

# Thirst

## Why Do We Thirst?

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Because We Caught A  
Glimpse Of Our  
Theophanies

# What Is Thirst?

## Psalm 42:1-2

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsteth for God, for  
the living God: when shall I  
come and appear before God?

## Matthew 5:6

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do  
hunger and thirst after  
righteousness: for they shall be  
filled.

## 65-0919 — Thirst

25 Then I was looking and thinking about that word “thirst,” so I looked up in the dictionary, to see what it means.

And here is what Webster says,  
“It’s a painful desire,” a  
painful, when you want  
something so bad until it  
becomes painful to you.



26 Now, it's—it's not an unnatural thing, to thirst. Thirst is a—a natural thing. It's just simply something that God has given us, that we could, to give us a—a desire for something.

Sometimes God has, also, has  
given you a—a control tower,  
something that sets inside of  
you, that—that controls these  
different desires.

And this thirst, this control tower that sets in a man's heart, is something that God give him to—to warn him of the desires that's needful for him.

27 Now there is two different kinds of thirst. There is a thirst, physically. And there is a thirst, also, spiritually. I would like to read this, what David said, again.

65-0919 — Thirst

29 Now we find, God gives the control tower to you, to give to you the things that you need.

Now, the control tower in you is what directs you. And this thirst runs in on this co-...tower, control tower, and tells you what you have need of, spiritually speaking.

The control tower in the body, and in the soul, also. There is a control tower in the body, that tells you the need that's needed in your body, and it's brought to you by thirst.

Also, there is a control tower in your soul, that tells you the spiritual things that you have need of, something in your spirit, and, and you by this can tell what kind of a life is controlling you.



30 When you—when you can see what your desires are, then you can tell, by that, what kind of something that's in you, that's creating this desire that you have.

See, there is a certain thing that you thirst for, and it—and it can tell you in your soul what this desire is, by the nature of the thirst that you have. I hope that you can understand that.

31 There is a—a control tower of the soul, and one for the body, and each tower is a warning caller for the needs of the other. Each one calls to the need for what the caller is calling for, it sends out a wave of warning.

32 For instance, the—the flesh  
thirst to satisfy the desires  
that's in the body, and the  
spirit desires for the things  
that's in the soul, desire is, and  
many times these war one  
against the other.

We find there, what's a great  
trouble today, that too many  
people try to live between  
those two desires. For, one of  
them desires the things of the  
earth, the other desires the  
things of Heaven.

33 Like Paul said, describes as  
in Romans 7:21, “When I would  
do good, then evil is nigh.”  
When you try, did you ever  
have that in experience,  
Christians?

That when you're trying to do something that's worth-while, go to make an effort to do something that's good, then you find out that there is the devil, on every hand, just to upset you, everything that you'd...

And that's one good thing, that.  
I'd like to say this, that the  
Christians might know. That  
when you are—when you are  
starting to do something,



and there is something always  
trying to upset you in doing it,  
do it anyhow. That's the devil  
there, trying to keep you from  
doing what's right.

Your Desire Shall Be  
To Thy Husband

# Genesis 3:16

<sup>16</sup> Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

## John 4:13-19

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

<sup>14</sup> But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him,  
Sir, give me this water, that I  
thirst not, neither come hither  
to draw.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:



<sup>18</sup> For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

<sup>19</sup> The woman saith unto him,  
Sir, I perceive that thou art a  
prophet.

65-1125 — The Invisible Union  
Of The Bride Of Christ

206 Life is a sacred thing, to God, and it's recorded in a book. God is the Author of life. Do you believe that?

207 Our natural life here, we  
have, is just a perversion. It  
really should be the right life,  
to begin with, but it's  
perverted by the natural birth.

The first life, or your first  
union, you were joined in at  
birth, by nature, a natural act.

A natural human being  
associated, man and woman  
together, associated together in  
sexual affair, which brought  
your first life here, and that's  
associated with sin and death.

How can you miss seeing the  
serpent's seed?

212 Now, it was nature,  
associated with death. Your  
first husband, that had rule  
over you, was your nature by  
natural birth. Natural, you love  
the world because you are the  
world, and part of the world.

That right? Your desires was,  
by nature, to love the world  
which you're a part of. You're a  
part of nature. You believe  
that? And that's your natural  
thing.



213 That's the reason you have to be born again. You have to separate; you have to die to that first husband. You can't live with it. You just can't say, "Well, I'll divorce him, and hang him up here till occasion."

No, sir. No writing of  
divorcement! He dies. The  
nature of the world has to die.  
Every speck of him has to die.  
You have to be reunited, again,  
with another Nature.

214 Your name of your first nature, was born, and put in a book of life. And all your deeds was wrote in it, too. Everything you done under that nature was put in a book, called the book of life.

216 Now, you, but when you  
were separated from that  
union, by spiritual death: Your  
natural desire is to cut your  
hair. Your natural desire is to  
wear shorts, paint your face.

Your natural desire is to be  
intellectual, smart man, know  
something better than the  
other. That's what Eve wanted.  
That's the very thing she  
wanted.

