

## Faith no 61

### *“Faith made perfect through Vindication”*

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This morning I would like to show how our **Faith is made perfect through God's vindication of His Word.** We all know that the Apostle Paul laid down a principle for us to understand and that we find in **Romans 10:17** *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

Notice therefore, it is not just by hearing that we receive Faith, but by Hearing the Word of God. And we know that is because God stands behind His Word, and he vindicates it to us that it is His word and not the word of a man.

Understanding vindication therefore is perhaps one of the most important things we can do as a Believer in God and His Word. It seems today, among the Christian world that we are living again in the days of the Judges where *“every man did what he thought was right in his own eyes”*. And why is this the predominant attitude amongst the nations today?, Because the people have turned down a Vindicated Prophet of God.

It does not matter whether they are Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or Pentecostal. It does not matter whether they claim to be followers of the Prophet of God to our day. The proof of their belief is in their understanding of Vindication.

So then **what is Vindication. Why is it so important** to us?

Brother Branham used the term **Vindication to explain:** *“God has a One man Message and He deals with One man only”*. But men do not like this, for they seem to want to have their own say as to how God is going to do things. **Who Do You Say This Is? 64-1227 128** *That one-man message, they didn't want it. No, they didn't want It. And God never did deal but with one person at a time. It's always a one-man message. When did ever He deal with the people, outside of just one person? It's an individual. It ain't a group.*

**Vindication is the real issue concerning our faith.** And if we understand that faith is a Revelation, then you cannot have faith outside of having faith or revelation in a Vindicated Word. And this vindication is not so much that God backs up His prophets with his power, but rather more importantly the God that sends His prophets goes with his prophets.

All Pentecostal people believe that God works out of heaven and does fantastic things. They will even allow for God to come down to do certain things, but the understanding that this **Vindication comes in the form of God's Personal Presence** with His prophet, and that this Presence was referred to by Brother Branham himself as *the Appearing of Christ* has become the central doctrinal debate within the *“Message clergy itself”* because it comes into direct conflict with their understanding of the Second coming of Christ as they have always perceived it, and this is due to the fact that they do not understand Godhead correctly.

A close study of this principle of vindication will help us to understand better that when it comes to the program of God, we have absolutely no say as to what will happen. All God requires from you and me is to get ourselves out of the way and allow God to work through his chosen channel, which according to **Amos 3:7** is always a prophet.

**Amos 3:6** *Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done [it]? 7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?*

Again we find in the book of **Deuteronomy** God's Law concerning how he will deal with His People. And since He is the same and changes not, then we cannot say that prophets are relegated to the Old Testament only, for there are references to prophets in the New Testament as well.

**Deuteronomy 18:15** ¶ The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; **16** *According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well [spoken that] which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. 20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*

Now, God set forth an order that has very strict consequences for those who will not adhere to it. He said, I will require it from you. You will pay for your unbelief. Notice the question came forth from God's own mouth. He said, how will you know what is right and what is not right? And then He tells us, the one that is not right will not be vindicated. I will not bring his words to pass, because they are not my words.

And we know God is very protective of His own Words. **Isaiah 55:10** *For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

In the Gospel of **John 10:23** We see a scene where Jesus is debating with the religious and the Pharisees. *And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. (this bearing witness is God vindicating that the words that His Son spoke were indeed from God. That is what vindication is.) 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. So Jesus is saying quite plainly to the Pharisees that when God vindicates His word to be true and you don't believe it, that shows you are an unbeliever. That your vindication of your own unbelief, showing you to be an unbeliever. 27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:* 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 *My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* 30 *I and my Father are one.* 31 *Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.* 32 *Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?* 33 *The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.* 34 *Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?* 35 *If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;* 36 *Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?* 37 *If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.* 38 *But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father [is] in me, and I in him.* 39 ¶ *Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,**

It should be enough that God sends someone with his Word, and we watch the character of that person, and then we see God back up that man's words with his supernatural demonstrations, and we should in our hearts say, Ok, God said it, and he interpreted what he said by bringing it to pass, therefore how could I not believe what else he says.

You could go through the entire Bible and see maybe only one time in a certain prophet God step in and vindicate the word of the Lord that the prophet brought to the people. Then we see men like Moses, Elijah and Elisha with multiple times where God vindicates the message he sent through those prophets.

