

Desperation no 19
Hearing recognizing and stepping into it
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Some time ago we studied paragraph **24** in brother Branham's sermon **Desperation**, and I felt led to re-examine this paragraph again because there is still more in there that we missed and need to examine again.

In paragraph **24** brother Branham said, "Now, **God, the Creator, can make a set of lungs. I truly believe that we're on the verge of one of the most mightiest things that ever struck the earth since the days...?... See? But now, we can only be known as... **It'll be so humble.** See? See, what man calls mighty, God calls abomination. But what man calls foolish, God calls mighty. See? But now watch it (See?); **it'll be so humble** that you'll miss, that **you'll miss it if you've not got the Token there to examine it.** You see? See?**

Notice brother Branham is telling us that when God does anything, usually it is so humble that you will miss it unless you have the Holy Spirit, the Token in you to quicken it to your understanding.

Let me explain, Paul told us in **1 Corinthians 2** that unless we have the Holy Spirit we will never understand the things of God. we will miss it even though it is right in front of our faces.

1 Corinthians 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man,* (in other words, it hasn't even entered into our minds) *the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:** for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* (it takes the spirit to make them aware of the things of God)

15 *But he that is spiritual judgeth all things,* (the Greek word for **judgeth** is *Anakrino* and it means: *to properly scrutinize*, i.e. (by implication) it means: *to investigate, to interrogate, to determine by investigation through asking questions, then discerning, examining, and judging, and searching.*) So Paul is telling us that the Holy Ghost in you will so hunger and thirst for right-wise-ness that you will search and knock and examine, and investigate until you cannot help but come to the place that you are being filled.

And then he continues, "*yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Then in the next paragraph brother Branham gives us examples of how God does things so humble that it goes right over the head of the people even though it is done exactly how He said it would be in His, (God's) Word.

25 Who would ever thought that *the mountains was skipping like little rams and the leaves were clapping their hands*, when a prophet came forth from the wilderness, that was spoken by *Isaiah* 712 years before, with whiskers all over his face, and a piece of sheepskin, not even a pulpit to preach in, excommunicated from all the churches, and standing on the bank of the Jordan screaming, "*Repent!*" And called the people *a bunch of vipers, snakes*. But that's what God said, that *when He come the mountains would skip like little rams*. See? *The humble saw it and was glad*. How could they understand that great Messiah, that was prophesied from the very beginning of the Book, in Genesis, that He would come, a Saviour... *All sacrifices, and all prophets, and everything had pointed to Him*. And then, when He come, supposedly to be a illegitimate birth... A father that was not even married to His mother, supposedly... See? And the woman was found pregnant with the Baby before they was even married. And come up in such... And born in a little... Well, it says a stable in the Bible. But a stable in them days was a cave back in the wall. I met such a place out in Arizona one time hunting. There was a stable back under a cliff of rocks. And that's the way Jesus was born, back in this little cliff stable on a manger of hay and straw, in a cow barn (See?) where stock was.

Notice how simple God makes it. And Brother Branham illustrates the difference between the natural and the spiritual things in his sermon, **Possessing all things 62-0506 P:48** "Now, science can probe around here and say, "Well, let's see; let me take this man. You said he was healed; let me take him down and examine him. Let me see what happened. And you say you had a tumor once here, sir?" "Yes, right there." "Well, let me give a scientific research and see if it just didn't sink in and didn't go away. You say you were once blind and now you see. How do I know? Let me scientifically look and see it." Now, they could probe around on that, but yet I'm heir to that too, everything physical.

Notice here how brother Branham tells us that in the natural sense men will *examine, and scrutinize by questioning, and study and investigate* using their own reasoning, along with their five senses of seeing, tasting, hearing, feeling, smelling to come to a determination.

Yet God tells us that the Holy Ghost in us will do the same only it looks to the unseen things that cannot be seen, nor heard, nor felt, nor tasted, no smelled. And it is the unseen things that, the promises of God that we are commanded to investigate.

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So there are two sets of things the Spirit filled person investigates, One is the natural things that all men can investigate through using their five senses.