218 That's what Eve took. She  
was pregnated with that kind  
of a pregnation. That's what  
the church is today, by Bible  
schools and intellectuals.

And, look, every one disagreeing  
with the other, a big mess just  
exactly what the Bible said,  
“Babylon.”

219 The Bride knows where  
She stands. She is very few.  
There won't be many saved;  
just a very, very, very few.



You say, “Well, there, said, ‘thousands.’” Yes. But they’ve come up through the two thousand years, too, on every age where it come out. Ever...

222 Well, you separated from your first union, by spiritual death. Now you are born again, or remarried again, to the new spiritual union;

of not your natural life of the  
things of the world, but of  
Eternal Life. That germ that  
was in you at the beginning,  
found you.

223 Now, your old book is  
gone, with your old union.  
Now, your name in your old, in  
your...has been transferred.

Now, you say, “Do you mean to tell me that my old book...” God put it in the Sea of His Forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God.

224 Now, your name is now in  
the new Book; not the book of  
life, but the Lamb's Book of  
Life, what the Lamb redeemed.  
Not the old book of your  
natural union, but your new,  
Bride.

Hallelujah! Your new life is in  
the Lamb's Book of Life, your  
marriage certificate, hallelujah,  
where your true Eternal germ,  
from the beginning, takes hold.

Now you're not only forgiven,  
but you're justified. Glory!

“Justified,” Romans 5:1 said.

Yeah. Romans 5:1 said,

“Therefore being justified by  
faith.”



230 You never did it. Because,  
that little germ that was in  
you, was to be you, before the  
foundation of the world. God  
put your name in the Lamb's  
Book of Life.

## 65-1212 — Communion

44 Like in the Book here, and the spot there we was talking about the—the two Books being One, the Book of Life.

The first Book of life coming  
up, was when you were born,  
that was your natural birth.

See? But then one time, way back down in there, there was a little grain of Life as I was explaining to some of the young sisters at the house this afternoon.

See, there's a little grain of Life  
laying there, that you wonder,  
"Where did It come from?  
What—what these strange  
things?"

45 I was saying this, taking for myself, like you was going to say, “William Branham, well, forty years ago, the William Branham, it isn’t the same one tonight.”

If somebody back there would say, “William Branham, he was a rank rascal,” see, because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham.

In their nature I was a sinner, I  
came to the world, a liar, and  
all the habits of the world laid  
right in me.



But down in there, too, was  
another Nature present, see,  
predestinated, was in there by  
God. In this same body, see,  
two natures in there.

46 Well, I only catered to one.  
As it growed, I goosed as a baby,  
“Dad-da.”

First thing you know, I become  
a liar, become everything else  
that's a sinner, because I raised  
up that way. But down in there  
was a little speck of Life all the  
time.

49 What was it? There was  
another William Branham. See?  
A little spot of Eternal Life  
down there, from  
the—the—the genes of God,  
the Word of God that was  
placed in there.

Each one of you can think of  
similar things. See, It was  
working.

51 Now, then one day as I walked on, that Voice talking, “Don’t never smoke, drink, so forth.” And the young fellows and all got older. See, there was Something moving.

52 But yet all at once I looked up, and I said, “I’m not the son of Charles and Ella Branham. There’s Something calling.”

Like my little eagle, “I’m not a chicken. There’s Something up yonder, somewhere. O Great Jehovah, Whoever You are, open up! I want to come home. There’s Something in me, calling.”



53 Then I was born again. That  
little Life was laying there, the  
life of water was poured upon  
It, then It begin to grow.

Now, that old life was forgiven,  
put in the sea of God's  
forgetfulness, to never be  
remembered against me no  
more. See? Now we stand  
justified (as though we never  
had sinned) in the Presence of  
God.

63-1110M — Souls That Are In<sup>75</sup>  
Prison Now

36 Now, the soul of man is not  
the body of man, it's the soul.

See? And the soul is something  
that's the—the nature of the  
spirit. And then when the  
nature of a man...

When he said, “We are dead,”  
the Scripture plainly tells us  
that, “we are dead, and our  
lives are hid in God through  
Christ, sealed there by the Holy  
Spirit.”

Now, it wasn't that your body  
died; it wasn't your spirit died.  
It was the nature of your spirit  
died; see, the nature, which is  
the soul. The nature of your  
soul is—is God, if you're born  
again.

If it's not, it's of the world.

Anything that begin has to end,  
so therefore the only way that  
you can have Eternal Life is to  
have a Life that never did begin.

And then your life did begin  
when you were born, when God  
breathed the breath of life into  
your nostrils and you became a  
living soul, then you begin then.  
But when you...

37 That nature that was in you,  
by nature you was of the  
world, alienated from God, you  
were actually an animal. That's  
exactly right.



Anyone knows that we are mammal. How many knows that? We, we are mammal, we are warm-blooded animal, but that is what we are by our earthly creation.

But, you see, what made us  
different from other mammals,  
that—that God put a soul upon  
us. See? Now, the other  
mammals don't have to wear  
clothes.

