. Well, I'm AFRAID that the CHURCH doesn't know their AUTHORITY.** I'm afraid that Holy Ghost born men doesn't REALIZE their authority where—or the authority that God has permitted to His CHURCH. **"I'll give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom. WHATEVER YOU bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose will be loosed. I give you power over serpents, and over all kinds of diseases, oh, everything, and nothing shall harm you." EXERCISE your faith. Let it loose. Let God have His way. God will grant it to YOU.**" (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

"Now, remember, THEY had the POWER. Jesus had GIVEN them power to heal the sick, to raise the dead, and cast out devils, just a few days before that. They had the power BUT not the FAITH to use the power. Now, there's the Branham Tabernacle. There's the CHURCH, the BRIDE today. The Holy Spirit is here with the power, but YOU haven't got that FAITH to move it. See what I mean? It takes FAITH to move it. Here. I got a shell that I hand loaded. I know what it'll do by ballistics, like the Word, but I've got to fire the gun. The fire has to get to the powder. The powder's got the power, but it's got to have the fire to light it off. And the same thing, the powder's in the shell, but it needs faith to charge it and throw it out. That's what it takes (See?), perfect FAITH to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit which we have NOW, since He's come upon us; faith to ignite, to see great things, is to... The faith, something that presents it to you..." (PARDONED.title TUCSON.AZ 63-1028)

Why, this church OUGHT to be a million miles up the road to where it is NOW. Jesus is WAITING on His CHURCH to get ready. His Bride has made herself ready. We GOT the potentials. The Holy Spirit is here. God is here. The POWER to heal the sick, the power to do all the things that Christ did, I've seen it demonstrated myself by the Holy Spirit. **So the potentials are here.** What God's WAITING for us to get away from is our traditions, and come back under the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, and become the church of the living God. But remember, He's triumphed with you; triumphed with you over every bit of it, even if you're the soles of His feet. Every sickness, every devil, every power, even death itself is UNDER your feet: under YOU. Glory. I don't feel like I was fifty-two this morning. This is Truth. If I can just get this CHURCH to SEE that, brother, we'll be a triumphant church. Believers in Him, all evil under Him... Oh, glory. I'm going to check up a little. I'll start up again the next time. Listen. Listen to this. **You say, "Brother Branham, I have NO power." NEITHER do I. I don't have any power. "Well, Brother Branham, I'm a weakling." So am I. But I'm not depending in my strength. It ain't my strength. I'm depending on my AUTHORITY (See?), my authority given me. It's not me strong. I ain't strong. He's strong, and I—I'm His.**" (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-261-1217)

"God, we realize that the badge of authority is not a name of a denomination, but it's the POWER, the power of the resurrection of Christ in EACH individual life. God, may this people here this morning STRIVE to enter in that. And if this tape should ever get out into the country where people are at, Lord, let them KNOW that it wasn't said to be for malice, 'cause I'd be wrong myself; but that the Church might be triumphant and realize its place." (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-261-1217)

FAITH WILL BRING JOHN 14:12 IN ACTION

"But He that is in you is Christ! And if Christ is in you, the works of Christ you will do, if Christ lives in you. He said so. Saint John 14:12, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also," if you was in Christ, or if Christ lived in you. Then, Christ is the Word. Is that right? And the Word come to His prophets. See? And if, you, Christ lived in you, the works of Christ would be done through you, the Life of Christ would be lived through you. The works He did, the life He lived, and everything, it would live in you; just like if Shakespeare, Beethoven, or—whoever it was lived in you. **If His Life! But if you're still living your own life, then your own works you'll do.** See? But if you're living the Life of Christ, if Christ is in you, "He that's in you is greater than he that's in the world." If your doubts and flusterations about God's promise is in you, then Christ isn't there; see, you're only worked up. But if the Life, if Christ is living in you, His Word He will recognize and His promise He'll do. See? He'll do. **When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you ask for, and it shall be given to you. If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, you can have what you say.** The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself; but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." See? And when the Father showed Him what to do; walked out there without a failure of anything, and said, "Let it be," and it was. **And that same Christ lives in you. It lives in us. Then His works we'll do, because Christ is the Word, and the promise of the Word brings healing to you.** Do you believe that?" (HE.THAT.IS.IN.YOU_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-12 SUNDAY_63-1110E)

"You see, God wants to work in His church. Jesus said, "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world. The works that I do shall you do also." **Saint John 12:14, "The works that I do shall you do also; even more than this shall you do, for I go to My Father."** (PARDON_ TUCSON.AZ MONDAY_63-1028)

