

## Doctrine no 13

*Mark them that cause division contrary to the Doctrine*

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This morning we will continue with our study of the Book of Romans, and we are quickly approaching the end of our series on Doctrine. This I would like to take our text from Romans 16:17 where we see the apostle Paul warning us to mark them which cause separation over the doctrine by teaching what is contrary to Scripture.

**Romans 16:17** ¶ *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

Now, the Greek word that was used when he said "mark them" is a Word **Skopeo** and it literally means to "**take aim at**", and it comes from the root "**skopos**", which means "*as a sentry or watchman, keeping a watchful eye out for those men who would cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*"

Now, contrary to those people who want only positive things preached from the pulpit, I would be considered dilatory and unfit for my post as a shepherd if I refused to constantly be warning you of the men who have infiltrated this message and have brought in alongside true doctrine destructive heresies.

It is one thing to warn you and show you by Scripture where these men have deviated from the Scripture, and another thing altogether if I were to call their names and blast their character, or point out their character flaws.

I do not intend to do that and I do not believe I have ever done that. I do not target men, I have never tapped any person as I have been accused of, but I have set my sites like the Scripture tells me to do on targeting the false teaching concerning the True Doctrine of this Message, and I have targeted the false teaching *which is contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned*, which is what the Apostle Paul has warned us as good stewards of the Word to do.

However, there is one thing I have not done to the degree that I should have done, and that is I have not told you *to avoid these men who do offenses which are contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned.*

But the Apostle Paul said, "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*"

Now, the apostle Paul told us to **avoid** them. The Greek word that was translated as the English word **avoid**, is the word "**ekklino**". The word means *to deviate, from and our english word deviate means "to turn aside from, as from a route, a way, or a course. 2. to depart or swerve, as from a procedure, course or faction, or acceptable norm."*

The Greek word means *(absolutely) to shun (literally or figuratively), or (relatively) to avoid, eschew, go out of the way.* And the word *eschew* means: *to abstain or keep away from;*

**Possessing gate of the enemy 64-0322 P:41** *If you haven't been baptized yet in Christian baptism, do so. Get yourself amongst believers, now, real believers, not make-believers, real believers.*

Now listen, what he's talking about here are those who would use the doctrine as a battering ram, and use it in an abusive way. Their lives are not in sync with the doctrine, because this is the hour of the capstone which is love. Their lives do not reflect what the spirit that was in the Messenger reflected.

**2 Timothy 3:8-11** *Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine,* (Notice Paul says, you have known my doctrine but not only that. You have also known my) *manner of life,* (and not only that, but you have also known my motives and my objectives and my *purpose,* and not only that but my *faith* also, (and not only that but you have also known me by watching my) *longsuffering,* and my *charity,* and my *patience,* And not only have you seen these Characteristics of Christ-Life in me, but you have also become aware of my *11 Persecutions,* and *afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured:* (and you have seen how that) *out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

Notice he says, "*Knowing of whom thou hast learned them*". Now, i want to read verse 10 again from the Wuest translation.

**Wuest translation** *"But as for you, you were attracted as a disciple to me because of my teaching, and my conduct, and my purpose, and my faith, as well as my longsuffering, and my divine and self sacrificial love, and my patience, and also you are aware of my persecutions, and how the Lord delivered me out of them all."*

And let's also look at **Philippians 3:17** and I'll read it from the **Wuest translation.** *Become imitators of me, brethren, and observe attentively those who conduct themselves in a manner which reflects the example which you have in us, for many are going about, concerning whom I often have been telling you, but now also tell you weeping, the enemies they are of the cross of the Christ, whose end is utter destruction, whose god is their stomach, and that which they esteem to be their glory is their shame, who regard the things upon the earth. For the commonwealth of which we are citizens has its fixed location in heaven out from which we, with our attention withdrawn from all else, are eagerly waiting to welcome the saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to receive Him to ourselves, who shall transform this body of ours which has been humiliated by the presence of indwelling sin and by death and by decay, so that it will be conformed to His body of His glory, this in accordance with the operation of Him who is able to bring into subjection to Himself all things.*

Now, Paul is talking about two completely different lives here. One that reflects and echoes God-Life, and thus God-Life expressed, and the other that is self fulfilled and thus self centered. And he says, this latter ones, use the doctrine to control and abuse while you have had me as an example of how to die to self so that you might Live and reflect in your lives, the God-Life that lives for others. But those who

*"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."*

Notice he tells us to *avoid them*.