No other animal has to wear clothes to hide his shame, but us. We're the only ones that does, because we have a soul. But, see, God, in the beginning, knew what a man would be like.

And He created the earth, and brought up all kinds of animals, from the very lowest to the highest; and the highest animal come forth, was man.

44 But, that soul that's in  
there, see, that soul is what  
God is working on, see. If He  
can only get that nature, that  
spirit, to agree with Him, then  
that nature dies,

the nature and the love of the  
world dies, and the things of  
the world is dead. See?

Because, “If you love the world,  
or the things of the world, the  
love of God is not in you.”

See? And a man must be born  
again. So, this nature has to  
die, and the nature of God  
comes and lives in you. And  
God is the only thing there is  
that never did begin or never  
can end.

# Abraham And His Children



## Hebrews 11:8-10,13-16

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

<sup>10</sup> For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

<sup>14</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

<sup>15</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

<sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

## 2 Corinthians 5:1-4

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



<sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

<sup>3</sup> If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

<sup>4</sup> For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

56-1125M — A Secondhanded  
Robe

37 He knew the end from the beginning. He knew he was going to choose.

He knew Elisha would take  
Elijah's place, before the world  
was ever formed. Everything  
has to work just exactly right.

39 Now notice, in Elijah, then,  
after he threw his robe on him,  
and tried it on him. In other  
words, Elijah the prophet, who  
had the mantle of God on his  
shoulders,

he came down and laid it  
across Elisha, the farmer, to  
see if it would fit him. And it  
taken about ten years to get  
altered, to fit that mantle.

40 You know, God usually puts  
us in the shop and trims us up.  
Now, He didn't alter his robe to  
fit Elisha; He ordered Elisha to  
fit the robe.



And that's what He does today.  
He alters us to fit the robe, not  
the robe to fit us. Sometimes  
we want to make the robe fit  
us, but we can't do that.

You've got to (let) be altered,  
yourself, for the robe. It's  
God's robe, and He made it  
perfect. And we've got...He has  
got to bring us into that realm,  
to make the robe fit us.

42 Notice, all these years, as far as we know, he just had that one baptism of the robe going over him.

But through the years, God had  
molded the man's character  
into a place to where, after his  
call, that he would fit into the  
robe and be the servant of the  
Lord.

43 And then when Elijah passed through and throwed it on him, and they started up towards Gilgal and many of the other places they went,

on to the school of prophets, on their road, journeying on. And, finally, Elijah was trying to get Elisha to turn back. Did you notice it?

Trying to get him to turn back.  
Said, “I...” Otherwise, “Maybe  
the road is a little too steep for  
you, son. Maybe it’s a little too  
narrow for you to walk.”

44 You know, where Elijah was, was straightness. And wherever God's true servant preaches the Gospel, it's a straight, unadulterated Gospel where it's preached.



54 And then Elijah told Elisha,  
“You better turn back, because  
the way may be a little hard.”

But a man of God who has  
once faced it, or been thrown  
across his shoulder the robe of  
God's righteousness and  
power, it's not too easy to turn  
back.

55 When I heard the pastor  
say, this morning, that  
our...“Many are becoming  
discouraged.” What we need,  
brother, is take courage!

What we need is to be  
encouraged, that's right. Trials  
may come. We never was  
promised to be immune from  
them,

but He'll give grace to go  
through them. If the mountain  
is too high to go over, too deep  
to go under, too wide to go  
around it, He'll give grace to go  
through it.

That's right. Just don't worry,  
but keep your eyes on Christ,  
for He's the only One that can  
take us through.

58 Stay with it, no matter how much discouragement, even it comes from your mother, your papa, or from your pastor. Stay with Him.

59 On to the Jordan they went.  
They crossed over. And Elijah  
said, “Now, what will you that I  
do for you?”



60 He said, “A double portion  
of your spirit to come upon  
me.” He knowed he had a work  
to do. He said, “A double  
portion.”

Not just a good warm  
experience, not just a good  
handshake, or a good  
fellowship with the rest of the  
church. But, “What I want is a  
double portion of what’s the  
best now.”

61 I tell you, when God sets a  
man for a world task, he has  
got to have something better  
than the world has got.

He has got to have something  
better than the church has got.  
He has got to go for a double  
portion.

62 And if there ever was a time that a double portion is needed, it's today, in the realms of the people; something better, something higher.

I can't...I think beans and  
cornbread is very good, but  
sometimes I have to reach up a  
little higher. And we do that;  
we've got to.

We've got to keep climbing.  
Israel was backsliding if it kept  
staying on the same ground.  
She has got to be moving on or  
moving back. And that's the way  
the church is.

63 So, as they went along, it wasn't but a few minutes until he said, "You've asked a great thing, but, nevertheless, if you see me when I go, you can have what you asked for."



64 Now, that has to be  
singleness of motive,  
singleness of heart, singleness  
of eye, keeping your eye on the  
promise. Hum!

