

Satan's Eden no 80
Twins no 18 Identifiable Characteristics part 7
Obedience to God's Word
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This morning we will continue in our study of Satan's Eden and this will be number **80** in that study, and in this study of Br. Branham's sermon on Satan's Eden we entered into a mini-series on the Study of the Two Vines and this will be **number 18** in that mini-series, and **part 7** in the Identifiable Characteristics that separate the two Vines.

Our focus this morning will be on a comparison of the works that both Vines do, One in obedience to the Word of God and the other in their own religious seal to show themselves worthy. But the true Vine is obedient to the Father in all things just as its pattern and example seed Jesus the First born son of God was obedient to the father in all things.

Matthew 12:50 *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.*

John 5:19-20 *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.*

John 5:30 *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.*

John 7:16-18 *16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his 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.*

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Martin Luther knew what he was talking about concerning this *Faith* which is alive in the believer. For he said, *"Yes, it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. He stumbles around and looks for faith and good works, even though he does not know what faith or good works are. Yet he gossips and chatters about faith and good works with many words. Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures.*

Remember, brother Branham preached a Message called, "**Faith is the Victory**". And that is exactly what happens to those with faith. **Faith makes the Word of God come alive to you** and without Faith you are men most miserable. Show me a person with Faith and I will show you a life filled with victory.

Martin Luther continued by saying, *The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace.* And I would like to add, show me a person who does not enjoy serving others

willingly, and who do not have joy in their life, even while in the midst of trials, and I will show you a person who does not have faith and thus they are lacking what it takes to enter the Kingdom of God, and in fact are not walking in the light, and are not seeing the Word revealed and made alive in their life.

Martin Luther continued by saying *Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith; and so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises; it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them. He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works, and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words, about faith and good works."*

Martin Luther again said, *Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire! Therefore, watch out for your own false ideas and guard against good-for-nothing gossips, who think they're smart enough to define faith and works, but really are the greatest of fools. Ask God to work faith in you, or you will remain forever without faith, no matter what you wish, say or can do.*

1Corinthians 9:25 *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we, an incorruptible.*

Psalms 37:9 *For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.*

Psalms 145:15 *The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.*

Isaiah 40:31 *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Acts 1:4 *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

Matthew 7:21 *Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Matthew 11:27 *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

Matthew 16:17 *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Romans 2:5-11 *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; 6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; 10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.*

If you notice, Paul is speaking of a people who are impenitent which means they are un-repentent. Now, can anyone tell me what the word repentance means? And if these people are un-repentent, then that means they are without a change of the mind.

If we study the difference between obedience and works, we will see that the word Obey, or Obedience comes from a Greek word, **Peitho** which means "**to be persuaded, to win over**", and also means "**to listen to, to obey**". and this obedience is not by cowering to authority, but it is a result of persuasion which has to do with having "**trust**". The obedience of the persuaded comes from the trust it has in the one persuading. **Faith is of the heart**, and therefore invisible to men, **obedience is of the conduct** and openly manifests trust or faith. It is observable. Therefore, when a man obeys God, he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes God. Of course it is persuasion of the truth that results in faith, (**we believe because we are persuaded the thing is true**) and therefore a thing does not become true just because it is believed. In other words as brother Branham taught us, "**just because you believe it is so, doesn't make it so.**" But we believe, because we have been

persuaded that the thing is true and therefore we believe. But *peitho* or **Obedience**, in the NT suggests an actual and outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith.

That is why Paul could say, I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision. He was fully persuaded that the vision was true and therefore he obeyed. And that is what vindication is all about. Therefore, obedience has to do with a Word being presented, and you following that Word. And therefore our stewardship to that Word is the actual expression of our belief in that Word.

Now, contrast the faith and expression of that Faith in the True Vine, the elect sons and daughters of God with the zeal and expression of that zeal in the False Vine who have zeal but without knowledge. Thus if no knowledge then their zeal is not a response to the persuasion of a vindicated promise, but something they possess themselves, and is an expression of their own belief system of works.

Romans 16:19 *For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto all which is good, and simple concerning evil.*

Notice that the Apostle Paul is speaking here regarding these two statements concerning good and evil. Noticed he says, *I am glad on your behalf that your reputation is such that that your obedience to the Word of God is known by quite a few people*, and then he says, *but yet I would have you wise unto all which is good, and simple concerning evil.*

Now, I want you to notice that he is telling them this not so much as a praise, but more so as an of admonition because by doing so he is telling them **more important than being obedient is to know what you are obeying and why you are obeying**. The Apostle Paul not only wants them to be obedient to the Word, and he actually tells them here that he is glad for their sake that they have a good reputation for being obedient to the Word of God. But what he is conveying in his thoughts here is that obedience for obedience sake is not enough. The message he is bringing to them here is that although he is glad that they are obedient, yet obedience without an understanding why we are obedient will not last very long, and therefore he tells them to be wise unto that which is good, and be simple concerning evil.

