

Faith no 49

The Complete Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Let's open our Bibles this morning to **The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ 1:1** Notice, John begins writing, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him*, (Ok, now, we have to stop here if we are going to understand our Bibles. Notice, the words... *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him...* So we must know who this *him* is that God gave this revelation of Jesus Christ to. Right?

Now, notice he is speaking of "*the Revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave*", we know that much that it is God who gave this Revelation, but we need to know who God gave it to....)

Now, the **Wuest Translation** I think is the best translation for answering this question.

Wuest Revelations 1:1 *The Revelation possessed by Jesus Christ, which God The Father gave to Him for the purpose of making known...*

Now, let's go back to the **King James version** to finish our reading of our text...*to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel* (that's a small "a" signifying it is a **Messenger** that was sent to John) *unto his servant John: 2 Who bare record of the word of God*, (So this Messenger is the one who bore record to John of the Word of God . And not only that but he adds) *and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

So the blessing comes to those who not only read and hear but to those who do the things they read and hear spoken of in this Book.

Now let us pray..."Dear Father we can see that this Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ is Your Book that you gave concerning the Great Revelation that You gave to Your Son Jesus and that He manifested to mankind. We recognize that John is going to relay to us here this Great revelation which was given to him by Your Messenger and how that This Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ bears witness to Your Word, and the testimony of

Your Son Jesus. Help us then Father to understand how that the Revelation of Jesus Christ is Yours, and how that through the testimony of Your Son Jesus this great revelation was made known to your children, for we ask it in Jesus Christ's Name, that name which you gave your firstborn son by inheritance and in which the whole family of heaven is named. Amen."

Now, this Wuest translation we read was the translation by **Kenneth S. Wuest** which brother Vayle just loved and put me onto and it is called "***The New Testament: An Expanded Translation***".

Kenneth Wuest was a professor of New Testament Greek at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago until his death in 1962. He was a scholar who in his translation of the New Testament, attempted to make the original Greek more accessible to the lay reader by drawing out (in translation) the full variety of possible meanings and translations of the underlying Greek words.

Before I go any further I would like to read for you one more verse from the **KJV** of **John 1:14** "*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*"

Now, listen to this same verse from the **Wuest Expanded Translation**.

John 1:14 Wuest "*And the Word, entering a new mode of existence, became flesh, and lived in a tent [His physical body] among us. And we gazed with attentive and careful regard and spiritual perception at His glory, a glory such as that of a uniquely-begotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*"

So you can see how that God Himself Who is the Word, **John 1:1** came down and manifested Himself to mankind in the body of His uniquely born son. Therefore, the wording in this expanded translation helps us to better understand the doctrine as we know it and were taught by William Branham.

Now, then in getting back to our study from the **Book of Revelations** we see that **this Revelation was God's Revelation**, but **He made it known first of all to His Uniquely born Son, Jesus Christ**, and **then to us through the testimony of His Son**. Thus the testimony of Jesus Christ is the expression of the hidden thoughts of God since before the foundations of the world.

Now, this is the same revelation of Jesus Christ that Wiliam Branham taught us as we see in the following examples.

As I was with Moses 51-0503 P:15 *When Jesus of Nazareth... I believe that the Father was in Him, that all the great things that was the Father's was given unto His Son, all the blessings and gifts; for He was just expressed image of the Father. And in Him dwelled all the richness of God dwelling in Him here, looking up. And He said, "**I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me.**" Just as Jehovah... Just what Jehovah was, Jesus was. He was the expressed image of Him. He was God shaped out here, and **all the powers of God formed into, and put in a human body.** He said, "**It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me; He doeth the works.**" Now, He had all those fine gifts at His command. But when Satan found Him, He didn't use those gifts. When Satan said, "**If Thou be the Son of God, change these stones to bread. Turn them into bread and eat, for You're hungry.**" He said, "**It is written...**" And he taken Him up on the pinnacle of the temple, and he gave Him Scripture. And he... Jesus said, "**And it is also written...**" And when he set Him up on top of the mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, said, "**I'll give them to You.**" Jesus still never used His power. He said, "**It is written... It is written...**"*

Now, listen, all that he did , he did for you and I as an example of how we also should take on satan in this greatest battle we fight in the mind every single day. As the eldest son in a vast family of brothers, he showed us how to express the father, and he was the example seed as brother Branham said in **the Spoken Word is the original Seed.**

Now. let's look at more of what brother Branham said concerning Jesus being the expression of the father. In his sermon **Prodigal 50-0827A P:8** *speaking this parable, He was trying to express the feeling of the Father to the lost, to those who were alienated from God, gone out.*

