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Christian Life review no 3

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This morning I would like to review a few more sermons we preached on in this series from Christ is the Mystery, and in the mini series we took on what it means to be a Christian.

To begin we will pick up at **Christ is the Mystery no 123** *Christian Life No 4 Doctrine The Voice Of The Sign*

This sermon dealt with "*the voice of the sign*", showing that in the Alpha as well as in the Omega, people sought after the sign which was a prophet, but they rejected the voice of the sign which is the doctrine that prophet taught.

From his sermon, **Go Tell 60-0417M pp. 113** Br. Branham said, "*God told Moses, "If they won't hear the voice of the first sign, then they'll hear the voice of the second sign." Not so much the sign, but the voice went with it.*

So we see that brother Branham believed the emphasis was to be placed upon the voice of the sign rather than just the sign itself, because after all, the voice behind the sign is what the very sign is given for. The voice is the very purpose for the sign in the first place.

In **Exodus 4:1** we read, *And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: 5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand [was] leprous as snow. 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his [other] flesh. 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.*

So we see this scriptural term "**The Voice of the Sign**" is not a term Brother Branham made up himself, but is something God used. Therefore this scriptural principle brother Branham taught us called "the Voice of the Sign" is very important to the Elect.

From his sermon, **Queen of Sheba 60-0710 E-32** brother Branham said, "*Many people are following signs. It isn't the sign; it's the voice that goes with the sign. Moses, when he was given two signs, God told him, "If they won't hear the voice of the first sign, then they will hear the voice of the second sign."* Each sign is just a sign. Man has gifts and things, but **watch what's behind it.** Satan can impersonate any thing almost; he is a

impersonator, and he can impersonate. But watch the kind of a voice that it is. What does it do? The voice of the sign.”

Notice that brother Branham is letting us know that the emphasis is not to be placed on the sign itself, but rather *the Voice behind that sign*, that is what is important to watch.

From his sermon called **Voice of the Sign 64-0214 45** brother Branham said, “*Now, we find out here the burning bush was a sign. It was given to attract the attention of Moses. Now, that's what God gives a sign for, is to attract the attention of the people. That's what a sign is for: to attract attention. And when we go down through the Scripture here, as we teach it now for a few minutes, and find out if that isn't so, that He gives these signs to attract attention. And then, when He gets the attention of the people, then the voice of the sign begins to speak. Jesus healed the sick to attract attention. See? Then, when He begin to preach... See, always it attracts attention. 47 The burning bush was given to Moses to attract the runaway prophet's attention, and he turned aside to see what it was. Then the sign gave a voice. The sign itself gave a voice. Now, these voices and signs are to alert the people of God's Word is just about ready to be vindicated. Always the sign is to attract the attention of people.*

Now, we have seen our last sign, and that last sign was the sign of Messiah, but the sign of Messiah was not the important thing. The important thing was the Voice of the Sign, which was the doctrine that God came down in *a Shout* to restore.

The emphasis is not and never should be on the sign itself, because the sign is only to attract the attention. But once the attention has been attracted, “*Voice of the Sign*” takes over. Then what about the Epiphanaea that took place on the Ohio River in 1933. The Light came down, *it was a sign*, but notice then “*a Voice Followed that sign*”. And the sign pointed the people to a Message. And what about the Cloud over Flagstaff Arizona? *The Sign came forth and then a Message, a Shout, “The Voice of the Sign”* And the Shout of the King came into the camp. Always God sends a sign first, then the Voice. That’s the way God works.

What good did the Parousia of Christ do for those who did not know God had come down? So God gave used a sign to attract the attention of the people. That’s His epiphany, or Epiphanaea. It means a shining forth. An illumination and the purpose of the illumination, the Light, the Pillar of Fire coming down, was to get the attention of the people. Why, Because the sign has a Voice.

Look, brother Branham taught us that every sign from God has a voice behind it, because the purpose of a sign is two fold.

#1) *To get the attention of the people.*

#2) Once the attention is held, *there is a voice, a Message* that the sign declares. That’s the whole purpose of the sign.