The reason I've never told you to avoid certain people is because I hate how many religious groups and cults have used shunning as a tool to control their people, and I hate that spirit that would shun people for not conforming to their standards. That's not what Paul is talking about here. Paul is talking about those people who deliberately try to divide and conquer. Those who pick, pick, pick all the time. Now, I've never preached shunning because people might use it wrongly. And I know that if you knew the Truth of the Word, then you would also know when someone is not teaching the truth but rather is teaching contrary to the truth, that the Bible says, "*how can two walk together lest they be agreed.*"

Now in reading this verse we find quite a strong warning from the Apostle Paul concerning those who would abuse the Doctrine. He tells us *to mark them which cause divisions and offenses concerning the doctrine which ye have learned*. Now, he is not telling us to mark them and avoid those who teach other doctrine. *But he is telling us to mark them which would cause divisions concerning the doctrine which we believe*, and this is a very strong reprimand coming from the Apostle.

First of all he says *I beseech you brethren*, and the word *beseech*, is a form of *exhortation*, or *admonition*. In other words these are not words the Apostle speaks lightly. *He's calling our attention to something and we should pay close attention to what he's telling us.*

Then he says next "*mark them that cause divisions and offences that are contrary to the doctrine which you have learned.*" Let's break this down for the next few minutes.

First of all he says to *mark them*. This word "*to mark*" means *to fix one's eyes upon, to observe and to take heed*. Now, why would the Apostle Paul be pointing out to the people that they should keep an eye on these people?

Because, these are brethren that are causing *divisions* and *offences that are contrary to the doctrine that they have learned*. In other words *they are doing something that is wrong with the doctrine. The way they are using it is wrong, it is contrary and it is offensive.*

These people are *causing divisions*, and they are using the doctrine to do so. And the Greek word here is *dichostasia* and comes from two words, the first which is "*dis*" meaning *two* or making two from one, and again from the word *stasis* which actually means *sedition, dissension, insurrection or uproar*. They are causing strife in the body.

The other thing the Apostle points out is that *they are causing offenses which are contrary*. Now the Greek word for *offenses* here is the word *skandalon* in which we get

our English equivalent *scandal*. Literally it is *a stumbling block, an occasion of stumbling, a thing that offends*, 1a) *the movable stick or trigger of a trap, a trap stick; a trap, snare; any impediment placed in the way causing one to stumble or fall*.

So here we find the Apostle warning the people of those brethren that would be doing things that are *contrary to the doctrine* and which would be *causing the people to fall or to stumble* because of the things they are doing. And *what are we to do* when we see that there are ones *causing division* and *who are doing things which are contrary to the doctrine we've been taught?* He said *avoid* them!

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Is that all we are to do Paul? *Yes, that is all. "avoid them"* he says. Don't go near them. *Just let them alone*. Notice, *these are not people who are ignorant of the doctrine, and don't know any better. These are men who willfully use means to dissuade and cause division, or sedition which is insurrection and harm to the doctrine*, and to those who take their stand with the doctrine.

Now, *sedition* is "*conduct or language inciting rebellion against the authority involved*." And the word *insurrection* is "*the act or an instance of open revolt against the authority*".

Now these are not innocent bystanders we are talking about here. *These are they who have some sort of vendetta and openly try to do harm to the authority of the doctrine*. In the next verse the Apostle gives us a clue as to their *motives* of those we are to mark.

*18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

They do not deceive the hearts of the wise and prudent, but *they deceive the hearts of the simple*, those who haven't been born again. That's the ones who struggle in their Christian walk. Just like the wolf that hunts down the weak and feeble lambs, so do these mark out the weak and feeble Christians, those they can control with their hate and divisive teaching.

In his sermon, **Taking sides with Jesus COD 62-0601 P:72** Brother Branham said, "*But Jesus, they just tried to find every little shadow that they could find to try to belittle Him in the sight of the people. And that's what the devil wants. They want to hurt your influence before the people. That's the way you want to watch careful what you do. Walk like real men of God; talk like men of God. See? Act like men of God; live like men of God; because the devil, your adversary, is going about like a roaring lion trying to devour what he can. Why did they do this? They were jealous of Him. That was what's the reason they tried to belittle Him. They were jealous of His ministry. And that's the reason they were trying to belittle. But He had the ministry of God and they knew that, but it was contrary to their creeds, so they were trying to belittle Him. Make everything He, every little flaw that they could find, get Him out of the way. They wanted Him to quit; they wanted the people to denounce Him. They wanted to say, "Now, this guy's nothing. Looky here. Now, there he is, he did this. And you know that's*