Again we see how brother Branham explains the role of Jesus as son of God in how his ministry was to express the father to us by living out God's Word to him. from his sermon, **Let us see God 59-1129 P:67** And the same Spirit was in Jesus Christ is among us today, manifesting Himself continually to the people by the same signs, same wonders, giving them the same Holy Ghost, speaking with the same kind of tongues, giving the same kind of interpretation, seeing visions, moving out, healing the sick, just exactly like He did at the beginning. God is in His people. Why do we look then, "**Show us the Father and it satisfies us**"? We see the Father. We see the Father. When I look out here and see the sunset, I see the Father. When I

see the sunrise, I see the Father. When I hear the wild call of the beast, I see the Father. When I see those flowers blooming, I see the Father. Don't you? I see Him in His Word. Every time I take His Word to a promise, I see the Father. I look at Jesus; I see the Father expressing Himself through the Son. I look at His people; I see the Father, see Him working among His people, expressing Himself, continuing on. "**Show me the Father?**" Here He is right here this afternoon, working among His people, in His people, through His people, over His people. Hallelujah. God is in His people.

Now, you might ask how can I see the father in nature? Well, I'm going to get to that in just a minute and answer that for you, but first of all I want you to notice this vindicated prophet is telling us that God is in his people. Therefore when he says God was in His Son, we must understand how God was in his son and how God is in you and me. And we can find in many places where brother Branham told us that the fullness or the full measure of God was in his Son whereas you and I have this God Life in a measure.

Now, from his sermon, **Putting on the whole armour of God 62-0607 P:42** *And now when all that... He anointed prophets, sexual-born men; but it wouldn't work. Now, one time then God became man. And Jesus was that Man, and He was the expressed Image of the Father. See? *In other words all this great purity of love, great purity of power, all this great thing was manifested in Him.**

Living dying buried 59-0329S P:7 *There never was a life ever lived like His, because He was the God manifested in the flesh when He was born. He was the expression of what God the Father is. And God the Father being love, then Jesus was the full expression of love. He was love from the very first time that His little baby hands stroked the pretty cheeks of His mother. He was love. And I think today that that's where many is failing to recognize that He was love. "**God is love, and they that love are borned of God.**" "**God so loved the worlds, that is, the unlovables, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but would have Everlasting Life.**"*

Again notice brother Branham's words showing what God is and then how Jesus who was the son of God manifested or became the expression of those attributes of God to man. So he was the vessel that God came into in order to

express all His Divine attributes and Characteristics. But never forget that God is not a body, brother Branham said *the body was not deity, but deity dwelt in the body*. So the expression you saw was not the body itself, but the life in that body is what was expressing itself.

You can't see the beautiful fragrance that a rose puts out, but you can smell it. You can't see the softness of the rose petal but you can feel it. You cannot see the actual life of the rose itself because the life is invisible, but when you look at the colors in the rose petals you can see the expression of that life. When you smell that rose you can smell the expression of that life. When you feel that soft rose petal on your cheek, you can feel the expression of that life. But the life of that rose is invisible because life is invisible until it becomes expressed. And if you could just understand that all the beautiful things we see in nature are the logos of God in an expressed form. But yet they are not God.

That is the same way it was with the son of God. He was the expression of the father, yet he was not the father. From his sermon, **Sirs we would see Jesus 57-1211 P:25** *But now, to see Jesus. Now, we find out that when you see Jesus, you see God. Said, "He that's seen Me, hath seen the Father; why sayest then, 'Show us the Father?'" John 14. When Thomas said, "Show us the Father, and it'll satisfy us," He said, "I been so long with you, and you don't know Me? When you see Me, you see My Father."* (now, watch as brother Branham explains how this can be so, he says) *The Father was in Christ, in--in Jesus expressing Himself to the world. Now, we watch Him at His beginning when He was baptized with the Holy Spirit at the day when God came in to dwell in Him, when John baptized Him water. He went straight into the wilderness and was tempted of the devil.*

Notice how brother Branham keeps telling us how that Jesus was one with the father is because God was living in him, and he only expressed what the fathers will was for him to do.