Brother Branham preached the message, “*Voice of the Sign*” several times. In the one preached **64-0214 pp 55** he said, “*There, watch real close now. He is going to speak, so He has to attract the attention by a sign. And the sign's voice is what He's going to say.*

*His Word... His promised Word's going to be vindicated now. See? "I made a promise that I would take them out by a strong hand, I'd show My power in that land" and whatever He's going to do. Now, He made the promise to Abraham. Here He is ready to do it, so He gives a sign, a Pillar of Fire laying back in a burning bush. And He tells Moses, "Now, you're going to be My mouthpiece. Go on down there and I'll be with you." And when he got down there, then the promised Word that He had promised was vindicated. That was the voice of the sign. You get it now? Notice, "I have heard their groans. I remember My promise." 57 **God never changes.** He always does it in the same way. **The coming of a prophet is a sign that God is ready to speak.** Now, search the Scriptures. See? The Bible says, God said Himself **He did nothing until He revealed it to His prophets.** That's right. He does it through them, because it comes to them; that's His servants, you know. All right. **The coming of a prophet is a sign that's overlooked by the people every time.** They overlook it. They never get it somehow, 'less it's those who got their eyes open to see it. **Those who are elected to see it, does see it. But the coming of a prophet was the sign that God is ready to speak,** 'cause if God ain't going to speak, the prophet wouldn't be on earth. Now, remember that. He wouldn't be on earth, unless God was ready to speak. And that's the way He speaks is through those channels. The unchanging God never did do it any other way.*

In 1982 Brother Vayle held a convention in Columbus, Ohio and he preached a Message showing the same thing. He said "no prophet, no God, no God, no Prophet". And pointed out that when there is a prophet on the scene it is because God is on the scene. Why? Because a prophet is a sign, and it is God's Voice that is the reason behind that sign.

*59 Notice. This is always God's way of making His voice known to His people. **He sends His prophet and gives a sign, and then takes His voice that's been spoken before on His Word, and vindicates it by this man; and they know that it's His voice, because it's a promised Word of the day.** Oh, if people could only see that. If they could only stop just a moment and realize that... You see, there's no way to make them believe it. There's not a way a man... **God himself can't do it, make the people believe it.** They've got to believe it. **And if there's nothing there to believe with, how can they believe?** See? No matter what you do... The Bible said, **"Though He had done so many miracles, yet they could not believe,"** because **Isaiah** foresaw it, and said, **"They got ears and they can't hear, eyes and can't see."** And yet He was perfectly the Messiah, done exactly what the Messiah said. And they said, **"This man just breaks up churches, and he... We don't know from whence he comes."** See? Isn't that strange, that they would do that? But the Bible said they would do it.*

*61 And the Bible also said in this day they'd do the same thing: **"Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than of God, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good; having a form of godliness, but would deny the vindicated Word, the power thereof, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and so forth. From such turn away. For this is the kind that organizes women's societies, and goes house-to-house, and leads silly women, lade away with divers lusts, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."** See? Now, that's prophesied. And that's got to come to pass because it's **THUS SAITH THE***

LORD. Notice. *"But their folly would be showed up as Jambres and Jannes in the last days."*

62 Now, **always making known His voice to His people by His prophet sign...** Now, I'm talking about Moses. That's where I'm banking back, and then see where we're at. God's Word is manifested by the voice of the sign. Now, the sign that is promised for the day is done before the people. And then the written Scripture comes forth is the voice of that sign. If it doesn't give a Scriptural voice, then stay away from it. See? It's not God, 'cause God can't promise this for today, and say, "Well, this is it." See? God cannot do that. God cannot promise something for one day and say, "No, no. It won't do that. That was for another day." What He promises, He must stay with it. And the real Scriptural sign is the Scriptural voice.

Voice of the Sign 64-0214 89 Notice, the Pillar of Fire sign, and then the voice of the sign spoke. See? The Pillar... Sign of the voice was there, ready to speak. The sign only showed that the voice was ready to speak. Get the idea? The sign shows God's voice is ready to speak.

Voice of the Sign 64-0214 154 Now, notice, Jesus' first ministry... Oh, they all--everybody wanted Him in their church. Oh, my. He's a great Fellow. Sure, He went in all the synagogues, read the scrolls, and set down. Everybody, "Young rabbi..." *"But one day He begin to talk to them in another way. **The voice of the sign begin to speak. And when the voice of the sign begin to speak, nobody wanted Him.** One of them said, *"This man's crazy. He's a cannibal, trying to make cannibal out of all of us."* See? He never explained it. Let them go.*

Notice here that Brother Branham is telling us something else about this Voice of the Sign. He is telling us that not everyone can receive it. It is not for everyone. And so it must be rejected by those who do not want the voice of the sign.