Then there are the supernatural things which cannot be seen, smelled, heard, tasted nor felt by the outer senses. These take a 6th sense which the Holy Ghost alone can examine. Now, watch how brother Branham continues in this thought.

"And then I'm also heir to things that can't be seen, where science can't probe. Amen. Amen. **Unseen things** (Amen.), I'm heir to that. Yes, sir. **The things that can be seen, I'm heir to that. This actual earth, I'm an heir; you're an heir. Every believer is an heir; he's an heir to it.** All right, then the unseen... Possessor of what? **Heaven and earth.** Amen. All things. You believe that? You say, "Brother Branham, what about out there where you can't see? How do you know?" It's still mine. Amen. Heaven belongs to me. That's right. It's mine; God said so. And that's right. "Well, you've never seen, how do you know it's there?" **I know it's there anyhow; God said so.** "How do you know you're an heir to it, when you never seen it?" **I believe His Word.** Amen. See? I'm a heir; you're a heir with me; we're all heirs together through Christ Jesus.

No man can see the Kingdom of God with their eyes, nor can they hear it with their ears, nor can they taste it with their tongue, and yet we are heir to what we cannot see, taste, feel smell or hear.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

In other words, we are heirs to the realm we currently live in, and yet once filled with the Holy Ghost become heirs also of this other realm which is a heavenly realm. Now, we are heirs to not only this earth, but to heaven as well. And that is why only those with the Holy Ghost can seek, and examine, and investigate, and scout out the other land so to speak.

You see, the rest of the world are not heir to what we are. When the new heavens and the new earth come into full manifestation, only we will be able to go in and out of the city, (the New Jerusalem), because we are capable of seeking it now. We will live in it, but only we will be able to go out into the world and come back into the city. We are possessors of both worlds, both dimension, hallelujah!! And we are seeking that city to come, just as our father Abraham did.

From his sermon, **To whom would we go 60-0606 P:41** brother Branham says, "How do you know tonight, you say, "I feel perfectly well, Brother Branham." How you do know your mother's not dying at this time? How do you know dad didn't get killed just a few minutes ago? How do you know the baby didn't get run over and killed? **How do you know these things? See, in here it's unsettled peace. You don't have no peace. It wasn't meant for you to have peace here.** If you did, you'd get customized to the world. God don't want you customized to this world. **He wants you to rest in Him. Come to Him, then you have peace. I don't care what takes place.** If you said the Russians is fixing to pull the trigger at this minute; they're sending an atomic bomb, **a real born again Christian has eternal peace in his heart. Nothing, there's nothing that can harm him.** Let the bullet fire. Why, the smoke won't be scattered out across the street here until we would be

in glory with Jesus, standing there immortal in His likeness, never to be sick, never to have a heartache, never to have a disappointment.

What we are looking at is what Enoch looked at, and he walked in the light as God is in the Light, so he just kept walking with God and he just kept looking until he went up and was no more in this dimension. But that don't mean he was no more altogether, because he just transcended this dimension to walk in the dimension where God abides.

In his sermon, **Jehovah Jireh part 3 62-0707 P:29** brother Branham said, "*Let the Word, if the Word's in you... "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then ask what you will." The Holy Spirit... "Ye abide in Me, My Word in you," that's the Word made flesh, "ask what you will and it'll be done."*" That's the way. *Get all creeds, all things away, and hold to the Word because it is Christ. Notice, then it will manifest itself.* Someone said, "Brother Branham, how do you know those things. How?" These what you see here in the meeting is amateur things. Anybody that travels with the meetings here, you know. The Holy Spirit reveals things that comes weeks and months between time. And ask anybody if it ever failed one time. It can't fail. See? "**How do you know it?" Because it's a promise of the Word, and the hour is here. It's got to come to pass.** Now, I don't know, **there be a very few, a minority will believe it, but it's got to go forth just the same.** And did you ever notice, it goes right over the people's head, and it's passed and done before they recognize it: always that way.

And brothers and sisters, there are promises in this Bible, promises from God that have not yet been fulfilled, and yet every one of them will be fulfilled in their season to be fulfilled.