Ten times Moses came with "Thus saith the Lord" And then God stepped on the scene and backed up all ten times Moses Spoke in the name of the Lord.

With Elijah there were 14 very supernatural miracles God performed through His prophet, to back up "**thus Saith the Lord**" and with Elisha it was double that, there were 28 times God vindicated His Word of "**Thus Saith the Lord**" through his Prophet Elisha..

From his sermon, **Proof of His Resurrection 136** brother Branham said, *"There He stood, and made Himself known. He said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do. They testify the Father sent Me." He said, "And My education..." In other words, like this, "If My education doesn't satisfy your longings, if My degree, which, I have none, but My degree, My diploma, is not from your seminaries. My diploma is the works that I do, that*

*the Father sent Me. They are My diploma.* That's the best diploma I know of. God, give us more of those diplomas. *"The works that I do are a vindication that the Father sent Me. If that isn't sufficient, believe them then instead of Me.*

And again from his sermon, **E-15 Jesus Christ the Same 55-0603** brother Branham said, "But Jesus come by not preaching so forceful as John, but there were signs and wonders accompanying Him. He said, "If you can't believe Me believe the works that I do. **If you can't believe Me believe the a vindication that the Father has given of Me, for the works that I do, the same testify that the Father has sent Me.**" What a statement. Think of it. **"The works that I do testify that the Father has sent Me."** Man can make any kind of a statement, but if God don't back that statement up, you've got a right to say it's wrong. But when God comes around and confirms that statement to be the truth then it's sin to disbelieve it. For what is sin? **Sin is one thing: "unbelief."** That's right. You couldn't say how much of that is night. It's all night. And in the daytime you couldn't say just this much is day. It's all day. Jesus said, **"He that believeth not is condemned already."** **Faith in God** and **unbelief** that's the two things. **One is sin** and **the other one is salvation**.

Notice in **John 5:19** Jesus tells us it i either God doing it or it doesn't get done. **"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."**

From brother Branham's sermon, **The Spoken Word is the Original Seed** pp. 192 brother said concerning the prophets of God *"He will be correctly dedicated to the Word as they have always been; indicated by God's Word and "a-vindicated"*.

Now, these terms brother Branham uses here, indicated and a-vindicated are two different words and they mean two different things altogether.

The first word "indicated" means "pointed out or suggested", so brother Branham is speaking of how that person would have to be pointed out or suggested in the Scriptures. In other words, you can see that person spoken of in the Word of God either directly or indirectly. So we see that the ministry he is talking about will be seen somewhere in Scripture, suggested by Scripture or Pointed out in the Scripture.

The other term "a-vindicated" is made up of two words, the first which is the letter "a" used as a prefix and it means "something that is ongoing" and then the word "vindicate" which has to do with "backing up", or "in the defense of" and in the usage here, it speaks of justification of the person or ministry.

Then he continues, **"God will vindicate what he preaches to be the Truth as He did Elijah; for it is Elijah coming, making ready for the Mount Zion rapture. Jesus said in the last days it would be like Lot's time. His preaching will be with the Spirit and straight line of God's Word. Because so much has been called God's Truth, many will misunderstand this true messenger.** (I've got wrote here p-r-o-p-h-e-c-y, prophecy.) **Because so much has been called God's Truth by fakers, many true ministers will misunderstand that messenger.**

Oh, my!!, Did you hear that? Where did the first **fake news** come from? The Pulpits. He said, *Because so much has been called God's Truth by **fakers**, **many true ministers will misunderstand that messenger**.*

Then from there into the world, and today everything is fake news. In fact you have to verify and re-verify almost everything you hear. Because there is only one source that can be trusted and that is the source that God has vindicated to be true.

Now, there are *two things* that we will examine in this paragraph of Brother Branham: "**vindication**" and "*the fact that this person will come straight with the Word of God, and everything he tells us, you will be able to find right in the Bible*".

Now, what we are looking at in this statement is that God vindicates His Servants with His Very Own Presence, and He vindicates His Presence by the things which only He can do, something supernatural. And God's supernatural actions are what shows He is Present.

I remember years ago, I believe it was at the Columbus meetings in 1982, that brother Vayle preached a message and made the statement, "*no prophet no God, no God no prophet*". Now, that statement has stayed in my mind for the past 35 years, because the presence of God spells out One thing for sure, and that is "**Vindication**". He comes to vindicate.