"Now let me give you a great noble paradox here, just a minute. **In John 14:12, Jesus said, promised that, "The believer that believed on Him, would do the same works." Is that right? God, Who makes a law or a promise, must keep that promise, to be God.** He does keep it. To think, the God... Why, It's a paradox, Itself; for God, Who makes a promise and cannot break that promise, to give that promise of the things that He did, to His people, to follow throughout the age until He returned again. "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature; every creature, all the world. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned; and these signs shall follow them that believe." He has got to keep that Word. And because He said it, it went from His mouth, it's got to be fulfilled." (A.PARADOX_ PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-1 SUNDAY_65-0117)

"Then unconsciously your faith is there. You don't have to worry about whether you got faith enough to do this, or faith enough to do that. It's just there anyhow. You just do it because the Father said so. And it's the living Word in you, and God's in you, manifesting Himself just like He was in Christ. You say, "As He was in Christ?" Yes, sir. **He said, "The works that I do shall you also; even more than this for I go to My Father." Now, that's His Word, Saint John 14:12. He gave that promise. Everyone will believe that was inspired.** And... "So a little while and the world will see Me no more, yet you shall see Me, for I will be with you until the end of the age of the apostles?" No. "I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." Hebrews 13:8 said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (THE FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATION FOR .FAITH_CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_55-0113)

HUMAN WISDOM AND REASONING ARE AGAINST FAITH

Here's what Brother Branham told us about human wisdom and reasoning in his sermon WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH. JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401:

"Now, **faith and wisdom.** Now, to begin with, we'll notice that in Genesis the 1st chapter we find that--that faith was introduced, and wisdom was introduced. And today, them **two sources** is still introduced to the human race. We find out that God was the Author of faith, to believe--for the people to believe and to trust His Word; and **Satan is the author of wisdom, trying to get the people to accept his wisdom and pull them away from the faith that's in God's Word--those two sources.**

A wisdom of God is stay with His Word, but Satan in his wisdom tried to twist the Word; so that's the wisdom I'm speaking of. **And anything that would try to twist the Word of God, to make it say something that it doesn't, is the wrong spirit (See?), offering wisdom against God's wisdom...** If this is the Word of God (you believe it?), then why doubt any word of it, any promise of it? How can you say that this is part, and this is no good, and this is that; pick out what you want? You can't do it. **It's either all good, or It's none of It good.** That's right! So as soon as you see that It's the Truth, take ahold of It. Don't turn It loose, no matter what circumstances, how they try to reason, "Why, you can't..." Don't, don't do that at all. Stay right with It; God promised it.

Wisdom, as Satan was presenting to her (Eve), said, "You shall not surely die!" See? It's trying to make the Word say something that It isn't so. That's what wisdom is today. Oh, brother, how we'd tarry on that. **Seminaries, schools of theology, that's their very nest; that's their grass roots, is trying to make God's Word say something that It doesn't say.** I challenge anybody to show me the Apostles' Creed in the Bible. I challenge anybody to show me "communion of saints" in the Bible. Both Protestant and Catholic believe it. I challenge you to show me any of those things in the Bible. See? It's the grass roots of wisdom trying to reason. Our warfare is not carnal, but mighty, casting

away all reasons (See?), pulling down the strongholds of Satan, that great flowerly, beautiful creature. Not a slick greaser, oh, no, that's on the inside; but outwardly sin is twice as pretty.

If wisdom is with the Word, and proves to be with the Word, and the Word produces Itself by the same thing, then it is the Word. **But if wisdom is against the Word, and not with the Word, but trying to find something to add to It or take from It, it's of the devil.**

Satan could scientifically prove by his wisdom that the soil that he was going to give for the human race to grow in had **vitamins**. Sure did. He could scientifically prove it. They can scientifically prove anything they want to almost. See? Sure. It had **Vitamin P, "pleasure, popularity."** ..All the worldly pleasure, all the picture shows, all the dances, all...?... "Go ahead, that's all right, it won't hurt nothing." Sure. See? **Popularity.** "Well, you're the biggest church there is in the city." All right. It had Vitamin C in it, which he referred to as "common sense." Makes reason. See? It had **Vitamin R** in it which meant **"reasonings."** Yeah, he could reason. But you see, that won't work. It had **Vitamin B** in it, which means "beauty." **Satan is beautiful. Sin's beautiful;** and as sin begins to get more and more, more beautiful it becomes. How much better house we got today than the log house? How much more prettier is it? How much prettier is our women today than they used to be? See? How much prettier is Florida than it was--now than the way God created it? See? It's got beauty. How many knows that Satan is of beauty, and he desired beauty and tried to create a beauti--more beautiful kingdom and so forth? Sure, we know that. Satan is in beauty. Now, notice! He had **Vitamin R** which is "reasoning"; **Vitamin B** which is "beauty"; **Vitamin M** which is "**modern**"; "Aw, you want to be modern." But here's one vitamin he failed to tell them, he had **Vitamin D** there. That's the biggest vitamin in there: results "**Death**". See?