Voice of the Sign 64-0321E E-33 Notice, sign. What does a sign do? The sign is to attract the attention, and get the elected ready and out of the way before judgment strikes. That's what Noah did, got the elected ready. The rest of them... And what does it do? **The sign and the voice of the sign condemns the unbeliever and gets him ready for judgment. It gets the elected ready for the escape.** That's what sign is. That's what signs are given for, for the coming judgment. E-34 To the elected, they see it, like the little woman with a pure heart in a defiled body, and the Pharisee with a pure body and a defiled heart. It condemned one and saved the other one. And **the very judgment that saved Moses, condemned the world, his preaching. It gets the elected ready.** What's the elected ready for? When they see a God sent sign, they look back in the Scripture and see if that's supposed to be there. "Yeah, here it is. What is it? Pending judgment." Then **the elected listens to the voice. But the unelected ignores and says, "Nonsense. Go on. We'll take the same old school."** That's the way they did in the days of Luther. That's the way they did in the days of Wesley. That's the way they do now, way they've always done. But it is a sign, and it has a voice that follows the sign. And the **voice is identified as a Scriptural voice.** Now, don't forget that. I keep that going in, because I may never see you again. I wished I had a way that I could come down here somewhere, and get all my

brethren when they had no revivals going on, put a tent up, and just set day after day, and teach it till it really soaked in. But He wouldn't permit that, I don't think. See, we're too close to the end.

Now, this is important that we see here what brother Branham is saying. He tells us that ***all will see the sign, but only the elected will be open to the voice of that sign.*** And because they believe the Voice of the Sign it is salvation to them, but those who turn it down, judgment is all that is left for them. Therefore, the Voice of the Sign is for our benefit to rescue us and get us ready for deliverance. That's what it was for in Moses day, and that's what it was for in Paul's day. Then if God does not change, why do we think it would be any different in our day when the same Pillar of Fire has come with the same sign as He did with Moses and Paul.

God Who is rich in Mercy 65-0119 191 *Moses was given two signs, and each sign had a voice. That's right. I preached on it here sometime ago, somewhere, on "The Voice Of The Sign." It must have a Voice of the sign. It's a changing. Always it's that way. If it isn't, then it didn't come from God. If a man comes out with an odd peculiar ministry, that's found in the Bible to be the Truth, and that man stays right in that same old denominational doctrine, forget it. Nothing to it. God don't do a thing like that. That thing, that's rotten manna that's got termites in it, or wiggle tails, or whatever you want to call it, from forty, fifty years ago, still trying to eat that old manna that fell way back years ago. And the children of Israel on their journey, new manna fell every night. That's right, you couldn't keep it over. We don't live over some other age gone by. We're eating new Manna, fresh Manna out of heaven, in our journey as we go on.*

Then why do men keep preaching the same old denominational doctrines and claim to believe the sign. They see the prophet, so they see the sign, but why do they keep preaching the same old watered down doctrine that they held back in Pentecost?

The Token 64-0308 77 *He displayed His sign as Messiah, and so forth. And they, many of them, said, "Yes, I could go for that." Well, now, if that was a sign, there's got to be a voice of that sign. What was the voice behind it? When He begin to teach His doctrine and call them a bunch of snakes in the grass, He wasn't popular from then on (See?) when the voice came with the sign. The sign went first.*

Notice what Brother Branham just said here. **The voice behind the sign is the doctrine.** ***But they do not want the doctrine, therefore, they do not accept the Voice of the sign.*** They point to the sign, the prophet but they do not want the doctrine he taught.

Lean not unto Thy own Understanding 65-0120 190 *Lean not to your own understanding. And after the sign went forth, and the Voice following, and the churches begin to turn me down and close their doors upon doctrine, that any of them dare not to stand before me to say it's right or wrong. I challenge any of them. Uh-huh. Not to be smart, but I know where I'm at. See? That's right. What did they do? What did they do? They shut every door. "Now, what are you going to do?"*

Notice again that brother Branham tells us that the church turned down the voice which is the doctrine.

Meanest man I Know 62-0127 E-21 *Oh, I would've loved to have been there to listen to that. No doubt, I believe that every person here would've longed to be there, to hear what He had to say, **listen to His doctrine, what His doctrine was, how He expressed Himself, and what type of a voice He had; and look upon His face and to see Him performing His works, and discerning the thoughts of the people, and telling them of different things and diseases they had, and pronouncing them healed. I would've loved to have been there. Oh, my. I would like to have seen that.***

You know, these churches claim to believe the Word of God, yet **they turn down the doctrine which is the voice of the Sign**. Did you know what the definition of the word Logos is? It is the word that is used in **John 1:1** in the Beginning was the **WORD**, the **Logos**, and the **Word**, the **Logos** was with God and the **Word**, the **Logos** was God.