Again from his sermon, **Hebrews Chapter 5 and 6 57-0908M P:43** *Now, but God then became in another type of a tabernacle. And that Tabernacle was Who? Jesus. And God was inside of Jesus, and He was hid; but He was reconciling the world to Himself by His expression. Christ revealed God. He said, "It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me. I do nothing in Myself but what I see the Father doing. The Father in Me,*

*showing Me these visions, and then I go do just what the Father told Me to do." You get it? **God was inside of a human body**, not behind goat skins dyed, but was a living, moving. **God had hands; God had feet; God had tongue; God had eyes; and it was Christ.** There He was. Now, He went away, and the Spirit come in that, that through His death He might perfect the Church and bring the Church submissive. And **then the same Spirit that was in Christ is in the Church, doing the same things Christ did,** "A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you even in you to the end of the world."*

Now, we are taught in **Deuteronomy 29:29** *The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but **those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children** for ever, **that we may do** all the words of this law.* That we may do, that we may do, that is **John 14:12** doing the things that Jesus did. So when God revealed Himself to man it was through the testimony of His eldest son, His first born son, Jesus. And once it became known to Him, it became *the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Let me read this again from **The Wuest** translation of **Revelations 1:1** ***The Revelation possessed by Jesus Christ,** which God [The Father] gave to Him for the purpose of making known...*

Now, the Apostle Paul told us the very same thing in The Epistle he wrote to the Corinthians, **1 Corinthians 2:7** *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even **the hidden wisdom,** which God ordained before the world unto **our glory:***

Now in order to better understand this Book of *the revelation of Jesus Christ*, we should understand what the word *revelation* mean? The Webster's dictionary tells us *the word revelation is: A revealing or disclosing of something. In pertaining the God, it is God's disclosure or manifestation to man **of Himself and His will.** And the word disclosure means: to make known.*

Therefore when Brother Branham tells us "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ,*" we know he is telling us, *The Bible is the complete making known of Jesus Christ" .*

Now I think we all know what is meant by the word *complete*. In other words, it is ***the all of it. There is no more to be added, and there is nothing that can be taken away from.*** If you do add to it or take from it, you will be

changing the understanding of the disclosure, or the making known. In other words, to add to it or take from it you dilute the expression. And Jesus said, he only did what the father showed him to do. And in **Philippians 2:13** we are told that " *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*" Now, I ask you, how different is that than what Jesus said of his own relationship with the father. That is exactly John 5:19

John 5:19 *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he (the Father) will.*

Again we see this same attitude in Jesus in **John 5:30** *I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

John 8:29 *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

Now, this morning we have taken our text from The Book of **The Revelation of Jesus Christ 22:18-19** which also coincides with paragraphs 50 to 51 of brother Branham's sermon, "**The Spoken Word is the Original Seed.**" where brother Branham said, **50** *Now, in the Book of Revelations the 22nd chapter and the 19th verse, I'd like to read this, Revelations the 22nd chapter and the 19th verse and see what this says. Let's begin with the 18th verse. 18 For I testify unto every man... (Now, remember from Genesis where He spoke the Word. See?) For I testify to every man... (That's priest, pope, bishop, state presbyter or whatever.)... that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: What about your dogmas? What about your unscriptural creeds that you're listening to, of all denominations, there's not a one excused.... if any man shall take away from the words... (saying it's not the same, you know. See?)... away... words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book. 51* Though he be a preacher (see), though he be a church member all

of his life, though he be a bishop or a pope, **whosoever shall take one word of this**, just one word... **Do you realize it was one word that Eve doubted that caused all the trouble?** One spoken Word of God, Eve doubted to be the Truth, and it caused every sickness, every disease, every suffering baby, caused every hospital to be built, every operation was ever performed, every death that ever died, for one person to disbelieve one word. There you are.

And from his sermon **Oneness 62-0211 P:26** brother Branham said, "Now, let's think seriously, because we never be able to think anymore after this, after this mortal life is over. **Your thinking is now**. You cannot choose after this; you must choose now, for this is the day of choosing, making your choice. Now One Word, not a whole Decalogue, just one Word, she questioned God, because it was presented to her in that light that that Word was questionable. **God's Word cannot be questioned; He meant just what He said**. But she questioned it because it was presented to her, "Oh, God surely didn't mean that." But **He did mean that**. God means every Word He says. And **It doesn't need any private interpretation. It's just the way He said It**. Well, you say, "How do you know about the Bible?" I believe that my God has guided this Bible; He watches over His Word. He knew that atheists and infidels would rise in the last days, so He's watched over It. **This is exactly the way God meant It**. It's the way It's to us now. Now, we must believe It. **One Word off of It, and we lose our fellowship, go off into death, eternal separation from God**..