"Notice, through that brought death, through trying to take the Word of God and mix some wisdom with It. See? You're not supposed to do that. Whether you believe it's--got wisdom to explain it, just say, "God said it, and that settles it" And God said so, and that's all there is to it. **If you can't explain it, leave it alone, but just say it's so because God said so.** See, just say, "God said it." Now, notice. Now, it will not mix. It must not be tampered with; God will punish the one that does it; and It will not hybreed to nothing else. It's God's Word alone. God don't need your word with His. **We're not supposed to speak our own word; we're supposed to preach His Word, God's Word."** (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Now, It cannot be mixed, and It will not hybreed with nothing else. It will not hybreed. Today is a great day of hybreeding animals, corn, wheat, making a better looking product, but it's no good. It's rotten, no life in it: dies, can't reproduce itself. It's dead because everything that we have on earth today in its original form is a spoken Word of God. That's why that **a mule, a bastard-born animal** with a crossbreeding cannot breed itself back again. God made a horse and He made a mule--or made a donkey. You breed them two together, you got a mule. It's a hybrid; therefore **it can't breed itself back."** (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Hebrews 11 said, "By faith the world was created." **The world was made by faith.** God made the world out of things that does not appear. **By faith God spoke the world into existence,** because it was a, it was a premeditated word. But as soon as He said it, it become life. Now, you can say, "I believe that, Brother Branham." In your heart you can believe it, then express it, "I believe it," and don't never change it at all. Stay right with it. Watch what will grow out of it. It will produce the Word, 'cause it's faith. See? **Wisdom takes you away; faith brings you to It."** (WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

"How that a black cow can eat green grass, and give white milk, and churn yellow butter. I--I sure couldn't explain that (See?)... I don't know how it's done, but it--it happens anyhow. I don't try to explain it. **If you can explain God, then it's no more faith.** Everything that you get from God comes by faith. Amen. You can't explain it. You can't explain God. **You believe God.** Amen." (PERSEVERANT.title SALEM.OR 62-0719E)

"Who can reason God? No one can reason God. **No one can interpret God. God's His own Interpreter.** God speaks the Word, and they say, "Well, you got the wrong interpretation." God makes it come to pass. That's the interpretation. Don't need anybody to interpret Him. I just spoke on that in the city below here. **God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. It don't need any interpretation. There was light.** God said, "**A virgin shall conceive.**" **She did.** That settles it. So when He speaks anything, and then He--He's His own interpreter. He doesn't need our interpretation of it. The Bible said that the Scripture's of no private interpretation. It's God Himself doing the interpretation of it." (WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.title TULARE.CA V-22 N-10 64-0212)

"That's what makes the Gospel today. It's the unusualness, because God is unusual. His Word is interpreted unusual to what we sometimes have it interpreted. But as I've said before, **God needs nobody to interpret His Word. He does His own interpretation by bringing to pass the things that He said He would do.** He interprets His own Word. He doesn't need our interpretation. Our interpretation is our own manmade thoughts that we put with It. When God said, "Let there be light," and there was light, that needs no interpretation. God said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That doesn't need any interpretation. Jesus said, "The Son of man goes up to Jerusalem, and be given into the hands of sinful men. They'll crucify Him; and on the third day He'll raise up again." That needs no interpretation. He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall see Me: for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age, to the consummation." He's here. It doesn't need any interpretation. It's His promise. "The works that I do shall he do also. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That's found in St. John 14:12, and we know that that's true. So it doesn't need any interpretation." (INVESTMENTS.THE.title BEAUMONT.TX 64-0314)

"People have it all. They know it all. They cannot be taught. If a point of truth from the Word comes up and a man tries to explain his view to one with an opposing view, the listener is not at all listening that he might learn, but is listening only to refute what is being said. Now I want to ask a fair question. **Can Scripture fight Scripture? Does the Bible contradict the Bible? Can there be two doctrines of truth in the Word that say the opposite or oppose the other? NO. IT CANNOT BE SO.** Yet how many of God's people have their eyes open to that truth? Not even one percent, as far as I know, have learned that ALL Scripture is given by God and ALL is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, etc. If all Scripture is thusly given, then every verse will dovetail if given a chance. But how many believe in predestination unto election and reprobation unto destruction? Those who don't, will they listen? No, they will not. Yet both are in the Word, and nothing will change it." (348-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"Paul said, "I come not preaching the wisdom of man, that your faith would be in the wisdom of man, but preaching the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, that your faith might be built up in God." Paul was an educated, smart man. But he said he forgot all he ever knowed, in order to find Christ. That's what we have to do. Just lay aside our theology and stuff, and look right in the face of God, and say, "I believe it." That's all. That's what it takes." (LOOKING.FOR.JESUS.title PHOENIX.AZ 54-0228E)