The critics criticize William Branham on his doctrine, but none of them have any vindication to back up what they claim is truth. Therefore their truth is not The Truth, but only truth to them as **they** see it.

Just because they think something, doesn't make that something truth. But when God Himself comes down and backs up a man's words, that came in the name of the Lord, then you know one thing for certain, you are not dealing with just a man any more, you are now dealing with God Himself.

Therefore what good does it do to even listen to what these other men have to say. It's simply their own opinion based on their own limited understanding. But when a prophet comes with "**Thus Saith the Lord**" it is not his own opinion, it's **God's Opinion**. And **God's prophets will always come speaking God's Word from the Scriptures**, unless they are a false prophet, then they will have no vindication either, because God is not obligated to nay man, he is obligated to His Own Word.

Therefore it matters not what men may think, for what men think means absolutely nothing to God. Now, **just because you have an opinion, doesn't mean that opinion is the right opinion**. And that is where "**vindication**" comes into play. Man has for the past 6,000 years diluted the Scripture so much that God had to send a Prophet with "**Thus saith the Lord**" to turn them back to that which is God's truth. So it matters not what their opinion is because the children of God are not interested in anyone's opinion except God's opinion. Jesus said, "*My sheep hear my voice and another's they will not follow*".

But critics abound everywhere. They were right alongside Moses, they were right alongside Elijah, and Elisha, so what makes you think they won't be right alongside God's prophet to this age, William Branham who was a vindicated prophet of God.

And the rule of criticism is “*those that are criticized the most are those who are helping the people the most*”, while those who do the most criticizing are those who do the least to help others.

Now, the apostle Paul said in **1 Thessalonians 5:21** "*Prove all thing, and hold fast to that which is good.*"

And so we see that even God comes to the place where people won't take Him at His Own Word. Therefore, He's willing to go the extra step, and He does things to **vindicate** His Word by bringing what he said to pass. "*That's how God actually interprets His Own word, is by bringing it to pass.*"

Look, even Jesus Christ who had God indwelling him without measure, had trouble getting the people to believe that God had sent Him, and that God was with Him, and in Him and doing the great and mighty miracles they saw Jesus do.

**John 14:10** *Believe 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.** 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or **else believe me for the very works' sake.***

In other words, he is telling them, look, you all know that the things you see being done can't be done by man, but by God only, then if you don't want to believe me, the man, at least believe the God that is doing these things through me.

So we find that even a man of Moses caliber had difficulties getting the people to believe His motives were pure. We find in **Numbers 14:2** *And **all** the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and **the whole congregation** said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before **all** the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 And **Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh**, which were of them that searched the land, **rent their clothes**: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then **he will bring us** into this land, and **give it to us**; a land which flows with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye **against the LORD**, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: **their defense is departed from them**, and **the LORD is with us**: fear them not. 10 But **all** the congregation bade **stone them with stones**. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. 11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere **they believe me, for all the signs which I have shown among them**? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and **disinherit them**, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. 13 And Moses said unto the LORD, (notice what Moses does, he like Christ stands as a mediator between God and man here, it was the Spirit of Christ in Moses doing this) *Then the**

*Egyptians shall hear it, for thou brought up this people in thy might from among them; 14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that **thou LORD art among this people**, that thou LORD art seen **face to face**, and that **thy cloud standeth over them**, and that thou go before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because **the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.** 17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 **The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression**, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.*

In other words, the people will reap what they've sown, "but thou O God are mightier than their sin, and Thou alone can save, and Thou alone can heal their soul of iniquity and transgressions, and Thou alone are full of mercy and compassion for this people who are weak and needy." And so we see the same conditions in the people today.

And that reminds me of a question I received from Congo Republic where the brother said, Dear Brother Brian please, According to these scriptures: **Hebrews 5:7** *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;* **8** *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;* And **Galatians 4:6.** *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

Now my question is this: **Must we make an effort for our adoption? Or, because we are sons, we must remain in rest** and God Himself collects all things for our adoption? God make a placement and we have nothing to do?

