

A Lasting Peace pt5

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106 So, you see, when God constructed a man in the first place, he was immune from any disease. See? But unbelief and science, science and education was the first thing that took a man away from God, and it's still taking him.

108 See, they wonder sometime, they always telling me, "Brother Branham, what--what makes you always picking on things like that? You don't hear it... Say you go to a man's church, why, I can take my women folks and they can't even sit in comfort where you're speaking. You're always bawling them out, well, about their short hair, and about wearing clothes pertains to man, and all these things like that. Say, why do you do it?" Now I--I--I'm...

109 This may be my last Message till next summer, you know, but I want to tell you. Here it is. It's the Spirit of discernment for this last days, that knows that that's a cursed thing before God. I just wonder sometime a minister's got any discernment of the last days? The very God that tells on the platform here the conditions of you and what you've done, and--and what you was going to be, and--and what the troubles you got, that same Spirit within you looks out and can discern the signs of time, and It can't keep from crying out. It's the Spirit of discernment, 'cause the Holy Spirit Himself says that thing is sin, and whoever partakes of it will perish. And then how can I be justified in the sight of God, and seeing my sisters and brothers in that kind of condition, if I don't call out against it? Even though they get angry with me, I still must call out against it. It's discernment. Sometimes they differ in the Word and so forth, and it's lack of discernment. Come face it down by the Word. See? See, we--we know that's right. Well, it's, it's know it's the truth. It's the discernment of the last days.

See how he is pointing out what is causing him to act. Its not reasoning, its discerning the truth and the condition of the people and from there he is speaking.

111 Now, we realize that it was that, that it was reason, common reasonings that started the ball of sin rolling at the first place. **It was reasonings what? Reasoning against the Word of God.** When God told Adam and Eve, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." That settle, that's all of it. And He fortified them against the enemy, behind His Word. But when Eve, listening to Satan's reasonings, see, culture, understanding, education, advancement, see, she stepped out behind there and

listened to Satan's reasonings, and did the thing that God said "don't do." And if one reasoning, listening to one reasoning against the Word caused all this chaos, one reasoning against the Word again won't take you back to the same place, 'cause how foolish it would be of God to bring man back upon the same basis He sent him out from. See? See? You got to come to the shed Blood of Christ. **Your denomination won't work, and your reasonings won't work. It's the Blood and birth, and It produces in you a new creature, Christ, and after the fashion of Christ you live, because the Toxin that you take shows It kills the sin of unbelief, against anything but the Word of God.**

112 Education give us... We got two churches at hand this morning. One of them is the Church of pentecost that was organized at Pentecost by the Holy Spirit; the second is the church of the Roman Catholic which was organized in Nicaea, Rome. **One of them is a spiritual birth; the other one is an intellectual membership.** From that church come all Protestants, all denominations come. That was the first denomination. **All denominations come from that one and are relation to that one**, Revelation 17 says so, "She was a whore and she was the mother of harlots." That's right. So there's no... Pot can't call kettle greasy, see, because it's--it's right, it's just one. It's organized, it's gone, it's in Rome. I don't care what it is, it's gone! The Bible, we just come through those church ages, to prove that. **One is based on spiritual discernment; the other one is based on educational and intellectual conception.**

116 Now, there is the two church. One of them was born at Nicaea; and the other one was born at Pentecost. And--and one has always been against the other. We've come through the church ages to prove it, one's against the other. One of them is a fine, dignified, intellectual church with fine scholars and so forth; the other is classed as a "bunch of holy rollers." It was at the beginning, "drunk, illiterate fishermen," and it's the same thing today, it's still classed in the same category. **One of them is scientific; the other one is spiritual. One is scientific arrangement; the other one is spiritual discernment of the Word. One is scientifically arranged, what groups of men says, intellectual bishop. The other one is absolutely born of the Spirit of God, and lives by the Spirit of God, and it performs and makes come to pass the Words that God promised. Shows what toxin you're taking. Have you got educational toxin? Have you got the Holy Spirit Toxin? See? All right.**

117 Oh, that subtleness of Satan! How he can paint that picture, intellectually can make a man that's not borned of the Spirit of God just turn around and around! And there's no way, intellectually, to down them with it. There's not a way.

118 It is a discernment by faith, see, a discernment. We see what the Word says, we believe It.

119 "Then, Brother Branham, they say they have the discernment." Then let the Holy Spirit produce exactly what He promised to produce, then we'll believe it. See? There's the evidence of It.

120 How did the Toxin act when It struck the person? "These signs shall follow them that believe," He said. If the Toxin struck that, then that's all right. See? So they bring us...