"The Bible said, **"The Greeks seek wisdom, and the Jews seek signs."** Well now, the Greeks still seek wisdom, and the Jews seek signs. But Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified, to the Greek foolishness, to Jews a stumbling block, but to them that believe,

Everlasting Life."(TO.SEE.JESUS.title CHICAGO.IL 54-0718E)

"This is either the Word of God or It's a deceiving Book. That's right. It's either right or It's wrong. And It's either all right or all wrong. Every word is inspired or none of them is inspired. I want to believe it. Paul said, "I never come to you preaching with enticing words and wisdom of men; for if I did, then your faith would be built upon wisdom of men. But I come to you, preaching the Gospel of the power of God, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: that your faith would be steadfast." Paul never come with some seminary experience to polish around, and take out, and add to. He said, "I come knowing only one thing: Christ crucified. I only come knowing one thing, preaching to you the power of the resurrection, that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." And in Galatians 1:8, he said, "If an angel preached anything else, let him be accursed unto you." (PROOF.OF.HIS.RESURRECTION.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-16 55-0410M)

"Look at Moses, the young intellectual man. Oh, he was a scholar. He was so trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians till he could teach the Hebrews. He could teach the Egyptians. He could teach anybody, because Moses was a great man, smart fellow. Oh, he was powerful man. Moses had been a **military man**. And he thought that the way that he was trained as being a military man, that he could just kill them Egyptians off with his hand, it'd be just as good as doing what God did. And Moses was took into the highest of schooling with such a great education, till he could teach the wisdom to teachers. **He could teach the genius.** Yes. And God let him get that way so He could display Himself in **humility** to show that **wisdom has nothing to do with it**; and Moses miserably failed in his genius. He let him get that way for His purpose, so he'd fail, and he did fail, and he fell. **So to show, not by power, not by might, not by the wisdom of Egypt, not by the wisdom of our schools, not by the power of our seminaries, not by the amounts of our organization, not by the power of our scholarly teaching; but "by My Spirit, saith God."** His wisdom was vanished and at its end. **When he met God in the burning bush there, he took off his shoes and humbled himself to humility and forgot all about his wisdom.**

And He let Moses become the highest until he would was the--he'd be the next pharaoh. **He was a mighty general.** According to history, he conquered (Moses, himself) the countries around. And then when he turned to the work of the Lord with all of his talent, God let him take a headlong topple, so that He could put him out there on the desert and beat all that out of him, and then appear to him in humility, and send him down with a stick in his hand to deliver the people. **When he couldn't do it by a military training, by an education, by a scientific education, and by a military force, he could not do it,** and He give him an old crooked stick off the desert, and he did it with it: **God in humility, simplicity.** God was in the stick and in Moses. And as long as Moses had the stick, then God had it, because God was in Moses. Sure." (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

SCRIPTURES ON "FAITH"

HEBREWS 11:1 -Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:3 - Through **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

ROMANS 3:24-25 - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation through **faith** in his blood, to declare his

righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

GALATIANS 3:11-12 - But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by **faith**. And the law is not of **faith**: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

GALATIANS 2:16 - Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith** of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the **faith** of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

ROMANS 5:1-2 -Therefore being justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by **faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ROMANS 3:27-28 - Where [is] boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of **faith**. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by **faith** without the deeds of the law.

II CORINTHIANS 5:7 - (For we walk by **faith**, not by sight:)

ROMANS 10:17 - So then **faith** [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

HEBREWS 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] **faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPHESIANS 3:12 - In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the **faith** of him.

GALATIANS 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the **faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

MARK 11:22-24 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have **faith** in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].

I CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 - And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your **faith** should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I TIMOTHY 6:12 - Fight the good fight of **faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

EPHESIANS 6:16 - Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

JAMES 5:15 - And the prayer of **faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

HEBREWS 10:38 - Now the just shall live by **faith**: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

HEBREWS 10:23 - Let us hold fast the profession of [our] **faith** without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised:)

JAMES 2:26 - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith** without works is dead also.

ROMANS 14:23 - For whatsoever [is] not of **faith** is sin.

ROMANS 4:4-5 - Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his **faith** is counted for righteousness.

LUKE 7:50 - And he said to the woman, Thy **faith** hath saved thee; go in peace.