I replied, our effort if you call it that, is that we must be aware of *what God is willing to do*. The Scripture tells us "*it is **not him that willeth**, nor him **that runneth**, but God that showeth mercy.*" But it also says, "*it is **God who is working in us** to will and to do*". And it also says again, "***He** which began the good work in you will perform it.*" So it comes down to this, as brother Branham said, "*the right mental attitude toward any divine promise of God will bring it to pass, and the right mental attitude is to say it is **Thus Saith the Lord.***"

In other words it's **our Faith in God's vindicated Word that brings us rest.** **Presuming 62-0117 71** *Yes, that's it. You're not presuming then. You know where you stand. That's right. Oh, don't presume about it. There's so many different ways. Just don't presume. But God has give an a-vindication of His promise. See? We don't have to presume about it. God's vindicated it.*

**Junction of Time 56-0115 5** *And I believe that the church is now standing on the threshold of the greatest vindication of omnipotence that the world has ever known.*

**Spiritual Inspiration 56-0128 56** *And tonight the Holy Ghost is the vindication that He's here, that His power is with the believer*

**The Token 64-0208 59** *He sent a prophet to them, Moses, with a message identifying God's Word. And to identify Moses, He sent a Pillar of Fire that hung over him. Amen. Then to give him the perfect assurance, He required a token. Amen. There's a messenger, the message, and the vindication, and the token, the perfect assurance that they had nothing to worry about. No matter how many plagues strike, what everybody else says they are sealed away.*

Now let's continue reading from **Numbers 14** and we will pick up at verse **19**.

**19** *Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. 20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: (Notice, God said to Moses, His pardon was according to THY word, the Word Moses had spoken. There's your greatest gift of imparting life.) **21** *But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. 22* *Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: 24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land where into he went; and his seed shall possess it.**

Oh, how I love that promise. even their seed with them shall inherit the promise.

Now, I am going to read quite a bit here but follow with me, because I want you to see that we are facing the same scene even today, for God is the same and changes not.

**25** *Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley. Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. 26* *And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. 32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. 35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. 36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, 37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, (Who doubted God was able to perform what he had promised, these ministers) died by the plague before the LORD.*

**38** But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still. **39** And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. **40** And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. **41** And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. **42** Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. **43** For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. **44** But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. **45** Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

Therefore if there is a lesson to be learned from all this, it is that ***understanding vindication is perhaps one of the most important things we can do as a Believer in God and a believer in His Word.***

Today, in the Christian world, every man does what he thinks is right in his own eyes just like they tried to do in the wilderness, and in the days of the judges. So it doesn't matter what denomination they are, or even if they claim to believe this Message. The proof of whether they truly believe is in their understanding of vindication.

So then, what is vindication and why is it so important? ***Vindication is the Presence of God on the scene backing up His Own Word.*** It's just that simple. It is God on the scene backing up the promise he gave through a vessel that he vindicated. It is not the vessel he vindicates, but rather his own word through that vessel he vindicates. And therefore The vindication is of the Word, the promise, and yet that promise came through a man that spoke in the name of the Lord saying, "***Thus saith the Lord***" which means, listen, "***the Lord has said thus.***" and since God vindicates that Message he sent through the lips of His prophet, then when people disbelieve the prophet they are in fact disbelieving God who spoke his message through him.

Jesus said in **John 16:13** ***Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.***

From his sermon **Harvest Time 64-1212 177** brother Branham said, ***"Watch now as we hurry up through. "When the Spirit of Truth is come, He will teach you all things, whatever I taught you," oh, my, "bearing all remembrance to you, what I've said to you, bringing to you, all remembrance. And He will show you things to come. He will vindicate every Word, confirming the Word with signs following." Everything that He promised, that God promised in the Bible, if you'll turn loose from every creed and everything else, and hold onto the Word, God is obligated to take care of His Word.*** And so when they did this, ***the Word vindicates Itself.***

Therefore, God vindicates His Own Word, because **he is not a man that he could Lie**. God could not lie even if He wanted to. For it is impossible for Him to Lie. For He is truth.