Now, I notice these two thoughts, 1) of knowing or understanding that which is good and 2) of being simple concerning evil.

Now, this first thought is, "*Being wise in that which is good*". Now, remember, we cannot understand this without keeping in mind his context in that he was praising them for ***their reputation of being obedient***, *I am glad on your behalf that your reputation is such that that your obedience to the Word of God is known by quite a few people*, but then he adds, but ***I want you to be wise in that which is good***. So we see that he is placing more importance on ***being wise in that which is good*** than merely being obedient to it, because being wise and understanding why you obey, shows that you have entered into agreement with the Word in which to obey. This shows a yielding to and an acceptance of that Word win which you obey.

You can train a dog to obey, and you can train a parrot to recite certain scriptures. But to willingly obey from an understanding is much better if we are to become one with the Promise Giver.

Now, that is not to say that there is anything wrong with obedience. But if you do not know what you are obedient to or why you are obedient, then you can be easily deceived even as Eve was deceived. For this same Apostle warned the Corinthian Church that they were too negligent in discerning the motives of men who claimed to be preaching the Gospel.

2 Corinthians 11:1 *Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

Now, let me read from the **NIV** which gives a more clear presentation of these verses.

NIV 2 Corinthians 11:4 *For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. 5 But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." 6 I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way. 7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge?*

Look, Paul was a teacher, and so when he preached he taught, he was not eloquent like a polished up preacher. But just because Paul said his homiletic skills were not as polished as what he called those super others, yet that did not make him ignorant concerning his teaching, and neither did brother Branham lacking a higher education from some man-made institution make him inferior. In fact if you want the truth on this, His higher education was from God Himself, the Great Teacher.

As we read notice the Apostle Paul's sarcasm, *"I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." 6 I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way. 7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge?*

In other words he is saying, I could have preached over your head if I wished too, but I did not, so that you might be able to understand what I had to say. That is the first thing the critics always say. That the real true preaching is too simple, and they call it 7 and 8th grade level. Yet brother Vayle told me he wished he could have broken the word down to make it simple. So when people heard brother Vayle they were impressed by the veil, so he had to throw in some gutter words to throw them off. But when they hear someone who can break it down to where everyone can understand it, they think it must not be worth listening too, and that is where they make their big mistake. Because God hides Himself in simplicity and He is the Word.

Jesus Christ the same 56-0426 P:49 *Notice, if Jesus did those things in that day, and He has raised from the dead, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He's obligated to His Word. Now, His corporal body sets at the right hand of God. You believe that, don't you? But the Holy Spirit is here working through His sanctified vessels. And God has set in the church what? First apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then evangelists, then pastors (Is that right?), for the perfecting of the church. God has done it. It's not the preacher that preaches; it's God preaching through him. It's not the prophet that sees the vision; it's God speaking through him. "I do nothing except the Father shows Me first what to do." That's the reason He had to go through Samaria. That's why all these other things taken place. Follow His life and see if that isn't right.*

Putting on the whole armour of God 62-0607 P:76 *Now, God fortified His army. What with? Himself, in the form of prophets, apostles, teachers, pastors. What did He do? What was God doing? Listen, did you ever think what that office of the church is? It's God's dress, inside dress, an apostle, a prophet, a seer. Foresee, before Satan ever gets to it, done told it. What is it? God dressed up in His church. These offices is God's dress-wear. When you see those offices, pastors, teachers, evangelists, what is that? That's God's dress-wear, God's Presence, God's Spirit and It's working through man. And if that office denies any of this Word, then it's not God-dressing. No, not that. That's that wolf in sheep's clothing. Watch that fellow. Beware of him. But when he just takes what the Word says, remember, that's God, 'cause He's speaking His Word. See? But if He says, "Well, it isn't..." Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, my, get going, sheep; get going.*

And that is where they made their mistake with br. Branham as well, and with the apostle Paul as he tells us here when he said, *"I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." 6 I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge."* You see, the object is not to impress people with your intellect. The object is to make it so simple that everyone can grasp it and understand it.