Now, what I am trying to do this morning is to help you see that Jesus Christ was the revelation of God. He is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And the word revelation means the manifestation of Divine truth. so Jesus Christ was the manifestation or the expression of what God is and Who He is. But the expression is not original, it is the expression of the original. And we see that the apostle Paul warned us to be very careful what we do with the revelation of Jesus Christ and how we present it, because to add to it or take from it the expression will be changed. So why would the Apostle Paul warn us of a curse upon those who would take and pervert this Word?

Let's read it. **Galatians 1:6** *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (another = heteros, which means "of a different nature".) And then Paul says, 7 Which is not another; (this word another is the Greek word "allos" which means different altogether, but in the context he is saying "this is not a totally*

*different Word", just one that has been perverted, and therefore of a different nature.) but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed**.*

Notice if they preach any other gospel, and the original Greek according to Wuest is to go beyond the limits of the original Gospel. That is the same warning that the apostle John gave us in **2 John 9** which says, *Whosoever transgresseth*, (or goes beyond the limits) *and abideth not* (or remains not) *in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God*. (The word hath there is echo in Greek and means the same in Greek as in English). Therefore we read this as *Whosoever goes beyond the limits and remains not in the doctrine of Christ, echoes not God*. (he is not saying what God has said) *He that remains in the doctrine of Christ, he echoes both the Father and the Son*. (He is saying just what the Father said and the son said, because Jesus said the words I speak, I did not speak them of my own, but remember, Jesus said in **"the Words that I speak they are not mine, but the Father's which sent me"**).

John 14:10 *Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.*

John 14:31 *But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

John 15:10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

John 12:49 *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*

John 12:50 *And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

In **Revelations Chapter 22: 18-19** I want you to notice the emphasis that Jesus places on the Words... *To add just one word will bring the plagues and cause you to go through the tribulation, and to take away or deny just one Word of this Book will cause you to have your name stricken from the Book of Life*.

I hope you see how important it is to believe every Word of this Book, because after all, if this Book is *the complete Revelation of Jesus Christ*, Who God is and His relationship with His Son, then to add to it or take from it, you change who God is and you alter the relationship that he had with His first born son. And you make him God who is the son, instead of what he is "*the son of God*".

Now, Brother Branham said, "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.*" period! He did not say "*and whatsoever else you think the Lord is trying to show you*".

If you have that attitude, then you are in danger of being a seed of discrepancy.

he said, "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.*" period. And you cannot add to that revelation, nor can you take away from that Revelation of you will change the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Let me read to you where he said this. I will give you three quotes so that we have three for a witness.

Christ revealed in His own Word 65-0822M P:36 So *the Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.* and It was wrote by prophets, *Hebrews 1:1*, "*In... God, Who in sundry times spake to the fathers by the prophets, in this last day speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ,*" which was the prophets, all of them put together. Jesus was Malachi; Jesus was Jeremiah, Isaiah, Elijah. All that they were, were in Him. And ***all that you are, and all I am, is in Him: Words, witnesses of the Word.*** So It is not a book of systems, a code of moral ethics, neither is It a history book, or a book of theology. It is not. But ***It's the revelation of Jesus Christ: God Himself revealed from Word to flesh. That's what It is. God is the Word, and Jesus being the flesh, It's a revelation how God, the Word, was manifested in human flesh and revealed to us. And that's why He becomes a Son of God. He is a part of God. You understand?***

Future home 64-0802 P:28 *The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Token the 64-0308 P:6 *He'll judge the world by the Bible. And the Bible is God's judgment Book, which is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ, that nothing else can be added or anything taken from It; the penalty of doing it,*

is your name out of the Book of Life. Just stay right in the Book, and pray God to make us part of That.

Evening messenger 63-0116 P:37 *Every time that a messenger comes, it's always a call back to the Word: never fails. Remember, this is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ; there cannot be nothing added to It or taken from It. It's the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. And the only way that we can ever be sure?... If anything rises among us that's contrary to this revelation, then it's wrong. See? It's back to the Word, and always calling back.*

Ok, so we should be able to see and understand that God's vindicated prophet taught us that "The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ."

Now, what does the word **revelation** mean? Webster says the word "**revelation**" is: "*A revealing or disclosing of something. In pertaining to God, it is God's disclosure or manifestation to man, of Himself and His will.* And the word "**disclosure**" means: "*to make known*".

Therefore, if we read Brother Branham's statement with the correct understanding of the word **revelation**, we read it as this, "*The Bible is the complete making known of Jesus Christ.*"

Now I think we all know what is meant by the word "**complete**" as well. In other words, "*this is the all of it, and there is nothing else". There is nothing more to be added, and there is nothing that can be taken away from".*

Therefore, if you **add to it** or if you **take away from it**, you will be changing the understanding and the disclosure, and the making known, and therefore the Revelation itself will be changed.