**Hebrews 6:17** "*Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, (why is it both sure and steadfast? because it is vindicated) and which entereth into that within the veil;*

From his sermon, **This Day This scripture 65-0219 31-5** brother Branham said, ..."*if you preach anything and it's the Gospel Truth, then God's obligated to vindicate that.*

And from **Events Made Clear By Prophecy 65-0801E 101** brother Branham said, "*when a man stands for what is Truth, then God's obligated to vindicate that man the truth.*"

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That is why I do not believe the five-fold ministry should come and preach whatever they want to preach. They should come and preach what has been already vindicated, because if they do then God will vindicate what they are teaching is the truth. And I do not believe for one second that God would have come down in those three rainbows if I had been teaching contrary to what he taught us through his prophet William Branham. That is why I take the spoken word to the written word every sermon. and I challenge anyone to go online and find one place where I have not spoken as the prophet and scriptures spoke. There are over 2,261 of my sermons on the internet in English and every one of them can be searched all at once and another 1,362 in other languages for a total of 3,623 so far and I know men have tried to find wrong but they can't find it.

Oh, they might say I didn't preach what some other preacher preached, but they will not find where I misquoted the prophet and didn't line it up with the scriptures. You just won't find it. Because just as the prophet, "**I have no creed but Christ and no law but love.**"

Therefore, **Vindication is the real issue concerning our faith** and **understanding vindication** comes in the form of God's Personal Presence with His prophet, and that this Presence is the **verification of God's vindication.** Vindication simply means that **God is on the scene and He is in control and he is backing up the one he sent with a Message.**

And when it comes to the program of God, we have absolutely no say in how God is going to do it. Or what will happen. All God requires from you and I is to **get ourselves out of the way** and allow for God to work through His Own channel which according to **Amos 3:7** is always a prophet.

Now, we have already read this morning how God exacted punishment from those who doubted His Word through Moses. In the Book of **Deuteronomy 18** that we already read, we saw God set forth an order that has very strict consequences for those who will not adhere to it. He said, ***I will require it from you.*** You will pay for your unbelief. Notice the question came forth from God's own mouth. He said, ***how will you know what is right and what is not right?*** And then He tells us, ***the one that is not right will not be vindicated. I will not bring his words to pass, because they are not my words.***

From his sermon **Proof Of His Resurrection 136** brother Branham said, "*There He stood, and made Himself known. He said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do. They testify the Father sent Me."* He said, "*And My education...*" In other words, like this, "*If My education doesn't satisfy your longings, if My degree, which, I have none, but My degree, My diploma, is not from your seminaries. My diploma is the works that I do, that the Father sent Me. They are My diploma.*" That's the best diploma I know of. God, give us more of those diplomas. "*The works that I do are a vindication that the Father sent Me. If that isn't sufficient, believe them then instead of Me.*

And from his sermon **Jesus Christ the Same 55-0603 15** brother Branham said in his sermon **Blind Bartimaeus 60-0713 24** "*And in Praying for the sick, tonight as we pray for the sick, the Lord may come to us and give the visions. And if He does, remember the vision does not heal people. The vision is only a vindication that the Word is right. How many knows what the word "**prophet**" means? Sure you do. A "**prophet**" means "**a one that foretells or forth tells.**" And it is a Divine sign from God that this person that's speaking has the right interpretation of the Divine Word, because the Word of the Lord came unto the prophets. And the prophet foretold and done those signs, which is a vindication that he had the interpretation of the divine Word.*

Notice Jesus said 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. 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."

This tells us there will be a showdown. God speaks of this showdown in Deuteronomy 13.

In **Deuteronomy 13:1** we read, "*If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.*

And in **Hebrews 2:1** The Apostle Paul tells us *"Therefore we ought to **give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard**, lest at any time we should let them slip. **2** For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; **3** How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; **4** God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"*

In his sermon **Sign of His Coming 62-0407 36** brother Branham said, "**A vindication of God's Word being true, God bears record of His Word by His signs.** God's Word is a Seed, and that **Seed has to bring forth of Its kind (Genesis 1:11), every seed of its kind.** And Jesus said that **the Word of God was a Seed that a sower sowed.** So then, **every promise in the Bible has to produce its kind.** Amen. **37** Now, **the signs are a vindication of the true Word.** God in all ages has said that. Now, some of you might want to take down some of these Scriptures. If you do, put **Hebrews 2:4** there. You see that God has vindicated, **vindicated His messengers.** "**God in sundry times and divers manners,**" Hebrews starts out, "**spoke unto the fathers by the prophets, in this last days through His Son, Christ Jesus.**" See? And seeing that, them had the Gospel preached to them way back long ago, and had **signs and wonders to vindicate that;** then how much more should we hold on after God with divers signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost? Oh, divers of signs, the signs that Jesus Christ showed that He was here on earth, Who He was, and what He was, and the purpose He was here from.