Then was it a sin for Brother Branham to lower his preaching to make it understandable to the least educated among us? I don't think so. And neither was it sin for Jesus to do the same. Jesus came speaking many parables, and we will find out what those parables were all about in the next few weeks when we begin our series on the parables of Christ. And the scriptures tell us that *"the common people heard him gladly."* **Mark 12:37**

Notice that in verses 1-4 Paul is making the case that the people have been *too easily persuaded* by men who claim to be ministers of Christ, just like Eve was *too easily persuaded* to go against the Word of God. Even though for a time she had been obedient to that same Word, yet she allowed herself to become deceived away from that Word and the Promise associated with obedience to that Word, which was eternal life.

And it wasn't that she believed a totally different word, as though the serpent came with an altogether different Gospel. But the Gospel he preached was the same Message but with a twist to it. Just one word off is Satan's Kingdom. And that same thing has happened in every age, and is happening in this age as well. And the greatest lie is 95% true.

Uncertain sound 61-0315 P:43 *And one of the biggest hypocrites in the world is to have a sound that's almost like a real sound and just got enough about it not to be the right sound. The biggest lie that was ever told, is one that's got a whole lot of truth to it, and then right at the end, it's got a lie. That's the way that Satan told Eve. She was deceived by it. The woman didn't mean to be, but she was deceived, because it sounds so truthful. See?*

Hear recognize act on word 60-0221 P:26 *All error has truth. The biggest lie was ever told had ninety-five percent truth in it, the lie that Satan told Eve.*

And the apostle Paul warned the Galatians' church of the same thing. He told them that they were in danger of falling away from the pure unadulterated Gospel by the same conniving trick that Satan used in the beginning.

Galatians 1:6 *"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel."*

Now, this word "*another*" is not the Greek word "*allos*" which means "*a totally different Gospel altogether,*" but it is the Greek word "*heteros*" which means "*of another nature*". They were listening to men who were using **the same words** but the way they put those words together brought forth a Gospel that had a different nature to it.

How many times you have heard a person speaks of something they claim to have heard brother Branham say that when you heard it, it just didn't sound like what brother Branham would say. And then when you investigate it, he never did say it the way that person quoted it. That is where the deception comes in. In Paul's day they might have been saying what Jesus had said, using his exact Words, and they might even have been quoting from the same Scripture, but the way they were connecting those scriptures, and in the context they were quoting Jesus, they were actually taking the Gospel and presenting it in such a way as to present a false nature to it.

Irenaeus said the same thing to the early church when warning them of the Gnostics among them.

From Chapter VIII.--[How the Valentinian's pervert the Scriptures to support their own pious opinions.] Irenaeus wrote 1. Such, then, is their system, which neither the prophets announced, nor the Lord taught, nor the apostles delivered, but of which they boast that beyond all others they have a perfect knowledge. They gather their views from other sources than the Scriptures;(4) and, to use a common proverb, they strive to weave ropes of sand, while they endeavor to adapt with an air of probability to their own peculiar assertions the parables of the Lord, the sayings of the prophets, and the words of the apostles, in order that their scheme may not seem altogether without support. In doing so, however, they disregard the order and the connection of the Scriptures, and so far as in them lies, dismember and destroy the truth. By transferring passages, and dressing them up anew, and making one thing out of another, they succeed in deluding many through their wicked art in adapting the oracles of the Lord to their opinions. Their manner of acting is just as if one, when a beautiful image of a king has been constructed by some skilful artist out of precious jewels, should then take this likeness of the man all to pieces, should rearrange the gems, and so fit them together as to make them into the form of a dog or of a fox, and even that but poorly executed; and should then maintain and declare that this was the beautiful image of the king which the skilful artist constructed, pointing to the jewels which had been admirably fitted together by the first artist to form the image of the king, but have been with bad effect transferred by the latter one to the shape of a dog, and by thus exhibiting the jewels, should deceive the

ignorant who had no conception what a king's form was like, and persuade them that that miserable likeness of the fox was, in fact, the beautiful image of the king. In like manner do these persons patch together old wives' fables, and then Endeavour, by violently drawing away from their proper connection, words, expressions, and parables whenever found, to adapt the oracles of God to their baseless fictions....

Now, in **Galatians 1** and **2 Corinthians 2** the word *nature* which the apostle Paul speaks of, that they change the nature of the gospel, it means "**The essential characteristics and qualities of a person or thing**": And therefore, they were presenting the Word of God in such a way, a perverted way, as to present **a nature or characteristic** to the people which was not God's nature at all. And that's exactly what the serpent did to Eve. And that's exactly why I have chosen to take the time to show you the identifiable characteristics of a True Vine verses a false vine, so in identifying those characteristics you will be able to identify who is a True servant of God who is not.

That is why in **Malachi 3:16-18** we read, ...*Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves him not.* The NIV Says, **18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.** You will know the difference.