That is why we are warned from the prophet Moses who wrote the first five books of the Bible, not to take away from the Words of the Book, and again by The Apostle Paul in the book of **Galatians** who warned us if any man or even an angel preach any other words but what He preached, let him be cursed. And again we are warned by Jesus Himself in the Book of **The Revelation of Jesus Christ** which we know simply as the book of **Revelation** that *to add any words you will have the plagues added to you, which is the tribulation period, and if you take any words away from what is written your name will be taken from the book of life.*

Now, those are extremely powerful warnings to men. Now, if that is not enough, God sent a prophet at the end time, we all know as William Branham and he taught us that we are not to add to or take away from what is on those tapes.

That is why we hear brother Branham tells us to say what the tapes say. Because he is only telling us what Paul said. And Paul told us what Moses said.

From his sermon **God in simplicity 63-0317M P:187** brother Branham said, *"Now, why can't people believe the simple simplicity of a humble bunch of people (See?) and the voice of the signs of God? Why can't they believe it? Just like it always been. The true Word of God being made manifest, It's... **They're too smart and too educated to believe the simple form of the written Word.** They want to put their own interpretation to it. "It don't mean this. It don't mean that." See? **It does mean that.** Listen. May I say this right quick now? Even the visions that God gives here at the place, it's so misunderstood. That's the reason you hear me on the tapes say, **"Say what the tapes say. Say what the visions say."***

Therefore to say what the tapes say and all that the tapes say, means you don't splice them, which means you don't take a quote from over here and then a quote from over there and come up with some new doctrine. You either say what he said or don't say nothing at all. Other wise you end up distorting the Revelation of Jesus Christ and you make Jesus His own Father. And you make Jesus and God the same person.

Now, we are going to get into this a little more at communion service tonight, and I will show you exactly what Jesus taught concerning his relationship with the Father and what Paul taught and peter and John and James.

Too many people take a quote here and a quote there, and come up with the second coming having taken place back in 1963, and the end of the world supposedly being in 1977, and all kinds of heresies, yet all the while claiming to believe the message.

But the problem is they do not say what all the prophets say. Jesus said to the Disciples, *"O fools and slow of heart to believe all the prophets."* And they do that in this message as well, and if you cannot line up what brother

Branham said with the Word of God then you had better leave it alone because you do not understand what brother Branham said.

That is why when I quote brother Branham in my studies I always use blue for his words, but when he quotes Scripture I use red to show you that most of what he said comes right out of this Bible which is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.

Because if what you hear does not line up with what Paul Taught and what Moses Taught and what Jesus taught, and what John and James taught, then you had better leave it alone because you never understood what he said to begin with, and if you run with what you think he said, you will run in error.

And God's prophet *William Branham* said we must leave the Word of God just as It is written.

Now, with that said, we read for our text this morning that Brother Branham said, "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.*" period! He did not say "and whatsoever else you think the Lord is trying to show you. If you have that attitude, then you are the seed of discrepancy. He said, "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ.*" And you cannot add to that revelation, nor can you take away from that Revelation.

He did not say the Bible is the complete revelation plus whatever else you think I might be saying about it. Forget that nonsense. he said "*The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ*". So if you take what William Branham said without seeing what he said in the Bible then you still do not have the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. If you believe otherwise then you are adding to the Bible. Brother Branham did not add to the Word of God nor did he take away from the Word of God. He just said it what he read out of the Bible and more importantly he believed what he read from God's Word.

There are too many people who follow the message today who do not know their Bible. Just look at the divorce rate among people in this Message. And yet men will go to marriage and Divorce and take words of William Branham and try to make a doctrine that says the man can but the woman can't. And that shows they have no clue what he taught in Marriage and Divorce.

You can take just one word that he said in marriage and Divorce and that one word will tell you the whole story right there, and that word is "**beginning**". He quoted Jesus in saying, "*It wasn't so from the beginning*". And did you know that William Branham *used that phrase 14 times alone in that sermon on Marriage and Divorce?*

Marriage and divorce 65-0221M P:63 *And you people who will be listening to this tape, I hope you understand. Just go back. It's only to show that Jesus said, "Go back from the beginning and find out." All things go back to the beginning.*

Marriage and divorce 65-0221M P:65 *Jesus said, "**It wasn't so from the beginning.**" That's when time begin, when God made it first in His original creation. All that understand, say, "Amen," again. [Congregation replies "Amen"--Ed.]In the beginning God created just one male and one female.*

But people will do what they want to do, and you had better not get in their way or you will be the one who they will crucify. They think they know this message but they don't. But they will quote what they want and leave out what they don't want just like all denominations do. And then tell me they don't have a denominational spirit. And when you take statements of brother Branham and leave out the Bible you may come up with false doctrines based on a partial quotation, and that shows you do not know what the prophet taught.