And you and I need to find what those promises are that apply to us in this hour and not only find them but we must recognize they are for us, and then we must step into them for them to become fulfilled in us.

I have been saying for years that there are three specific promises for us in the Bible that God promised for this end time. There will be sons of God who will be conformed to the image of the first born son of God, the eldest son in a vast family of brothers. I believed it and I've stepped into it, and I've seen the transforming power of God change all my desires to live as he lived, to speak as he spoke, to act as he acted.

There is also a promise that God's sons will become manifested that they truly are His sons. And all creation will know it. I heard it, I believed it, and I've stepped into it and have acted upon it. You must step into each promise for that promise to manifest itself in you. Then when it does manifest that becomes the literal interpretation of that Word for the hour.

There is a promise in the Bible that God ordained for us to be adopted, I believe it, I have been born into His family, and I conduct my life as a right kind of son in fulfillment of God's promised Word. The Scripture says the Bride has made herself ready, and if you don't step into it how can you make yourself ready. There is a part we must do, and that is to hear the Word, recognize that Word is for you and then act upon the Word of God.

Hearing, recognizing and then acting upon it, because even a pardon is not a pardon unless it is accepted as a pardon.

If you have a promise to become a fireman, you must study or investigate what a fireman does, and then step into that role. Once you do, you live it, and breathe it, and one day you are given the fireman's coat, and then you are expected to wear it. And when you do you have become a fireman, you have been positionally placed as one.

If you saw the promise of being a jet pilot one day, you study all about what it takes to become a jet pilot, and you learn it, and you begin to live it, and one day you are asked to put on the uniform of a jet pilot and fly the plane.

You want to become a mechanic, you study what it takes to become a mechanic and when you graduate from the mechanic school, you are given your mechanics work overalls, you put them on, and then you go to work as a mechanic, It's just that simple.

It's just a simple as 1-2-3 or knowing your ABC's.

Brother Branham put it this way in his sermon, **Be not afraid it is I 61-0414 P:64** *If I told you the spirit of a mechanic was in me, you'd expect me to understand almost the beat of that motor, what was wrong. If I told you the spirit of John Dillinger was in me, I'd have guns, and be dangerous to stand before me, if that spirit was in me. If I told you the Spirit of Jesus Christ was in me, then I'll do the works of Jesus Christ, so will His church, 'cause that's His life in it.* Now, what He was then, and what them people testified of, if He will do that same thing tonight, will you realize that your faith has called Him from glory to this building tonight? Will you accept it? Then what would you say? "**Be not afraid,**" that's what He'd say. "**It's I.**"

Hidden life in Christ 55-1110 P:46 You're scared. People today is afraid. *What you afraid of? Why, even death itself don't scare a Christian. "Death, where is thy sting?"* The very thoughts of people is scared. "Oh, Brother Branham, the doctor told me I just can't get well." What are you scared of? There's an atonement laying for you yonder. Sure. "Well Brother Branham, I've done so much sins. I've..." What are you scared of? There's an atonement waiting for you. There's Someone Who loves you. Don't be scared. The constant Words of Jesus, "*Fear not. I'm He that was dead, and is alive again, and alive forevermore. Fear not.*" **Get that atmosphere around you. Get the atmosphere.** "Now, he's Methodist. He's a Oneness. He's a Trinitarian. He's this or that." **Get that out of your mind.** "**I love him. He's my brother.**" "*She's a Catholic. She's a Protestant. She's a...*" **Get that out of your mind. Get an atmosphere around you.** You'll never do it standing out on this other court. **You got to come into Christ first, live in His Presence.** The Bible said that, "*He that overcometh, I'll give him a new name. I'll put My Spirit in him.*" Watch, there's an overcoming, first. **You've got to overcome these things in order to be in Christ.**

Great warrior Joshua 55-0119 P:30 I know it sounds rough, and sounds like fanaticism, but so many people's so afraid of fanaticism you miss the real thing. Did you always realize that scarecrows are put up around the good apple tree? There ain't a lot of scarecrows... What's a scarecrow is for is to scare you away from the real thing. Move on

around them. Way on back there, there's a right genuine Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost filled believers. Signs and wonders and vindications of a supernatural God, a King in the camp, that's what made the difference between Israel and Moab. That was the difference. That was the difference between Cain and Abel. Cain was a good man, so was Abel. Cain was a man that believed in God, so was Abel. But Abel had spiritual revelation that knew it was blood not fruits. And he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, which God received.