Therefore, the Apostle Paul goes on to say,) "**I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.**"

And that word another in the Greek is, "**Heteros**" and it means of "**a different nature**", like we use the same word hetero when we speak of men vs. women, and call them heterosexual which means they have different nature one from another. Then the Apostle Paul says in verse **7** "**Which is not another;**" (and this word another is not "**heteros,**" but from the Greek word "**allos**" meaning *it is different, not only in its nature but in its substance.*

Then the Apostle Paul continues, "**but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**"

So it came right down to what the Apostle Paul was calling what they taught as being "**perverted.**"

Now this "**perverting the gospel**" is the key because the Word they preached was of a **heteros** nature, a different nature than what he was teaching. He used the word "**perverted**" in describing the Gospel they preach. And that word pervert was translated from the Greek word **Metastrepho** which means "**to turn or twist.**" So they were teaching the gospel with a twist or spin like they do in presenting the news every day.

Therefore they were presenting the Gospel with such a twist that they would spin it to say what they wanted it to say, and they put such a spin on the Words of Christ as to present something **altogether different in nature** to that which Christ had presented originally. And they still do it today.

That is the same thing men are doing today when they preach that all you have to do to make the rapture as part of the bride is to play a tape and there is no need for a five-fold ministry, and then there are others who teach the idea that the fullness of the Godhead is in the Bride. They have taken the same words God's prophet used, but out of context from the way he spoke them. And Also out of the order from his true original meaning. And therefore, by the way they divide that word, and the order in which they present the Word, they have changed its nature altogether.

So here is the warning from the apostle Paul.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel (evangelize another Gospel) **unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.** **9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.** **10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.** **11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.** **12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught [it], but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

They not only do not teach what Paul taught, but what they teach or the essence of what they teach is that it's not good enough to quote the prophet and quote the apostle Paul, but you must not even quote, that is not good

enough, you must just play the tape and that is all it takes to be in the bride of Christ. And that teaching is a perversion of the Scriptures. The Apostle Paul called it a perverted Gospel because it renders the five-fold ministry to a button pusher. They do not trust people with the Holy Ghost to be lead into all truth, so they think you cannot be led by the Holy Ghost, so you must just listen to the tapes and then you will be sure that you are being led right. And that is to blaspheme the Holy Ghost for Jesus said, "**when He the Spirit of Truth is come He will lead you into all truth.**" Therefore, in doing so they are trying to prevent the Holy Ghost from being your personal guide and teacher.

And so their doctrine produces a works which says "push play only", because there is no need for revelation, all you must do is "push play" and you're bride material.

Choosing of a bride 65-0429E P:34 *It's too bad that we ever got away from the real Leader that God left us to lead the church. He never sent state presbyters. He never sent a bishop, cardinals, priest, popes. He sent the Holy Ghost for the church to lead the church. "When He, the Holy Ghost is come, He will lead you into all Truth, reveal these things to you that I've told you, bring them to your remembrance, and will show you things that is to come." The Holy Spirit was to do that. Now, the modern church hates that. They don't like it. So how could she be the Bride of Christ? The people of today, choosing a modern denomination, what it does, **it only reflects their poor understanding of the Word.** I don't mean to hurt, but I mean to let it go deep enough till that you'll look at it.*

God had told Eve not to eat of the forbidden tree and she would live forever. But He also said, "**the day you eat thereof is the day you will die.**" Now, Eve had remained obedient for many, many years. But because **she did not understand the promise and why God said it**, she opened herself up for deception.

That is how people fall into error. Because they do not understand what this Message is all about they then end up majoring on a minor, and away they go.

And the Apostle Paul is likening the Corinthian's to that of Eve, and those false ministers that were working the people like the serpent worked on Eve, and The Apostle Paul called them "**Super Apostles**".

Now, it is not that these men were really **Super Apostles**, because Paul is being facetious when he said that. Because in verse **11** he goes on to describe these men as **ministers of Satan, who transform their own selves as ministers of Christ**, when actuality they are in no way shape or form true ministers of Christ.

II Corinthians 11:4 *For if he that cometh preaches **another** (allos) Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another** (heteros) spirit, which ye have not received, or another (heteros) gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

Now, notice in verse **4** he says **the people seem to put up with these men so easily enough**. In other words, He is telling them they are too easy going, and when they should be challenging these men, but they just accept what they are being told by these men without checking what they say with the Scriptures to verify for themselves what is true and what is not true.

As Paul said in **1 Thessalonians 5:21** *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

Now in continuing from what the Apostle Paul was warning the church in **II Corinthians 11:5** Let's read on..."*For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very **chiefest** apostles.*"

Then in verse **5** he calls them super apostle. The word very is translated from the Greek word "**huper**" which means in essence, super. It means above and beyond or superior to.