Just like those people who are offended by the word Parousia, and think it is a false doctrine. How can it be a false doctrine when Jesus was the first to speak of It, and then Paul and then Peter James and John, and it is mentioned 23 times by the apostles in the New Testament.

Paul preached the Parousia of Christ and he also said if u do not preach what I preached you will be cursed. and brother Branham said he only taught what Paul taught, and therefore he had to preach the Parousia of Christ and He did. It's just that he did not use the Greek word but he used the English equivalent 4,400 times and other derivatives of the Word presence totaling about 8,900 times and therefore about 8 times per sermon. He used words like appearing before the coming, and that God is now Appearing and getting us ready for the coming.

And the biggest confusion I see in this Message is among people who have no clue what the Parousia is. They have been told it is a false doctrine but have never looked into it to see why it is false. And so they say what everyone else says, and yet they don't even know what they are talking about. I remember a friend of Mine from Kentucky was at a church and after the service 8 brothers stood outside and were talking about what a false doctrine the Parousia was and so the brother asked the question, "what is the Parousia? And not one of those brothers even knew what it was and yet they were so willing to call it false. And that is so rampant among Message people all over the world. To me they are *crucifying the word afresh*, as Paul said, "*had they know who he was they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.*" So in their ignorance they crucified the very one they was coming to save them.

The Word Parousia simply means presence and it was the Doctrine of the Apostles as Jesus taught it first in Matthew 24, then the apostle Paul taught it and even tied it into his rapture season teaching on the Shout Voice and Trumpet, then the Apostle Peter taught it showing what was to take place during the time of the Parousia, and then the apostles James and John both Spoke of this coming presence where God would come in a prophet ministry as Son of Man and all that He would do during His time among men.

All the writers of the new testament spoke of the "*looked for Parousia of the Son of Man*". And a few weeks ago we showed you that there are 89 specific attributes and characteristics that pinpoint and identify the very time of this great Parousia Presence of God, And we showed you that 84 of the 89 have already taken place, which means that 95% of the Parousia is now complete, and yet people don't even know it is happening. People who claim to follow God's prophet have no clue of this great doctrine of the apostles in which Jesus, Paul, Peter, James and John spoke of.

And Why is that? Because brother Branham never used the word Parousia, because brother Branham was not speaking to a Greek audience. But the Word Parousia simply means presence and William Branham used the English equivalent "Presence more than 4,400 times, and he also used the words "*appearing before the coming*" saying they were two different words and they mean two different things. And he said now is "*the appearing, he is appearing in the form of the Holy Ghost to get us ready for the coming.*"

And if they have no clue what God is doing in this hour, then surely they had no clue what the ministry of William Branham was all about as well. And that is a very sad indictment against not only the ministry, but those leaders who don't believe in the need for a true Five-Fold ministry. I mean we have a promise from God that you will not become matured sons and daughter of God unless you have a true five fold ministry. That is what Ephesians 4 tells us.

Now, I don't blame people who have had their stomachs turned sour by all the fakers out there but just remember, the best way to hide a diamond is to place it in the midst of all the counterfeits. But just remember this, "all the father has called will come", and that is our hope. and we trust in that Word.

but the reason they do not understand the doctrine of the Parousia of Christ is because they do not know who came down, because they do not understand the Godhead, and the relationship between the Father and Son.

And not understanding the relationship between God Himself who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and His Son Jesus, they go into error and have no clue of what God expects of them as sons.

Now what does this mean to us? It tells us then that every detail of the revelation of Jesus Christ must be found in the **Bible**. There is no other source, there is no other foundation, **the Bible alone is the Word of God and the Revelation of Who God is.**

Then what is **the Voice of God**? Many say, it is a man. Many will say, William Branham is the voice of God. So then was William Branham back in the days of Elijah when he heard the voice of God? Was William Branham back in the days of Prophets when they were men of different walks and statures of life who heard the voice of God?

But the bible says God is not a man, He is Spirit? You say, well, it's His prophet. Well, yes, if that prophet says what God says.

Balaam was a genuine prophet of God but He was not the voice of God to the people because he said other than what God had spoken. Brother Branham taught us that in "*the Anointed Ones at the End time.*" He said the anointing was genuine but what made him a false prophet is that He did not say what God had said.