**Hebrews 1:1** *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **3** Who being the brightness of his glory, (doxa) and **the express image of his person,** and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

From His Sermon **A GUIDE 62-1014E 41** brother Branham said, "**It was a vindication there, that there was a living God inside of Him.** What He testified, "It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me. Verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto." In other words, **God showed Him what to do, and He went and just acted it out;** He didn't do anything until God told Him to do it. Amen. That's the real frank facts of it. **If we'd just move and wait till the Spirit moved us to do it...** That's it. And **then be so completely lost in Christ that He don't have to shove you around like He does me,** but the first little nod of His head, you're ready and nothing's going to stop you, because you know that it's the will of God.

And from his sermon **Why Cry Speak 63-0714M 23-5** brother Branham said, "Now, Moses' great eye, his eagle eye looked beyond the glamour of Egypt. **The real Christian believer today, no matter what the church says, what anybody else says, when that Light strikes it, they see the very vindication of God, that Pillar of Fire hanging there, and the signs and wonders that promised, the Scripture being laid in it, it comes to Life.** No matter

*how little it is and how many in the minority; God's group has always been the minority. See?"*

From his sermon **Desperation 63-0901E 23** brother Branham said, "*The Token, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, is among us. We should reverence that. We can't humble ourselves enough. Taking off your shoes or getting on your knees wouldn't expel it, it wouldn't satisfy; it wouldn't suffice us, but a life that brings forth the fruit of the Spirit... Now, what is the fruit of the Spirit? See? Love, joy, peace... Remember this morning? Preparation, sent the messenger with the message. Next thing He done after He sent the messenger with the message, He sent the Pillar of Fire for a vindication. Next thing was after that, was consolation. See? You knew that it was right; you was at peace. We have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. See?"*

And that is where we should be today, our faith should be so focused on the promise of the hour, what God said in His Word and spoke to us concerning that promise through his vindicated vessel until we are just as confident in the promise as God's prophet was.

From the **20th century Prophet Book** we read, "*There are always two men or two groups who demonstrate power, but one has a wrong source of power. The spirit of Antichrist is here as well as the Spirit of Christ. The spirit of Antichrist in Satan's prophets is so close to the real and true Spirit of God that only the VERY ELECT will escape the deception. **Matthew 24:22-24** "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." These true elect ones take the Word. When these true Elect Ones see the prophet and his acts of power, and see that he is right with the Word and never deviates, they know that he is of God and receive him. All that prophet says and does leads them closer to Him Who is coming soon. They look for no other vindication. This is the vindication".*

Now, we are told in the New testament that God will once again send forth another prophet and those who do not hear him will be cut off. God does not play games with us. He says what He means and He means what He says.

**Acts 3:19** *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.*

Notice the requirement at the hands of an angry God, destruction. *Destroyed from amongst the people.* This is exactly what we see in **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9**. This speaks of those who are cut off from the presence of the Lord, and they will be left for the burning.

**2 Thessalonians 1:7** *And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*

**Obey the Voice of the Angel 50-0713 16** *He's sent His Spirit to vindicate that His Presence is with His Church.*

**Lord Just Once More 63-0628A 189** *The denominations will not take the a-vindication of the Word.*

**Expectations 50-0405 16** *Gifts and callings are without repentance. There is spirits that's in the Church. That's true, such as gifts of prophecy, healing, and so forth. But they're in the entire body. They may fall upon one person tonight, a prophecy, and It might not never fall on that person again; It might be somewhere else in the body. And those spirits are supposed to be judged. "Let one speak and two or three judge," said Paul. Now, those are the spirits of the gifts that's in the Church. But the only person that has a right to say, THUS SAITH THE LORD, is an a vindicated prophet. You never seen anybody judging Isaiah, or Jeremiah, or those people. They were prophets, foreordained and born in the world to be prophets. And they foresaw the thing by a vision, and then said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD," for the Lord had already said it. So what the Church needs today, is a good old fashion teaching of the Gospel. That's right. To know where they... I don't mean just educated teaching; I mean spiritual teaching. Some people speaks about God, and knows nothing of Him.*