If you're sick this morning, if you're afflicted, there is one great promise; not by Elijah, but by God Himself. "If thou canst believe, when you pray, believe that you get what you ask for,

and you shall receive it.” No matter what the doctor says, how much this goes or that goes; keep single on the promise.

65-0418M — It Is The Rising Of  
The Sun

138 And one day, the story  
goes, this old eagle flew over  
the barnyard.

She was looking everywhere,  
and she found him. Oh, for that  
resurrection, to recognize that  
he really wasn't a chicken,  
after all.

He was an eagle! And he was always taught to look down, look for a bug or something in the barnyard. But he heard a scream, that said, “Look up this way!” And he looked above him,

and there was a creature with fourteen-foot wings, powerful-er than all the chickens there was in the barnyard, and claimed him to be her son.

He said, “Mama, how can I get to you?”

139 Said, “Just jump, start flopping your wings, for you’re an eagle.”



140 See, she knew she had a son somewhere. No matter what he's been raised up in, she's got a son somewhere.

141 And God knows!  
Hallelujah! He's got a  
predestinated, foreordained  
Church! He knowed He's got  
sons and daughters, and a  
Bride, waiting somewhere;

when the Holy Spirit begins to fly over it, that wave Sheaf. Oh, my! He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Not some mythical story, but a reality!

142 No matter how many tried  
to tell him, “a eagle,” he didn’t  
know what a eagle was. Yet, he  
was a eagle.

He would not understood it  
until he seen something that  
reflected him, that he  
reflected, rather.

143 And when we see, not a  
denomination, not a Ph.D., not  
a LL.D., not a good neighbor;  
but a son of God molded in the  
image of God,

with the dynamic Power of  
God to answer the request of  
this day, that He's the same  
yesterday, today, and forever,  
there ain't no hen going to  
hold you.

He hunts for his Mama. He's an  
eagle, to begin with. He  
recognizes. This real eagle  
recognizes the call of God's  
Word. Why? He's an eagle. A  
eagle to a eagle!



The Word before the  
foundation, the Word to the  
Word! The Word,  
predestinated, to the Word  
written for the hour. You  
realize your position. He hunts  
for It.

144 This then, this earthly  
body, is quickened and brought  
by the quickening Spirit of God  
to obedience to the Word of  
God.

65-0221E — Who Is This  
Melchisedec?

87 His grandpa and grandma were eagles. He was a eagle, all the way back. Eagle don't mix with other things. He is not a hybrid at all, he is a eagle.

88 Then, after you recognized the very Word of God was Eagle Food, then you left the other thing.

You have then been formed into the living image of the living God. You heard from your theophany. “If this earthly body be dissolved, we have one waiting.”

Our Theophany Is  
Represented By The  
Name In The Lamb's  
Book Of Life

## 63-0319 — The Second Seal

346 Heavenly Father, oh, I—I just, sometimes, Lord, stand here and—and I tremble. I think of that awful hour that's approaching, and I...There is no way to stop it. It's predicted it would come.

And I thought of, “Why don’t the people come and—and—and listen? And won’t they come and accept It?” But, of course, I know that—that You—You said they wouldn’t, so they won’t.



347 But there is some that's  
got their names written on the  
Lamb's Book of Life.

And when them Seals are  
throwed open there, they see  
their name there, and the Holy  
Spirit speaks to them. They  
come. You can't keep them  
away; no one can, no one.

62-1230E — Is This The Sign Of  
The End, Sir?

128 And he said, “I dreamed a dream.” And there it was! I just sat still, and I listened and watched.

He said, “I dreamed that there was a great big hill, like out in a field, where blue grass or something was.”

And said, “Up on top of this hill, where the water had washed away the soil, there was a top rock, up on top the hill, like the top of the mountain. It was rock; no grass.

And where the water had washed down, it had cut some kind of readings on these stones. And you were standing there, interpreting this reading on these stones.” And said, “All of us,”

and here is the way he put it, said, “the brethren from Georgia, and from all around, we were all standing together, listening to you interpret that mysterious writing on those stone, that mountain.”

129 And said, “Then you picked up something, like from the air, something like a wrecking bar, or—or a crowbar.” Wasn’t it, brother?



“Something like that, a  
wrecking bar, real sharp.” And  
said, “It, how you done it, I  
don’t know.” And said, “You  
struck the top of that  
mountain, ripped it around,  
and lifted the cap of it off.

It was in the shape of a pyramid. And you ripped the top of it off.” Now, that was months and months and months before the pyramid Message was preached.

And said, “Beneath that was  
white stone, granite. And you  
said, ‘The sun, or the light, has  
never shined on This before.  
Look in on This. Watch This.’”

131 And he said, “Look upon  
This. Light has never come  
upon It before.” And when all  
of them got up, and I told them  
to watch That, and all of them  
come up to look in.

132 But he said, while they  
were looking in, he looked out  
of the corner of his eye, I  
believe it was, and watched  
me. I slipped off to one side,  
and started going towards the  
West,

towards the setting of the sun;  
coming up a hill, going down a  
hill; coming up a hill, going  
down a hill; getting smaller  
and smaller, and went all the  
way out of sight.