not right. We've been taught all of our life that we should believe the elders. And **here he is, stood right there and bawled that elder out. He disagreed with the tradition of the fathers, and we been, and we ought to believe the tradition of our fathers. We been taught that by each rabbi all the years through. And here this man comes around and disagrees with them.**" See, **"Why, the man like that ain't fit to be a preacher."** See, they were trying to belittle Him. But in all of that, **the ones that believed Him, and loved Him, and had seen His Scriptural miracle signs would not be hindered by them.** No, sir. **Them who believed Him believed Him. Those who loved Him stood by Him.** They would not see what others pointed out to them.

**Putting on the whole armor of God 62-0607 P:84** That's why the all-wise God equipped His army with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. **He knowed these intellectual giants would stand in this last days. Hallelujah. He knowed they'd stand, and they'd be able to explain by their great wisdom, powers of Satan.** Peter said, **"They're like a roaring lion, devouring what he will."** Yes. But He said, **"I'm not going to leave you comfortless. I'm coming again. I'm going to be with you."** **He equipped His army with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Said, "Go up there, every one of you and wait. (Luke 24:49) Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until--until you're endued with power from on high. After this, the Holy Ghost is come upon you, then you shall be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, Judaea (Acts 1:8), plumb on down to the utmost parts of the world."**

Now, I have proven to you many times by scripture that **only those who are truly born again by the Spirit of the Living God are able to really know and understand what the Scripture teaches.** I don't care how many years you claim to have followed brother Branham or brother Vayle or any other man of God for all that's worth. Until you are born again yourself, you can not understand the things of God.

I'll prove it again to you by Scripture. Turn in your Bibles to 1 Corinthians chapter 2.

**1 Corinthians 2:9** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, 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 (God's 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 knows.*

So right there Paul tells us that no man knows the things of God unless he has had them revealed to him by God's own spirit living in them. So I do not care how great a teacher you sat under, unless you are born again you will never understand what that teacher taught you.

**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.*

You see, Paul just told us that the very reason we receive the Spirit of God is for the purpose of us to be able to understand the things of God.

*13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

In other words, he is saying, no man is your teacher, the Holy Ghost is the One who teaches.

And then he says, *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.* They are spiritually understood. In other words, you can not know them by human intellect, you can only know them by revelation.

**Calling of Abraham 55-1116 P:29** *That's the way. When God says so. See? A Christian does not calculate, or does not look at things he sees. You don't see with your eyes anyhow. You don't. Certainly you don't see with your eyes. You look with your eyes. You see with your heart. "See" doesn't mean "look." "See" means "understand." Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except the man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." See what the right translation that is, "cannot understand the Kingdom of God." Somebody be doing something, showing you. "I just can't see it." You're looking at it, but you don't understand it. And you'll never know what the Kingdom of God is until you're born again, then you'll understand what It is.*

**Testimony and inside life 50-0823 P:33** *the only way you can be right with God is being borned again. Jesus said, "Except a man be borned again, he can't see the Kingdom of God." No matter what he's done, how many good deeds he's done; he's got to be borned again. Then when he's borned again, he can understand what it's all about.*

That is why brother Branham kept telling us in his sermon, **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed**

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120** *Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.*

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:74** *But the only way that you can actually be a Christian is for Christ to identify Himself in you. How... We got some a stinger there. I hope everybody on the tape gets that too. See, see? You say, "I'm Pentecostal." That don't mean a thing. It's Christ identified in you; that's when He has recognized you.*

Well, brother Branham, I seen Christ identified in you? That's not going to save you, He said *the only way that you can actually be a Christian is for Christ to identify Himself in you.*

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:145** *Now. You see? So therefore, there's no school, no theologian, no teachings of the Bible, among any school that knows anything about it. They cannot know nothing about it. It's impossible for them to know anything about it. God has hid the senses of knowing it from the very elected teachers and everything else.*

*It's a personal, individual affair with the person that Christ is revealed to them. And if you say, "He has been revealed to me," and then **the Life that Christ produced here in the Bible** (that same Life was in Him) **does not produce Itself in you, then you got the wrong revelation.***

Notice, he says God has hid it even from the very elected teachers. Hmmm, I won't go there, but I hope you get what he is saying here. he says it matter not if God revealed Himself to even the very elected teachers, if He has not revealed Himself personally to you by identifying Himself, His Life in you, then forget it. No elected teacher can pave your way for you. You're not going in on William Branham's coat tail, my brothers or sisters, and neither are you going in on Br. Vayle's coat tail.