And Paul tells us what coat we are given when we are positionally placed into the family in, **Galatians 3:27** *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Sirs we would see Jesus **57-1211 P:23** *We should never live under our privileges as we are today. The great powers of God lays within the reach of every member of the body of Christ. "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive it, and you shall have it." And it shall be given to you.* I was reading in the Lexicon the other day, over there in **Luke** at that Scripture I was just quoting. The original give it, "*When thou prayest,*" he said... Here's what I want to get to. He said, "*If ye should say to this mountain, 'Be thou plucked up and cast into the sea,' and believe in your heart that it's being done..." Believe that it is being done...*

Hear ye Him 57-0519A P:27 Now, when that son was born into that family, he become a son, because he was born in the family. **He's a son by birth.** And now, to you Presbyterians and Baptists, also, listen to this. But because that you are born again, that doesn't mean all of it. You just become a child. You become a member of the body of Christ. But that doesn't mean that you're living in your privileges yet. And **that's what's the matter with you people**, what's the matter with the world. **They are living under their privileges, because they think when they were born again, that settled it.** **That only puts you in position for every Divine promise that God made.** That's right.

Let me tell you something, when I was born again, I never had the assurance in God's Word like I have today. I know that if God said it, and I believe it, then it's settles for me, and I consider it already finished. But it's a growing process over many years. **We must growing up into Christ**, as the Apostle Paul said, and therefore we must grow, and therefore there will be signs of growth. Even Jesus himself learned. The Bible says he grew in Knowledge and Grace. Even Jesus had to grow into the place where he so trusted God that he walked to the cross. In fact He learned to die to self before He could die for others, and likewise we must learn to die to self before we can live for others.

God in His Word 57-0323 P:51 *Well, after he'd been dead for many years, and his bleached bones was laying out there, they laid a dead man on him, and God was still in the bones. Hallelujah. I know you think I'm crazy. Maybe I am. Just let me alone. I feel better this a way. That's right. I feel very religious tonight somehow. Oh, my. God in His people now, now, you are the sons of God. You are right now the sons of God. You're just living under your privilege.* God's in His people. I see an old fisherman, that didn't even know how to write his own name. They called him Peter. He was an apostle, and the

people recognized God in that man till they laid the sick in his shadow, and they were healed. Hallelujah. **God's in His people.** Do you believe it? I can see Paul taking from his body handkerchiefs and aprons off of him, sending out there. They recognized and seen the Spirit of God in Paul, and they laid it on the sick, and they were healed. **God's in His people.**

Hear ye Him 56-0930 P:27 But if God saves you knowing He is going to lose you, He defeats His purpose. He don't do that. **When He saves you, you're saved.** "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall never come into judgment; but's pass from death unto Life." **So you're still a son and daughter, but you're living under your privilege.** And your conduct each day, as the Holy Spirit brings it before the Father, gives away the things that you do, and you're still a son and daughter, but you'll never be brought to the place where you should be.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Desperation** 63-0901E P:15 Now, now, there's just not, no certain evidence. See? You say, "Brother Branham (I feel it in your minds. You see?), why will I know?" **Look. What were you? And what are you?** **There's how you know.** See? **What was you before this Token was applied? What are you after It's applied?** **What was your desires before, and what is your desires after?** Then you know whether the Token's applied or not. And these other things just automatically go with that. See? It isn't...

Then in paragraph **16** and **17** brother Branham goes on to say, and I will paraphrase what he said, "*the problem is that people are looking for something, some sign, some supernatural experience like tongues and that's not it. That's a gift of it, but the Token, the Holy Ghost is the life that changes you nature and changes your desires. You want to be more and more like Christ.*"

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Let us pray...