123 Now I'm coming to my text. I have a funny way of bringing a... I like to build up a lot of things and then hit my text. Now, we find that in the days of Noah, when God was going to judge the world, when it come just like it is now, 'cause Jesus said it was, did He care? Did He care? He, certainly He cared. He cared for what? **Now, after He had already knowed judgment was coming, and had pronounced judgment, He cared for those who cared. And that's the same as it is today. He cared for those who were willing to care.** And we find that He sent them a prophet to direct them, to direct His elected people to its provided way for their escape. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. See? We find that God cared for His people. [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]

124 We're at the end, and we see we're at the end! There's not no way to build upon that corruption. How can we build a city upon the charred ruins of a Sodom and Gomorrah? How can we do it? There's only one phoenix left, and that's the coming of the Lord Jesus; oh, my, a purification through the Tribulation period, to bring back a restoring of a world, **for a people who are just in the sight of God and live by His Word.**

125 Notice, He cared for those who cared to escape in the days of Noah, and He sent them a prophet. And this prophet directed them to God's provided way. Now, that's God's way of doing things. See? God spoke to Noah, which was the Word (it wasn't the written Word then), and told Noah to prepare an ark for the saving of the people, and to warn all the people that He had "one way of salvation." And this man was a vindicated prophet that proved them the way of escape. **Notice, the humble and sincere heard this man and believed him, and they escaped.** They escaped what? The death of the world of sin that was being destroyed in that day, they escaped the death route that was laying upon the whole world. God so cared! (O God, help this to go down deep now, before the prayer line.) God cared!

126 He looks upon the world now today, and He's called and He's called, and they spurned and turned down. There was a chance of repentance at the beginning. When

God told Isaiah to go up and put... tell Hezekiah he was going to die, Hezekiah repented and there was mercy. When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and cry out, 'cause in forty days He'd destroy the city, they cried out for mercy and there was repentance. **But when they reject it, there's nothing left but judgment! And the nation has rejected Christ. They've failed to heed the call, so there's nothing left but we're facing judgment.**

127 Now, does God care about those who have repented? Has He made a way for them? Now we're going to see what He did in times past.

128 Noah's time, **He cared! He sent the prophet**, and He--He brought the way and He showed them the way, and He made them a way of escape and they escaped the judgment. He also cared for them. **We find out that He brings them to a place where He, in the last days, to where (of all) before the great judgment come, He so cared for them until He prepared a way that they could come into and would be free from all the judgments that was coming.**

129 Now, He did that to the--the Elected. Now, we know that. **He did that to the Elect, only to the Elected, now! They was the one who had accepted this germ of Life. They were the one who were predestinated to see it. They were the one.** We all, if we believe the Bible, we have to believe in predestination. See? That's right. **Not God is willing that any should suffer, but He knowed who would receive It and who wouldn't.**

130 He also cared for His elected people in the days of the destruction of Egypt. They was down there in Egypt and become slaves. The days of Moses, He cared for the people. He sent them what? A prophet, again. Is that right? **And He separated His people from the unbelieving world, from the coming judgment of that day.** Did He do it? He cared when Egypt had heaped their sins so high until God had to send judgment, because He had already told Abraham, "And I will deal with that nation." **So instead of pouring out His wrath upon all of them, He sent His care to them. He sent His Comforter to them. He sent His Word to them.** And He always sends His Word by His prophet, as He did in Noah's time. He did the same thing in the days of Noah. In the days of Eli... of Moses, we find out He done the same thing. He sent them His prophet, and they separated themselves from unbelief. Now, that's the kind that come out. That's the kind that believed It. They believed Moses, that he was a... In the eyes of Pharaoh, he was a fanatic, he was a magician, he was a hypocrite, he was something horrible. **But to the people that was elected, that come out according to God's Word ("I will bring them out"), he was a prophet to them. He was God's provided way.** And

he also... Notice, they believed him and escaped from the judgment of that day. They believed Moses.

God's messenger is GOD CARING! And God caring separates the elected from unbelief. But the message has to be accepted that way or it has no effect. If we stay in that realm of reasoning we will always come up short. It comes by discernment, by faith.

131 And He said He also cared for them to bring them out, and He cared for them in the journey after they come out. Amen. As that was in the physical, this is in the spiritual realm. He cared! Why? He provided everything they had need of while they were in the journey. Did He? He healed them when they were sick. He provided healing, He provided a way for their sickness. He provided a--a brass serpent, that they could look upon that brass serpent, a symbol of sin, and be healed. He fed them while they were in the way, where there was no bread He rained bread out of Heaven. He fed them. **Not only that, but He clothed them, showing He cares for those who care.**

132 **If they're ready to confess and repent and believe and accept, God cares! But you got to care first, you've got to accept what He sent you. He so cared for them that they'd be sure that there would be no mistake, He vindicated His prophet by a sign of a Pillar of Fire, to let the people see that it wasn't just this man walking along here, that it was God right above him, He was the One that was leading the way.** God cares for people who cares. God cares for those who care for Him. So He vindicated this man and proved that he was God's servant, by sending them a Pillar of Fire to lead them to the very land. And they knewed as long as this sign of this Fire, a Pillar of Cloud and Fire was following them... He said He "took not away the Pillar of Fire and Cloud." He was with them for years and years in the wilderness, forty years. Is that right? That Pillar of Fire led them! We're in our thirty-third year, leaving seven years longer it would type the same. All right, a Pillar of Fire led them. He cared for them. And He cared so much for them till He just let them know that--that it wasn't some scientific thing, it wasn't some slip-up, but He vindicated the Message, proving It.