133 And he said, then, when I did that, he said, “Then the brethren turned around, after a while, said, ‘Did he vanish?’

Where did he go?” And said,  
“Some took out that way;  
some took one way, and some  
another.” But, a very few  
stayed and looked on to what I  
had told them.



Let's Obey That Thirst

## Colossians 3:1-5

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

<sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

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## 65-0919 — Thirst

221 And, brother, sister, you will never be able to...Don't never try to hush that holy calling in your heart, see, by joining a church, by reciting a creed, by belonging to a certain organization.

222 There is only one thing can  
satisfy it, that's the Person,  
Jesus Christ. "As the hart  
panteth for the water brook, so  
my soul thirsts after Thee, O  
God.

My soul thirsts for the living  
God!” See, there is something  
in you, that wants to see the  
moving of God. Your soul  
thirsts for It. Don’t stop  
anything short of That.

# The Soul Thirsts For The Genuine Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

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## Jeremiah 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.



<sup>13</sup> For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

## Psalm 42:7

<sup>7</sup> Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Thirst Is God-Given, For  
Himself

65-0919 — Thirst

98 There is another nature, natural, just a natural thirst, in that thirst of the soul. You might say, “Brother Branham, is that soul thirst, is that natural?”

Yes, that’s natural for a soul to thirst.

And it's, for God made you this way, that so that you would thirst for Him. He wants you to thirst after Him. Now, God made you like that. He didn't have to make you like that, but He did do it.

And if He hadn't have made you like that, so that you would thirst, there would be an excuse at the Judgment Bar, say, "I—I—I never did thirst for God." But, there is no excuse, you do.

You will make it somewhat; you might make it your wife, you might make it your car, you might make it something else, you might go to church and try to satisfy it.

And I have nothing against going to church, but that isn't the satisfaction. It's to find  
God, the living God, the God of  
Heaven, into your soul, that  
satisfies that longing and  
thirsting that you long for.



57-0614 — The Queen Of The  
South

20 And as I said, that thirsting,  
that thirst feeling in you, God  
made you with that thirst.

That's part of God's make-up  
for you. He made you and give  
you a thirst—a thirst for Him.  
But you try to satisfy it with  
the worldly amusements:

dancing, drinking, smoking,  
gambling, lust, trying to satisfy  
that blessed holy thirst with  
the things of the world. You  
have no right to do it, and  
you're cheating and robbing  
God by doing so.

57-0811A — The Greatest Gift  
In The Bible

40 Jesus said, “Blessed are they  
that do hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they shall be  
filled.”

It's a blessing to even thirst.  
But the devil has tried to make  
you think of something else.  
But the thirst was given you by  
God.

Listen. How dare you take that  
blessed holy thirst that God  
gave you to thirst after Him  
and try to satisfy it with the  
things of the world, with  
television programs, with  
drinking, with big sprees.

The devil has perverted  
instruments of his own and  
taken that thirst that God give  
you to thirst for Him,

and making you thirst after the  
things of the world. And every  
thirst that you have should be  
for Him. Certainly. That's life.



Deep Calls Unto The  
Deep

## 50-0405 — Expectation

25 My mother used to have a superstition. The little children that I...had ten of us. And when the little fellows would be...

They'd get a habit of licking their lips. And she's say they were tasting for something. And she'd put, maybe preserves on. That didn't work. Maybe put a little honey, that didn't work.

Maybe some watermelon, that didn't work. But after a while, when she found something that they were tasting for, why, they were... It would stop licking its lips.

Well, that might have been a superstition. But this, when there's a hunger in the heart of the human being for something, there's bound to be Something creating that hunger in there.

In other words, David said,  
“When the deep calls to the  
deep...” And when there’s a  
deep calling, there’s bound to  
be a deep to respond  
somewhere.

## Amos 8:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

<sup>12</sup> And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.



<sup>13</sup> In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

## 56-1206 — A Secondhanded Robe

37 Now, Elisha wanted to find one thing in his mind, in his heart; there was a deep desire.

And when the deep goes to coming to the deep, there's bound to be a deep to respond to that call.

Before there's a fin on a fish's  
back, there had to be a water  
for him to swim in first. Before  
there's a tree to grow in the  
earth, there had to be a earth  
first for the tree to grow in.

Before there's a desire in your  
heart for more of God, there's  
got to be more of God  
somewhere to respond to that  
desire.

38 I seen here some time ago,  
where a little kid eat the erasers  
off of pencils, eat the pedal off  
of a bicycle. And they taken him  
down to the laboratory to  
examine him.

And find out, at the clinic rather, they found out that his little body needed sulfur. For if there's something in here calling for sulfur, there had to be a sulfur to respond to that call.

Here it is, like this. Before there<sup>215</sup>  
can be a creation, there had to  
be a Creator to create that  
creation. And if you're desiring  
tonight to be healed of the  
Lord, there's got to be a  
fountain open somewhere.  
That's right.

If you desire the baptism of the Holy Ghost in your heart, there's got to be something out there creating that desire. When the deep calleth to the deep, there's got to be a deep to respond to it.