The Voice of God is God's Word. And when a man like brother Branham who was a prophet of God comes along and says what God told him to say, then his voice is echoing the voice of God. Now, his voice is not God's voice, but when he speaks God's Word then his voice becomes the voice of God. That is why he says, "Thus saith the Lord."

Now, "Thus saith the Lord is not Thus saith William Branham". yet the voice of William Branham can say "Thus saith the Lord" if he is saying what the Lord has already said. You can hear the voice of William Branham and not hear the voice of God if you don't have the Holy Ghost in you to echo in your ears the voice of God.

Go ahead and check all the quotes where brother Branham speaks the words, "***The Voice of God***" and you will find most of the quotes he is talking about the Holy Ghost in you speaking to your heart and bringing God's Word to your remembrance.

From His sermon **Patmos vision 60-1204E P:108** *Now, let's see, we'll soon... down to the end of the page now:.... hair like wool,... and his eyes were... flames of fire; And His feet like a--feet like a--brass,... burned in a furnace; and his voice... the sound of many waters. "Voice of many waters."* What does waters represent? If you want to mark it down, turn to **Revelations 17:15**, and you'll find that the Bible said, "*The waters which thou sawest is thickness, and multitudes, and people, and tongues.*" All right. "**Voice...**" What a horrible thing for a drifting soul on the sea of life, no pilot to guide him, a-loose, floating with the tides, to hear the roar of the great cataracts, the falls, what a horrible thing it would be to a soul drifting. "**Voice of many waters.**" What is **His voice**? **It's the judgment; the voice of the ministers through the Holy Spirit, that's cried out to the people in every age, standing there. The voice of many** waters cried out, **thickness and multitudes. The voice** of those **seven stars** in His hand **to every church age**, preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the baptism in Jesus' Name, speaking in tongues, the power of God, the resurrection of Christ, the second coming, Divine judgment. **The voice of many waters** coming forth from this **One** that looked like the Son of man, many waters.

Now, I'm not saying by any means that brother Branham was not used by God to be the voice of this age. What I am saying is if you speak this same Word then you are echoing that same voice, and therefore what the people

are hearing is the voice of God to them. It was not brother Branham who descended with a Shout, he was only standing there when God came down. It wasn't what he knew, it was just what he surrendered Himself to, and the same with you. Some people believe you've got to hear only the tapes to hear the voice of God and I take exception to that. Any minister who is preaching the same Word that William Branham taught is an echo of the same voice of God that he echoed, and therefore when you hear the echo you are hearing the same voice. An echo is not the same thing repeated with a different voice, it is the same voice again and again and again.

Now, I do not believe as some that the voice is in the Bride and so the bride will call forth the resurrection. That is false doctrine. And I am not believing as some that William Branham will have to come back to speak forth the resurrection. Br. Branham taught us the same voice that called Lazarus from the grave is the same Voice that will call forth the resurrection. And William Branham was not around in that day. It was the first born son who God used His voice to speak that resurrection.

Look, there is only "One Lord and One Faith and One Body, and One God who is above all and with us all. Therefore there is just One Voice of God, and it matters not what vessel God uses to speak through, it is the same voice.

And we that are baptized into that body are One Body and **not** a multitude of bodies and voices. One body by One Spirit with one Voice. And that is the Voice of the Holy Ghost in you the same as He was in His prophet, the same as He was in His first born son. Because if you do not have the Holy Ghost you can listen to the voice of William Branham 24/7 and not even hear the voice of God. But if you have the Holy Ghost then when you hear the voice of God's prophet your heart will cry for joy because you identify with the Word of God that God's servant is preaching.

From his sermon, **The Seal of God 54-0514 P:18** brother Branham said, "*Now, this great subject we had last night, the first night, before last, was the Church and the church age, how that we seen Jesus standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, to look upon as Jasper and Sardius stone, the Beginning and the Ending, Reuben and Benjamin. See the seven candlesticks, or seven lampstands standing, and a rainbow over it as a covenant, and how He appeared. And His Voice was the Voice of many*

waters: both Christ and the Church speaking together; with a golden girdle around about the breast part of the Church, covered over, holding, the Gospel holding the righteousness of Christ over the Church.