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:124** *The new birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's the new birth. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest?*

Well, what's he talking about here? He's talking about **John 14:12**, the very life of Christ expressed in the believers. **Mark 16**, *these signs shall follow them that believe, into all the world to every believer.*

*Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.*

**Romans 16:18** *For they that are such **serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly**; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

Here the apostle Paul let's us know their *real motive is their own belly*. Brother Branham said there are three things that will get a man, or minister if he is to be got. And those three things are **1<sup>st</sup> Money**, then **2<sup>nd</sup> is Popularity**, and **3<sup>rd</sup> is Women**. And since women type the church, we can see that to be popular with the women would also mean to be popular among the churches.

But Jesus, the pattern for all sons, and Paul the pattern for all preachers, was never popular among the churches in their day, and neither was William Branham. They were rejected by the church world. And so was Br. Vayle.

And the Apostle tells us that these do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ, but only themselves. And *they use good works and fair speeches to deceive the hearts or understanding of the simple*. And the simple are those who are harmless themselves. People in whom there is no guile. Just plain old sheep who just want to do what is right and live a right life.

Now, why would the Apostle warn the believers to be on the lookout for these kind of men? Because he knew the great danger that these men could do to the church by turning them away from the doctrine or twisting the doctrine for personal gain.

Just look around at the churches and you will find them in abundance. They look good to the eyes, like mission programs, and feeding the poor, and all those sorts of things, but those things maybe alright, but the focus of the church should be the doctrine, not feeding the poor. And yet you also have those who teach the doctrine, but have a spirit that would kill if they were allowed to do it. Just like the Jews in Jesus day.

The Gospel is not about how fine a sermon you can produce or how fair a speech you can give. This same Apostle said, *“I did not come unto you with words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration and in power of the Holy Ghost.”*

Paul said, *they use good works and fair speeches to deceive the hearts or understanding of the simple.*

Now a fair speech is one that is pleasant to the hearer. It is not like those given by **John the Baptist who came stirring up the hornets nest**, nor are they like those given by **Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God who came to the temple and took a whip and drove out the money changers and who called the Pharisees serpent seed**. Nor are they like those given by William Branham who said denominationalism is of the devil and is the mark of the beast.

A fair speech is like the politicians do. They say things that they know you want to hear and so they tickle your ears with their sweet words. I remember quite well in the 1992 election campaign, I heard Bill Clinton giving a speech to a group of people in one city in the Midwest and he was telling them just what they wanted to hear. Oh, it was a dandy and I remember it well because it sounded real good. But later that same day, I heard him giving another speech at a city on the East Coast and he was saying just the opposite as what I heard him saying earlier that same day. I thought *“what a hypocrite”*. *“What a deceiver”*, and yet there are millions of people who did not care, because *when he was speaking to them he was telling them what they wanted to hear*, and so they did not want to think any different. In the **Book of Hosea** we are warned by God of the same thing.

**HOSEA 4:6** ¶ *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge* (now this word knowledge actually should have been translated *discernment*, for it is discernment that the people lack) *because thou hast rejected knowledge* (in fact they actually have rejected discernment. And if that isn’t the world we live in today. You never hear talk in a complimentary way anymore about that discerning young man, or that person has a very discriminating taste. On the contrary, the word discerning and discrimination are looked down upon as being some sort of twisted backward chaotic notion that someone might be possessed with.

But God says that because the people are not discerning and in fact have turned away from being discerning, he will turn Himself away from them.

*I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

And how could you be a priest of the most High God if you can not even discern what is of God and what is not of God?