63-0728 — Christ Is The  
Mystery Of God Revealed  
504 Why do you hunger,  
Church, why do you thirst? It's  
the Father trying to reveal this  
hidden secret to you.

But you let so many things get  
it out of you. You let your job,  
you let your wife, you let your  
husband, you let your children,  
you let the cares of the world,  
you let some pastor,

you let somebody else get that  
out of you, when you know  
that way down in your heart  
you're thirsting, hungry. It's  
God trying to reveal it to you,  
see, the revelation. The last day  
is here. Notice now.

This Being The Age Of  
Counterfeits, Satan Has  
Many Counterfeits For  
True Satisfaction

65-0919 — Thirst

85 Now it's a perverted age.  
And Satan is perverting these  
thirsts that God put in you, to  
thirst. Satan is perverting  
them. Now if you want to know  
the right, perversion...

87 He perverts the true nature of God, and the true thirst of God, of the body and soul, by lust for sin. Sin, a perversion!

Now we find out, a person today, the way they've took that perversion;

thirst for God, the thirst for to be pretty, and all these thirsts. For, for water, they've turned that into satisfying that with drinking.

The thirst for joy, everybody wants to have joy; thirst for fellowship; all these great thirsts that God put into us, that we might thirst after Him.



God made you to thirst after  
Him, and we try to satisfy it  
with some other kind of a  
thirst, with some other kind of  
a perversion of the correct  
thirst.

See how it's in the natural? See how it's in the spiritual? We think, as long as we join church, that—that settles, that's all we have to do. Well, that is absolutely wrong. No.

88 God wants you to thirst for Him! “As the hart panteth for the water brook, my soul thirsts after Thee, O God.” See? See?

90 And there is nothing can  
satisfy that thirst that's in the  
human being, until God comes  
in. He must have It, or die. And  
no persons has a right to try to  
hush or satisfy that holy thirst,  
that's in him, by the things of  
the world.

No, sir. It's ungodly to do so.  
And if you thirst for God, don't  
shake hands with the preacher  
and put your name on the  
book.

If you're thirsting for God,  
there is only one thing to  
satisfy it, that's, meet God. If  
you're thirsting for God, that's  
the only way you can meet  
Him, is to do that.

91 And then there is a great danger, also, if you don't watch what you're doing in that time. If you're thirsting for God, be sure it's God you find. See, be sure that it's your thirst is satisfied.

But if Satan has been able to  
pervert you, from these natural  
appetites, and that he'll do if  
he can, he'll—he'll simply make  
you try to be satisfied.



Remember, It Is A  
Soul Thirst

Psalm 42:2

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

## Psalm 63:1

1 O God, thou art my God; early  
will I seek thee: my soul  
thirsteth for thee, my flesh  
longeth for thee in a dry and  
thirsty land, where no water is;

## Psalm 143:6

<sup>6</sup> I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

## 65-0815 — And Knoweth It Not

122 Now, this outside man is the flesh. That's what we look at; what we see. And it has five inlets to that body.

And any grammar school child,  
as myself, would know there is  
five senses control the body;  
see, taste, feel, smell, and hear.

Without that, you can't touch the body. That's the only way you have to the body; see, taste, feel, smell, hear; you see it, taste it, feel it...Now, that is the evil one, on the outside.

123 Now, inside of that is a spirit, which you become when you're born in the earth and the breath of life is breathed into him.



That spirit is of a worldly nature because it was not given from God, but it was (given) permitted by God. Now you got that?

For, every child that's born in the world, "is born in sin, shaped in iniquity; come to the world speaking lies." That right? So, that person, inside there, is a sinner, to begin with. Now, but...

124 Now, it's got five inlets. And them five inlets...I don't know whether I can call them right off now. When the...First, I know, is thought, conscience, and love, choice...No.

Conscience, love, reason...There is five inlets to the spirit. You can't think with your body; you have to think with your spirit. You can't have conscience in your body.

It has no mental faculties at all; your body doesn't, so you have to think with your spirit. You have to reason. You can't reason with your physical being, 'cause reason doesn't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear.

Reason is what you can make in your mind. If you're asleep or you're out, your body is laying there dead, but your spirit can still reason. There is five senses that controls that inside man. And that...

125 Now, to the last man,  
which is the soul, there is only  
one sense that controls that,  
and that is free...moral  
agency's free will to choose or  
to reject.

126 And now the reason that people today...Now, don't forget this now, and you'll—you'll see what the Holy...what the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is. See?



127 Now, people can live in  
this spirit, and they dance in  
the spirit. They shout in the  
spirit. They go to church in the  
spirit,

and they can absolutely have  
the real Spirit of God anointed  
on that spirit, but still be lost  
and just as devil-possessed as  
they can be, with that spirit.

The Only Way To Truly  
Satisfy The Soul Thirst Is  
For The Person Of The  
Holy Ghost

## 65-0919 — Thirst

137 And let me tell you, friend, I  
don't care how many churches  
you join, how many names you  
put on, which a way you go,

and whether you are sprinkled,  
baptized, or whatever you are;  
until you meet that Person,  
Jesus Christ! That, that's the  
only thing that will really  
satisfy.