**Hour is Come 51-0415E 13** *And I pray that Your Spirit, the Angel of God, Whose servant I am, may come tonight and vindicate His great Presence to be here and make it an outstanding time, that the people may never fear no more; but to know that the supernatural great God of Heaven is here among people, and is now working among His children, that they may...*

**Indictment The 63-0707 37-1** *And the Holy Ghost today is not no third person; It's God Himself manifested in human flesh by the Blood of Jesus Christ to sanctify a life that He might reflect Himself through. And they crucify that same Word made manifest. You understand? The crucifixion of Christ today is the people who will deny the vindicated and manifested Son of God among the people by His things that He said would take place in this day by His Word. See? Now, the same vindication would have to be the same if He's the same Son of God, 'cause He said in **St. John 14:12** now, that, "**The works that I do shall you do also.**" **Hebrews 13:8:** "**He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.**" "**If ye abide in Me... (John 15) If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, just ask what you will, and it'll be given to you.**" Yes, sir.*

**FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO SAINTS 53-1129A 70** *But we're not judged by fund--being how fundamental we are, how orthodox we are to our belief. **We're judged by God's election and a vindication.***

**Contending for the Faith 55-0220E 44** *The Pharisees, very fundamental and orthodox, but failed to understand the spiritual things, so they said He was a spiritualist, or a devil; that is a spiritualist. See? 'Cause they'd seen the phenomenal, and they failed to recognize it; because they were just lettered altogether: fundamental in doctrine, but nothing in a vindication. Amen. I hope you see it.*

**Separation from Unbelief 55-0228 8** *Well now, if you have never seen It, here's a greater vindication of it being the truth, just to look at the picture of It. And it's not my picture, brother, sister, His picture, isn't mine. And He's with the church, not just with me; He's with all of every Christian, everywhere. He knows It's Christ, same Pillar of Fire led the children of Israel. I believe with all my heart, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. When He was there, He led them.*

**It Becometh us to fulfill 61-1001 207** *We're at the end road, the Laodicean church age; a message; the rejecting of the message; the vindication of the message; and the Presence of Christ proving He's the same, yesterday in the days of Lot, as in the days of His flesh, and in the days of today: yesterday, today, and forever.*

**You Must Be Born Again 61-1231M 187** *When you're borned again, God vindicates you. That's how God vindicates all of His nature. What? By their fruits. That's the way He vindicates His ministry. That's right. All of His servants are vindicated the same way He vindicates nature. How do you know it's a peach tree? 'Cause it bring peaches. How do you know it's an apple tree? Bearing apples. How do you know it's a Christian? Christian signs bear from it; Christian life comes out of it. How do you know he's a teacher? The Word comes from him. How do you know he's a prophet? The Word comes through him, bears record, vindication. It proves itself. How does it become that? When it dies and becomes one. That's right. When we die and become a new creature in Christ Jesus, it gets us with our calling; we stay with our calling. The fruits of the Spirit follow us when we are His servants. When we are born again, the fruits of Christ's Life follows us. That's right. How do you know it's a peach tree? It's got peaches. How do you know he's a Christian? He acts like Christ; he walks like Christ; he talks like Christ; he lives like Christ, above sin, victorious. What does he do, say, "See what I done"? Christ didn't do that. He gave all praise to the Father. That's right. That's how you know it. By their fruits you shall know them. What must... "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again he cannot even understand the Kingdom of God."*

**IF GOD BE WITH US 61-1231E 108** *How can He be the same yesterday, today, and forever, and still Divine healing gone? How can the power, how can... The Bible set in order, "First apostles, prophets teachers, evangelists, pastors, for a vindication that the Gospel still lives." And God sends them right among us, and we turn our back on it. God doesn't fail, it's the people's failed. "Where is the miracles then among us? Where are they at?"*

**All Things 1124E 64** *It's a vindication that He's here. Oh, can't we come in sincerity now, after His Word, after His Presence? That's the very God that'll judge you on the judgment day.*

**Oneness 62-0211 204** *Look what happened. Why? The same God that separated and come to Abraham and showed him the vindication of his separation... Hm. O God. How I wish I could just could do something to let you see it. God showed Abraham, being that he had separated himself, He showed him the a-vindication of it, that He was with him and right in his midst. And Jesus said the same thing will take place in the last days. Not a nation was Abraham; he was in the minority; but God was with him. He'd separated him then. We're supposed to separate ourselves in this last days.*

Let us pray...