*7 As they were increased*, (as they became numerous, or as they became multitudes that is when they began to move away from the discerning Spirit of God.) *so they sinned against me*: (that is when they sinned against me) *therefore will I change their glory (reverence or reputation) into shame.*

God continues, *8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.*

And remember, the heart always represents understanding, so we see here they set their understanding on their iniquity and *iniquity is to know to do right and you won't do it.*

From his sermon, **Angel And Three Pulls 51-0414 E-18** brother Branham said, "*Jesus said, 'Many will come and say, 'Lord, have not I...'' He said, 'I didn't know you.' No, you never... See? Many will confess and say, 'I have cast out devils in Thy Name, and in Thy Name I prophesied,' preachers and so forth, and everything. He'd say, 'Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you.'*" Some people might've went out and had some kind of a fleshly idea, tried to get popular, or some big education, or could speak a few swell words and made some money out of it. Jesus said, "*You workers of iniquity, I didn't even know you.*" *And iniquity is something that you know that you ought to do and will not do it. That's right.*

**Behold A Greater Than Solomon Is Here 62-0721 E-86** *"But if I regard iniquity in my heart, then God will not hear my prayer," said David. What is iniquity? Iniquity is something that you know that you're doing that you ought not to do and still won't repent of it. If I regard iniquity in my heart, knowing that I should do it, and don't do it, then God promised, the Bible promises that God will not hear your prayer, if you know you should do it and won't do it. That right, brethren? That right, brother ministers? It's true, if you regard iniquity...*

*9 And there shall be, like people, like priest*: in other words, there will be no difference between the people and the priests, and so the priests will tell the people just what they want to hear. The Apostle Paul again warns us that in the last days this will come to pass.

**II Timothy 4:3** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;*

Notice, it is because *they will not endure*, that means *they will not put up with sound doctrine, tried and tested doctrine*, so because they will not put up with the doctrine, after turning down the doctrine they will *but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears*; The people are the ones with itching ears and they are the ones that will heap to themselves one teacher after another after another of those that will tell them what they want to hear. And look at what will result from this.) *4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Now, in getting back to **Hosea 4:9** *and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. 10 For they shall eat, and not have enough*: Eat what? Spiritual food he is talking about. *they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD. 11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart*, which is the understanding.

And what are these *whoredoms and new wine that will take away the understanding?*

Whoredom is to compromise your vows with your husband. *To receive another in the place of your real husband.* And so *they teach another Jesus* and so the people *receive another spirit.* And *the teaching of another Jesus by another Gospel brings forth another spirit* that enters into the people, and they have left off from taking heed to the Lord. *12 ¶ My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declares unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.*

What a desolate condition these people end up. And that is why the Apostle Paul warned the people for nearly the last three years of his life that *seducers and imposters would wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived themselves.*

**II Timothy 3:13** *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

Oh, how important it is to know the one who is doing the teaching. What is he saying. Where did he learn from? How is it that this one knows and others don't know? What is there about this one that he can teach these things so clearly? *Notice how the true will always stay with the Word and be able to balance the things that are the Spoken Word with those things that are the Written Word.*

And Paul said to *know of whom you are taught.* You see a man come on the scene preaching the Word of God, you should ask, *how did he learn, and Who taught Him?* For God never works apart from man, and if you follow the history of the church you will find that God never raised up a man from one place and then bring men from a completely different place with the same word. God has always had a system. And the light first always comes to the Prophet that receives that Word directly from God Himself and God vindicates that the man has His Words by bringing to pass the things the man declares.

**156-2 SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE** - *In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught. But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken. (Remember, Paul warned the people to say only what he said, I Corinthians 14:37, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD. What? Came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?") **They add here, or take away there, and soon the message is no longer pure, and the revival dies down.** How careful we must be to hear ONE voice, for the Spirit has but one voice which is the voice of God. Paul warned them to say what he said, even as Peter did likewise. He warned them that EVEN HE (PAUL) could not change one word of what he had given by revelation. Oh, how important it is to hear the voice of God by way of His messengers, and then say what has been given them to say to the churches.*

And that is what all the warnings are about that first of all came from Jesus warning us about *wolves in sheep's clothing*, and then the Apostle Paul said that he ceased not to warn the people for the last 3 years of his ministry.

**1 Timothy 1:6** *From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; in other words, they talk to hear themselves talk. No Scripture, no Words from the prophet of God. Just like used car salesmen, they love to hear themselves speak. 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.*

Oh, if that isn't the condition of so many so-called ministers today. They neither know what they are teaching, and they have no clue if what they are saying is even Scriptural or not. making such gross errors as saying the eating of meat is not a characteristic of the end time, when the bible plainly says it is.

**1 Timothy 4:1** *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, (that means they will teach you to refrain from eating meat) which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

Notice God said those that believe will eat meat. and they will do it with thanksgiving. And it says those who believe and know the truth will eat meat will receive it with thanksgiving and eat it.