138 Emotion won't do it; you might jump up-and-down and shout as long as you want to, or you might run up-and-down the floor, and you might speak in tongues as much as you want to. And them things are holy and good.

I don't say—I don't say nothing  
against that. But until you meet  
that Person, that satisfying  
Portion, that Something that  
takes every fiber in your body;  
not by emotion, but by a  
satisfaction!

65-0919 — Thirst

122 “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 is  
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, now, the whole thing is built there, you’ve got to know the Person!

123 And you cannot satisfy  
that by joining church. You've  
got to find the Person, God  
Himself, which is the Word  
and—and interpretation of  
Hissself today, the promises  
that He made today.

The people that He was going  
to have in this day, “the  
Church without spot or  
wrinkle,” don’t mean a  
denomination; it means the  
persons, the individuals  
without spot or wrinkle.

Deception Today Is So  
High, That Both Sides  
Are Anointed With The  
Holy Ghost But One Is  
Falsely Anointed

65-1127B — Trying To Do God A  
Service Without It Being God's Will  
250 And you say, “Glory to God!  
The Holy Ghost fell on me,  
hallelujah, just like It did on the  
Day of Pentecost.” But that  
might be different today. It fell  
on David, too, didn't it?

Sure, It did. Fell on Uzziah, but  
it was wrong! See, you got to  
go deeper than that now. See?  
You got to go deeper than that.  
Now, don't feel hurt, just—just  
be reverent.

# 65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

100 Remember, the Bible said, “In the last days there shall come false Christs,” not false Jesuses. They wouldn’t stand still for that.



But, “false Christs,” false  
anointed-ones. They’re  
absolutely anointed with the  
Spirit, with the Holy Spirit, and  
still false. See? There’s two...

101 There's three people of  
you. The outside is the body.  
You got five senses, that you  
contact your earthly home  
with that.

The inside is a spirit. There's  
five senses there, love and  
conscience, and so forth, you  
contact. But the inside of that  
is the soul.

102 Remember, “The rain falls on the just and the unjust.”  
The same rain that’ll make a grain of wheat grow makes a cocklebur grow too. See? What is it?

At the inside of that seed is a nature, and that nature display, displays itself. It can stand in the same field, right there with the weed. The weed and the wheat stand together, rejoice just as much.

Its head is down. It's starving for a drink. When a rain comes, the cocklebur can shout just as loud as the wheat can. "But by their fruits you shall know them."

See?

65-1206 — Modern Events Are  
Made Clear By Prophecy

100 Notice, we find today that people...There's many people just can't believe it, even Spirit-filled people.

I'm going to give you one that'll choke you. The baptism of the Holy Ghost don't mean you're going in, not at all, not on that, don't have anything to do with your soul.



That's the baptism, see. Here's  
the inside soul, in here, that  
has to come from God. But  
then on the outside you have  
five senses, and five out...inlets  
to your...contact your earthly  
home.

The inside, you have a spirit,  
and in there you have five  
outlets: your conscience, and  
love, and so forth, five outlets  
to that spirit.

Remember, in that spirit you  
can be baptized with the  
genuine Spirit of God and still  
be lost. It's the soul that lives,  
that was ordained of God.

65-1205 — Things That Are To  
Be

112 “I got the baptism, the  
Holy Spirit.” That still has  
nothing to do with it. That’s  
just only a temporal gift for  
you.

The real gift is your soul down  
in there, see, that was born of  
God, and that controls the  
whole thing to the Word of  
God and the will of God.

And there you grow up, see,  
then you're a son and daughter  
of God. You're a child of God.  
And these things, as you come  
up...Like

the mother, now you're in the bowels of the earth, trying to come forth. You're a son of God, coming forth, and you see the Word says, "I should do this.

I should be born-again.”

“Well, I belong to church.” That don’t mean one thing. See?

“I’m Methodist; my mother.”

That’s good for your mother.



113 “Well, my, I’m Pentecostal, I belong to that.” If you don’t line with that Word, there is something wrong. See? Then, you see, your real father ain’t God. See?

Because, that real start in your  
soul, before there even was a  
spirit, it was your soul. That  
soul didn't come from God,  
then it wasn't a germ of God,  
to begin. You're deceived.

You're in a patch of weeds and bearing the world's record of the weeds coming forth. Acting like the world, loving the world, is because the love of God is not in you.

114 And now there'll be false  
anointed-ones in the last days,  
not false Jesus. They wouldn't  
stand for that. But, "false,"  
anointed.

They are anointed, yes, sir, but  
they're anti-Christ. They're  
anointed with the Spirit, to do  
the signs and wonders that  
Christ did, but won't line up  
with His Word. See?

## 63-0901E — Desperations

86 Jacob cried like never before. Desperately he called until he got a hold of God. And when he did, he wrestled; not for fifteen minutes.