Now, everyone quotes that but do they know what it means?

The word **logos** means -- **Word or speech, a word uttered by a living voice**, which embodies a conception or idea It also means **1b) a decree, a mandate an order -- what is declared, a thought, declaration, aphorism, a weighty saying, a dictum, a maxim**, and it also means **1c) discourse – instruction, DOCTRINE, and TEACHING**.

Therefore, we can say of **John 1:1** **“In the beginning was the Doctrine and the Doctrine was with God and the Doctrine was God.”**

From his sermon, **Sir we would see Jesus 63-1112 P:98** *The Word and Christ is the same. Then if the Word promises (the Word) that this is to happen in the last days, the Spirit of Elijah is even to return in the last day (That's right.) upon the peoples, and He's to turn the hearts of the fathers--children back to the fathers, **the doctrine, the principles of the Bible**. They've got away in denomination, organization.*

So we see that the Spirit of Elijah was to turn the hearts, and remember the word heart is used in Scripture to represent the understanding. So the Spirit of Elijah was to restore our understanding to the doctrine the church fathers held to which was the doctrine of Christ.

And this same John wrote also in **I John 1:1** *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Doctrine of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.***

That is why God said, *Deuteronomy 32:1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because the rain gives life to the herbs of the field.*

Proverbs 16:15 *In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.* In the Kings Presence is life and his favor and Grace is His Doctrine.

377-2 Resume of the Ages - Church Age Book Cpt.10 “*the latter rain can come only after the former rain which is the spring or **TEACHING** rain. **The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain.**”*

Therefore you had to have the Prophet of God come with teaching, and then another rain would follow, with is the Harvest rain. And since the Teaching rain and Harvest rain are both rain, and God said His Doctrine is as the Rain, then both rain must be the Doctrine going forth. One to teach and the other to manifest that which was taught for harvest purposes. When that last elect Seed is in AND child-trained, the we will go.

And that led us to **Christ is the Mystery no 124** *Christian Life No 5 Attributes Of The Early Church*

1. The Early Church was Humble, and they knew they didn't have it all figured out, and they were open minded -

2. They loved the Word of God above all - and "*They searched the Scriptures daily*". They didn't set back and wait until Sunday came along to hear the Word of God, they searched the Scriptures daily to hear from God, and to know what to do, then they did it. It was filled with the Works of God because the people weren't satisfied with an intellectual Gospel, they wanted the Gospel because it was Life to them. They lived and breathed the Word.

They listened to and were obedient to whatever the holy Spirit would reveal to them. The Bibles says they were "having a ready mind to listen" **Acts 17:11** *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so..*

The identifiable characteristic of organization is they will not permit their members to check anything out that has not been approved from their group of preachers that they have recognized as "in the faith".

Acts 17:10-13 *And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.*

Acts 2: 37-47 *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? And of course Peter instructed them on repentance and baptism and they obeyed and were filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Number 3. "They Lived the Word that they loved".

2 Corinthians 3:2 *Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be **the epistle of Christ** ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

Acts 4:13 *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

Therefore the early Church were called Christians because they were Christ Like.

QA Image of the beast 54-0515 P:32 *There's only one way to be a Christian. The word "Christian" means "Christ-like." And you can't do it; you can't work it in yourself; there's no way at all you can do it. You have to forget yourself, die out to yourself, and let Christ come in and live the Life of Christ in you.*

Jesus Christ the same 56-0426 P:34 *And if a man professes to be a Christian he has got to live that same Christ-like life... If the Spirit of Christ is in you it'll certainly do the same works that Christ did. And that doesn't just mean the miracles he did, but it means to talk like he did, act like he did, love like he did, give of self like he did.*

4. The Christians in the early Church were not biased when it comes to the Word of God, but they held fast to it, because they had the attitude that either it is in the Bible or it is not - But the organizational person like the synagogues in the first church Age, were instructed by Jewish teachers not to listen to Paul. But the Christians sought out the truth, and were impartial enough to listen to what Paul's explanation of the Scripture was, and they were honest with the scripture when they heard it. ***True believers do not judge others immediately even if the influence of their leaders commands you to do so? True Christians are objective*** and not motivated by an organizational spirit? They do not set up camps, and then judge others based on what their camp teaches. ***They are open to all the Word and it matters not where it comes from.***

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

5. True believers when they hear the truth, are quick to repent. *"times of this ignorance.. now commanded men everywhere to repent"* The organizational spirit keeps the people ignorant of all truth except the truth they have selected to build their camp upon. Jesus said those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (right-wise-ness) shall be filled. People who just blindly follow Nicolaitian instructions are ignorant of what really is taking place.