133 He so cared even for a woman that was an outsider, not an Israelite. She didn't belong to the group, but she was an outsider, Presbyterian, Methodist, or something, she was on the other side. But when she heard! Her name was Rahab, she was living... she was a harlot. But when she heard how God was in a Pillar of Fire and was leading them, she said let... called out to God, and she showed mercy to the spies that had come to look out the land. And because she cared for her and her people, God cared

for her. Insomuch till this harlot that would give her life to Christ, to the Cause, because she had seen the sign of a Supernatural God, and she served her gods right in her own denomination. **But when she seen this great Supernatural sign**, she cried out and asked for mercy, and for mercy for her family, and God so cared for her that the whole city lapped down, one on top of the other, but there wasn't one rock moved on her house. He cares! Though her be an outsider, she wasn't in the group at that time, but He cared. He always cares.

He cared for Elijah when he, and he alone, cared for God.

134 Hallelujah! That's where it comes to. "Cast your cares upon Him, for He careth for you." Peter, speaking to the elect elders, the elders and them in the church, he said, "Put your cares on Him, because He cares for you. Put everything there, because you're clean before God. You're--you're walking as servants of God."

135 **God cared for Elijah because Elijah cared for God. All the other preachers had lost the vision of that day, had lost the will of God and the love of His Word, and it all went modern.** But no matter how modern Jezebel had them, the first lady of the land, no matter how much them other preachers let them women act and do. Elijah called out against it, in the Name of the Lord. He cared for what God said, and God cared for what Elijah said then, 'cause he said the Word of the Lord. God cares when you care, but you got to care first. Yeah.

136 Notice, He cared when He called Elijah, by His Word, off from amongst the denominations. Looked like he'd have to starve to death, 'cause there'd be no tithe and offerings coming to him. But He so cared for Elijah, He didn't let him starve during the time he was obeying the Word of God. He commanded the ravens to feed him. He cared for Elijah because Elijah cared for Him, and He is the Word.

137 He cared for Daniel when Daniel cared for God's Word enough to pray sincerely. No matter what the king said, "I don't want no more of that done," Elijah just threw open the shutters and looked towards Jerusalem and prayed. Elijah cared for God, and--and God cared for Elijah. Daniel cared for God's Word, and God cared for Elijah. He sent a Pillar of Fire that scared that lion off of him and stayed down there all night long. **God cared because Daniel cared. Yes, sir. Sincerely prayed, knowing that it going to mean thrown into the lions' den if he disobeyed the denominational orders. But he knelt down by the window, not fearing what man said. He threw open the windows because it was a commandment of God, and he prayed sincerely and honestly to his God every day. He cared for God and His commandment, and God turned around and cared for Daniel and his command, his stand. Daniel cared for God and His Word, and God cared for Daniel and his stand for the Word. He'll do it every time. Amen.**

138 He cared for the Hebrew children when they respected sincerely and cared for the faith that was once delivered to them, the Word of God. He so cared for them till when they blowed the trumpet... They had a commandment from God, "Don't bow before any heathen god, any statues. Don't bow and don't worship them." That was the commandment. And when they sounded the trumpet and said "we'll throw into the furnace those who don't," **they so cared till they turned their back upon the statue.** That's right. God so cared for them, that when the heat come on, He sent the fourth Man down there in the fiery furnace and kept them cool. He cared because they cared.

139 If you want to hold onto some creed, God don't care what you do. If you want to do that, He'll never care for you, 'cause you're doing what man said. But if you'll hold to God's Word, your true sincere confession and believe God is a Healer, the same yesterday, today, and forever, He'll care for you.

142 He cared, when the centurion cared enough about hisself to send for help from Jesus. **When the centurion showed by his faith, denounced his idols of Rome,** and cared enough (**by public witness**) to send for Him to come heal his son, Jesus cared enough to go heal him. He cares when you care. You got to care first, though. He cared.

143 He cared when Jairus cared enough about Jesus. He was a secret believer. He believed He was right, but because of his denominational stand he couldn't come out and confess it, but when his little daughter got sick and died, Jairus knowed, looking at the death of his daughter, **or to express his care, he cared enough to denounce the unbelievers that was around him, and put on his little ministerial hat, and went and found Jesus.** When Jairus showed he cared, Jesus showed He cared enough to come and raise her up from the dead. Cast your cares on Him, for He cares! No matter what it is, He careth!

144 He cared enough when there was not even a commandment so, there was nothing said so, He had never made mention of it, but He cared because the little woman couldn't get in the prayer line, and she said, "If I could touch the border of His garment, I believe Him." **He cared for her faith in that, insomuch that He turned and called her out in the audience, and told her her faith had made her well.** He cared because the woman cared.

I've believed every Word. Here I am, Lord. Create in me a care. I... You cared for me, I care for You."