He wrestled to keep Him, in his  
soul, all night long; and still he  
knew he didn't have the  
blessing, and he was able to  
hold on until the blessing  
come. He wrestled desperately  
until the blessing come.

Then, and when he seen...until  
God came on the scene. And  
then, in despair, “I’ll not let  
You go,” when he begin to feel  
the blessing coming down on  
him.



A lot of people say, “Glory to God, I got it now.” There you’re deceived. Yeah! Somebody say, “Oh, I just feel so good, Brother Branham, I went down there and prayed.

Oh, shivers run over me.” And that might have been God. “I saw a great light before me.” That still might have been God, but that ain’t what I’m talking about.

87 The Bible said, in Hebrews the 6th chapter, “The rain falleth on the just and the unjust, just the same.” Now, you take wheat, and take weeds, and put them in the field.

And the rain is actually sent for the wheat, but the rain falls on the weeds the same as it does the wheat. And, the rain, and the weeds is just as happy about the rain as the wheat is, and it's the very same rain.

The very Holy Ghost can fall  
upon an unbeliever and make  
him act just exactly the same  
way a believer acts. But by  
their fruits they are known;  
that's what I'm speaking,  
that's the Token. And Da-...

88 And Jacob, rather, in desperation, he said, “I know I feeled You, You’re here with me, but I’m not going to let You go.”

Somebody sees it fine, the first little sensation, they get up and jump up-and-down, run up the aisle, say, "I got It, I got It, I got It." Oh, no. Huh-uh. No.

Jacob stayed there until  
something happened, that  
made him walk different, made  
him a different person,  
because that he stayed until  
that happened.



And he was able...The Bible  
said, "He held until he  
prevailed." How can a man  
prevail over God? But you can  
do it. You can do it. A man can  
prevail over God.

When God Created The  
Soul To Thirst After Him,  
He Also Provided A  
Channel Through Which  
His Spirit Can Get To The  
Soul

# 65-0822E — A Thinking Man's Filter

121 When you come in this world, you were born in sin. You didn't even come with a fighting chance.

You were “born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies,” within your own spirit, the desire of sin, a lover of sin because you were born in sin.

You didn't have a chance.  
But down inside of you,  
somewhere, here you come,  
there was something in there  
that begin to draw.

If you knowed, it was  
something that told you there  
was a God somewhere; and  
you read His Word. Then you  
took the church, you took their  
ideas when you was told better,

then you never used a thinking man's Filter. But when you use God's Filter, which is a thinking man's Filter, because, "All other filters will pass away, but Mine shall not."

And when you take God's Filter  
and draw your life, your  
desires; if you draw your  
desires through God's Filter, a  
thinking man's Filter, there is  
nothing left but the Holy  
Ghost.



122 Now, if you want the  
evidence of the Holy Ghost,  
there it is. When that soul of  
yours will line with the Word  
of God, in every respect, it  
shows you've drawn your life  
through the thinking man's  
Filter, God's Filter.

# 65-0822E — A Thinking Man's Filter

114 What's that? Well, what's drawing it? It's something down on the inside drawing. The soul is drawing your resource through the outside, down through the spirit, into the soul.

And if the soul loves the world,  
it's dead. I don't care how it's  
anoointed, it is out here, and how  
righteous it is out here; down in  
here it's dead.

“For he that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in him,” no matter how religious.

115 The true Filter, that way,  
will—will set all those things  
out and bring nothing but the  
trueness of God, the Word,  
into the real true soul.

62-0318 — The Spoken Word Is The  
Original Seed

174 And the only way that we can  
ever be born again is, first, in the  
womb of the mind, receive the  
Word, and then the Spirit comes  
on top of That and brings It to Life.

There you are. That's what  
does it. That's the real Gospel  
teaching, brother. I believe, if  
Saint Paul was standing, today,  
he'd teach the same thing I do,  
in this hour. All right.

65-0410 — The Easter Seal

52 Now, now, is the Spirit that  
quickens. It's not the Word  
that quickens.



It's the Spirit that quickens the  
Word, or gives the Word Life,  
gives It wings to fly, gives It  
access. It's the Spirit that does  
that.

## John 6:63

<sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

65-0418M — It Is The Rising Of  
The Sun

231 Now look. How can you say  
that that Spirit dwells in you?  
Though you done everything  
that you thought was right, here  
is your evidence whether you got  
It or not.

If the Spirit that was in Christ  
is in you, It also quickens you  
to the Word, for He is the  
Word. And if it, contrary,  
quickens you away from the  
Word, then it isn't the Spirit of  
Christ!...

care what you done, until That  
moves you in the Word. “My  
sheep hear My Voice, and they  
shall live by every Word,” every  
Word! I was talking on that the  
other day.

62-0318 — The Spoken Word Is  
The Original Seed

161 If you want a Church, start  
with the Word of God. You  
want a Life of God, start with  
the Word of God.

Accept the Word of God in Its  
fullness, every measure of It.  
And then let...And if that is the  
fullness of God in you, then the  
rain that's falling will produce  
exactly what's in your garden.