And the apostle Paul said in **Hebrews 5:12** *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

**Acts 20:26** *Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. (Just look at their motives here.) 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

Even the Apostle **Peter** spoke in his 2 Books of warnings of *false teachers coming in and bringing into the message destructive heresies that would even deny the One that bought them.*

**II Peter 2:1** ¶ *But as there were false prophets among the people, even so shall there be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And **many shall follow their pernicious** (destructive) **ways**; by reason of whom **the way of truth shall be evil spoken of**. 3 ¶ *And through **covetousness** (fraudulent greed) shall they with **feigned** (false made up) words **make merchandise** of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**

**II Peter 3:3** ¶ *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:*

And thus we find John doing warning us the same in **I John 4:1** ¶ *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

And again in **II John 1:7** ¶ *For **many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh**. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 **Whosoever transgresseth**, (whosoever goes beyond the limits) **and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath** (echoes) **not God**. He that **abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son**. 10 ¶ *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, **receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed**: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

Even **III John 1:8** *We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. 9 ¶ I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, **who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not**. 10 Wherefore, if I come, **I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words**: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and **casteth them out of the church**. 11 Beloved, **follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God**.*

And also in the Book of Jude. **Jude 1:3** ¶ *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should **earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are **certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Notice these men deny the ONLY Lord God. That means that they deny there is just One Lord, as Paul and Moses and William Branham taught.

And now in this hour we have received a vindicated prophet who could do not less. William Branham vindicated prophet of God, using *the Seven Church Age Book* and many of his last sermons such as *the Anointed Ones at the end Time*, and *Satan's Eden*,

and *Seed cannot be heir with the Shuck*, etc. And he warned us to take our stand with the Word and to exercise discernment concerning these false ministries, and to be ever so careful to check the spirit by the Word.

**Anointed Ones at the End Time 65-0725M 25** *Now, anointed one is "one with a message." And the only way the message can be brought out is by one that's anointed; and that would be a prophet, anointed. "There shall rise false anointed teachers." A prophet teaches what his message is: anointed teachers, but anointed people with false teaching, anointed ones: christ's, plural; prophets, plural. And if there is such a thing as a Christ, singular, then these would have to be anointed ones that their prophecy of what they were teaching would be the difference, because they are anointed ones, anointed.*

Now, what is he telling you here? he is telling you that any teacher who comes along and does not say what the Prophet says is wrong, and teaching falsely.

**Anointed Ones at the End Time 65-0725M 46** *Notice. The same anointing water brings forth the wheat, brings forth the weed. The same Holy Spirit that anoints the church, that gives them desire to save souls, that gives them power to perform miracles, It falls on the unjust the same as the just: the very same Spirit. Now, you can't make it another way and understand **Matthew 24:24**. He said, "There shall rise false christs," false anointed ones, anointed with the genuine thing, but be false prophets of it, false teachers of it. What would make a man want to be a false teacher of something that's Truth? Now, and we'll get down to the mark of the beast in a few minutes, you'll see it's denomination. See, see? False teachers, false anointed, anointed christs, but false teachers. It's the only way you can see it.*

**Anointed Ones at the End Time 65-0725M** *Let's go now, close. Anointed ones, christs in the last days, but the false teachers as false prophets... Notice how striking. Now, I want you to compare this (We haven't got time to read it out.), **Matthew 24:24** with **II Timothy 3:8**. **Matthew 24:24** said in the last days (See?) there'll come false christs, false anointed ones, false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders exactly like the real one--real one and shall--and shall almost deceive the very elected. 257 Now, notice. That was Jesus speaking. Here come Paul right behind Him and said, "Now, in the last days there will come religious people (See?), having a form of godliness, and lead silly women, led away with all kinds of worldly lust (Then they wonder, say, "Why do you pick on them women?" Oh, for goodness... They just don't even see it.)--lead silly women, laden with divers lust (away from things like--that's of the...?... See?)... And as Jannes and Jambres (**Matthew 24:24**, false christs, false anointed, doing signs and wonders to deceive the elected)--now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these reprobates..." **Reprobate mind concerning the faith, not a faith, the Faith. One faith, one Lord**, one...?... **You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord.***

Therefore if you believe in more than one Lord, you will have more than one Faith. And brother Vayle himself called two lords a fallacy. He said in **Godhead #7 P:58** "You know, people don't understand about two lords. Well I'm going to tell you about two lords. Two Lords is actually a fallacy." And the word "**fallacy**" means it's a **deceptive misleading, erroneous, and unsound argument.** Let us pray...

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