We read in **Revelation 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

Now, listen to what brother Branham says about that Scripture from the **Church Age Book Chapter 5 - The Pergamean Church Age P:22** *Have you noticed in Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come,- -And let him that heareth say, Come." See, the bride speaks the same Word as does the Spirit. She is a Word bride proving she has the Spirit. In every church age we hear these words, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." The Spirit gives the Word. If you have the Spirit you will hear the Word for your age, as those true Christians took the Word for their age.*

Seven church ages 54-0512 P:79 *Watch, it's the Church speaking to Him now. "Waters..." **Revelations 17:15**, said, "Waters means thickness and multitudes of people." Now, "**His voice**," or **this Being** that was standing there looking like this, Christ in His Church, as the Bride and Christ being one, like husband and wife is one; the Church and Christ being molded together with one Person, the same Holy Spirit. And the things that Christ did, the Church does also. Do you see it? That beautiful Church there in holiness, in power, in majesty, with seeing visions, signs, wonders, everything just like He did, here it is on earth; giving all praise to God, saying, "I can do nothing except the Father shows Me; but He showed Me, and here it is." And they come see these things go to taking place. Now, Christ molded into one... and the voice... of many waters... Many people, not just the one; it was the whole Church, the Seven Churches molded together as one great ransomed Body of the Lord. The Methodists, the Baptists, the Presbyterian, all that's born again with the Holy Ghost, speaking with the power of God, that's the Body. That's the Body.*

I see in the message where people are just living in fear and almost afraid of their own shadow and they look for brother Branham to come back and speak them into the rapture. Why? because they do not trust God's Word

when He said, "**he that began the work in you shall perform it.**" When he said, "**He is the author and finisher of our faith**". When his Word said, "**it is God who is working in you both to will and to do his good pleasure.**" When he said, "**we are to be conformed to the image of the first born son.**" When he said, "**we are to receive the spirit of adoption**" when he said, "**we are to be come manifested as sons of God**", When he said, "**beloved now are you the sons of God.**" People just do not believe in the promises of God.

From his sermon, "**Hear His Voice 58-1005m pp. 45** Brother Branham said, *You've heard all kinds of voices everywhere. But just get down and stay there until those voices are silenced like it did this little Samuel. It'll do something to you if you'll just do it. Now, it makes you what you should be. It'll make you the kind of Christian that you ought to be. 46. Now, let's us go back of this modern day, until a day that's passed. Let's go back to the days of the early times. And this voice of God has come to men in all walks of life in all ages. No Matter if you're a farmer, if you're a shoe cobbler, whatever you may be, God still speaks. If you're a sinner, if you're a prostitute, harlot, if you are a drunkard, if you are what a local church member, nominal, whatever you might be, The Voice of God still waits to speak to you.*

Now let's move on...and we have already established that when he is saying that **this Bible is the Revelation of Jesus Christ**, he is not talking about Jesus Christ the Son of God, but Jesus Christ, the Father who is God. Because, Jesus Himself said that **He had no word of His own, that He depended completely upon the Fathers word.**

William Branham, the man himself, His vocal chords was not the voice of God per se, and yet God used William Branham's voice, his vocal chords to echo His own still small voice that William Branham heard in his heart and was yielded enough to hear and listen and then echo it as he taught us the Word of God.

And that is no different than what Jesus Christ himself said concerning his relationship with the Father. Jesus himself said in **John 14:24 "The Word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent Me."**

Ok, so it might be my vocal chords but it is God's Word that you are hearing, because they are not my original thought, but simply they are the Word of God which I have just yielded myself to.

In **John 5:30-32** we read, *"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true."*

Notice Jesus even said that He could not testify on behalf of His own self, in order to prove or vindicate Himself, but He depended upon the Father to vindicate Him.

John 7:16-18 *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, (God's Will) he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

Notice that in these verse we find Jesus even telling us that His doctrine is not His own but the Fathers doctrine, and that anyone who is truly called of God will not seek his own glory, but only the glory of the Father, and will not say what he wants to say, but he will say only what God tells him to say.

And that is what the condition of the end time bride is to be as well as he end time prophet of God.

Notice what brother Branham tells us concerning this in his sermon **Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:175** *Notice, what harmony. Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? **John 5:19**) So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It. She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here, He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.*

John 8:28b-29 28 ... *I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.* 29 *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

Again we hear Jesus tell us that His Words, the Words that He speaks, He heard them first from the Father, and it was the Father Who taught them to Jesus.

John 8:47 *He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.* And if you are God's Seed, you will also hear what God has to say.

So by now I hope we understand that this Jesus Christ that Brother Branham is speaking about is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, I am going to have to cut it off at this point, I had another ten pages but decided it will take just too long, and we will need to take a break before we come back tonight for communion service and continue with our understanding of The Bible as being the complete Revelation of Jesus Christ and what that means.

Let's just bow our heads and hearts in prayer,