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

6. The Early Church Loved God and the brethren - The Apostle Paul and Jon both said, *"he who loves God hears us"* A true believer is careful not to judging others by hearsay which is second hand or third hand information he hears from others. We are told those who will be rejected are they who love and believe a lie.

1 John 4:6 *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and*

knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

7. The seventh attribute of the early church Christian is that they were very conscious of their works or deeds before God and men. That means they were very conscious to do as Christ did.

Church Age Book 5 - The Pergamean Church Age P:65 *"I know thy works."* These are the identical words uttered to each of the seven messengers relative to the people of God in each age. As they are spoken to the two vines (true and false) they will bring joy and gladness to the hearts of one group, but they ought to strike terror in the hearts of the other. For though we are saved by grace, apart from works, **true salvation will bring forth works, or deeds that will please God. I John 3:7, "Little children, let no man deceive you; he that DOETH (worketh) righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous."** If this : means anything at all, it means that what a man DOES he IS.

And that brought us to **Christ is the Mystery no 125** *Christian Life No 6 Revelation Your Ultimate Reality* where we took our text from

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, (notice he speaks to your hearts first) and with all thy soul, (and then he speaks to your soul next which your soul is who you are, the real you) and with all thy might. (that means all you strength and energies) 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart first: (because if they are not first of all in your heart then it will do no good to try to get them into your little Ella' heart. Children are not ignorant, they know when their parents are hypocrites. So this admonition is to you as parents.) 7 And then thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, (and so how do we teach them to our children?) and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, (in other words in all your actions) and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. (in other words they shall be the foremost thoughts in your mind.)*

Now, children are very perceptive and they are quite aware when their parents are just weekend Christians. But here it tells you **to teach your children** about the word of God when? **When you are eating and walking and in the car driving, and when you are fishing, and when you are hunting, and when you go out to eat, and when you are in bed at night, and when you are sitting around your home.**

In other words, **when your child sees you living the life, and walking the walk, they will walk it with you and they will live it with you.** That is what dedication of our children is all about, but we can not do that with out consecrating our own selves as parents first. Because if you do not walk the walk, they will know it before you are even aware of it.

And there is no greater hindrance to a child growing up in the admonition of Christ than to have parents who are not living that life themselves.

Now, what we focused on in this sermon was verse **7** for it has words that strike home how important it is for us to teach our children's minds.

In verse **7** of the **NIV** it tells us *Impress them on your children. Talk of them when you sit in your home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

Now, verse **7** in the **Amplified version** is even more memorable, it says, "*And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be first in your mind heart; then* (when? After you have established the word of God as first in your own mind and heart, then) *you shall whet and sharpen them, so to make them penetrate,...*

Now, the scripture uses symbolism here to get the message across. If you wish for a knife or dagger to cut deeper into the flesh, you must first make sure it is very, very sharp, so you use a wet stone to sharpen the blade in order to make it penetrate as deep into the body as it can possibly penetrate. So he says.. you shall whet and sharpen them, so to make them penetrate, and teach (that's number 1) *and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children*, (that's number 2) and (number 3) *You shall talk of them when you sit in your house*, and (number 4) *when you walk by the way*, and (number 5) *when you lie down* and (number 6) *when you rise up.*"

I hope you can see the importance of not being wishy-washy with your children. We see that the people were commanded to place pictures and Scriptures and all sorts of things that the children will actually see with their eyes and when they see with their eyes it will have an influence in their minds and in their hearts.

Now, we have already explained what it means *to wet and sharpen* the Scriptures to your children, But what does it mean to **IMPRESS** them upon their minds. The word **Impress** means **1. To affect strongly, favorably: 2. To produce or attempt to produce a vivid impression or image of: 3. To mark or stamp with or as if with pressure: impressed a design on the hot wax. 4. To apply with pressure; press.**

So it is not a laid back attitude you are to take with your children, It is an attitude that when they do wrong, it seems like the end of the world to them. **You do not impress without a press**, for the word is **IM-PRESS** as in making an **imprint** or **impression**. When you press a coin into wax or clay to make a mold, that is what you are doing to make the mold. And the word should be presented as Life and death, not lackadaisically.

let us bow our heads in prayer...