Therefore he is saying "*why do you put up with these guys who come on as though they are superior to the Apostle, when they are nothing but ministers of Satan.*"

II Corinthians 11:6 *But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.*

Here he is saying, *"Look, I might not be refined in my speech like these guys appear, but I am not stupid. And I have been thoroughly made manifest before your very eyes, and yet why would you turn down what God had proven to you in favor of someone who can talk in a polished up manner."*

Then in verse **13-15**, we find him warn, **II Corinthians 11:13** *For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

And then verse **19** He says, *"For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. The Apostle Paul just lays his speech open before all, and tells it as clear as can be told that these men that are seducing the people with their fair speeches are ministers of Satan making fools of the people in doing so. He says, when they should be wise they have become fools."*

Ephesians 5:15 *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,"*

We are not to walk blindly as some who would say we do not have to understand, all we have to do is believe, and yet how can you believe if you do not understand what it is you are believing?

Romans 1:22 *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,"*

Matthew 10:16 *"Behold I send you forth as sheep among wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."*

Malachi 3:16 *Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.*

The elect know between good and evil, between righteous and unrighteous, between those who serve God and those who do not. Between obeying Gods Word and just doing works to try and please and angry God.

In his sermon **Divine Healing 54-1219M 279** Br. Branham quotes Jesus as saying **"For except a man be born again, he can't understand these things, the Kingdom of God,"** as He said to Nicodemus of old. **You can't understand it; you'll never understand it, until God comes into your heart.** And you'll be a part of Him, then you'll say, "Yes, Lord, every bit of the Word's inspired. I believe every bit of It. I believe It's the Truth. And here I am, Lord, to walk in the Light." **As long as you're borderline out there, you can't believe it. You can't do it.**

And from his sermon **Contending for the Faith 55-0220E 66** Jesus said, **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom."** **You can't understand it.** It's a mystic, mythical thing until you're born again. **There the very Life of God comes in you. Everlasting, Eternal Life, Zoe, God's own Life comes in you, and then you're a part of God. You're a Son of God or a daughter of God. And then you see as God sees. You believe as God believes.**

Rotherham Bible: Isaiah 28:8 *For all tables are full of filthy vomit, there is no place! Whom shall he teach knowledge? 9 And whom would he cause to understand the Message?*

Lamsa Bible: Isaiah 28: 8-9 *For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. To whom shall he teach knowledge, and whom shall he make to understand the report. Those who are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts. For filth is upon filth, filth upon filth, vomit upon vomit, vomit upon vomit; a little here, a little there; For with difficult speech and with an alien tongue will he speak to this people. For I have said to them, This is the place of my rest wherewith I may cause the weary to rest, and this is the place of tranquility; but they would not listen. So their Word of the Lord was to them filth upon filth, filth upon filth vomit upon vomit vomit upon vomit a little here little there that they might return and fall backwards an be broken and snared and taken.*

Shalom 34 *The Elected see, knows It' always through every age that they know it.*

John 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*

Romans 16:19 *For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto all which is good, and simple concerning evil.*

Now that word *simple* means harmless. In other words God does not want us to be street wise concerning evil. He wants us not to be naive, but he does want us to be harmless as doves when it comes to evil. And that word evil comes from the Greek word **kakos** which means of *a mode of thinking, feeling, acting; base, wrong, wicked*
3) troublesome, injurious, pernicious, destructive, baneful

168-4 Pergamean Church Age - Church Age Book CPT.5 *Then I knew the truth of the camp meeting and the vision. The parable of the Sower and the Seed, the sixth chapter of Hebrews, and the evident manifestation of Spiritual gifts in a mixed audience--all became wonderfully clear. The sower in white was the Lord. The sower in black was the devil. The world was the field. The seeds were people, elect and reprobates. Both partook of the same nourishment, water and sun. Both prayed. Both received help from God, for He maketh His sun and rain to fall on both good and evil. And though they both had the same wonderful blessing and both had the same wonderful manifestations, **THERE WAS STILL THAT ONE GREAT DIFFERENCE, THEY WERE OF DIFFERENT SEED.** Here also was the answer to **Matthew 7:21-23** "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father Which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Jesus does not deny that they did the mighty works that only the Holy Ghost can accomplish by way of men. But He did deny ever knowing them. These weren't backsliders. These were wicked, unregenerate, reprobates. These were the seed of Satan.*

Philippians 3:6 *Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

Luke 13:24 *Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

Concerning Faith, Martin Luther Defined said: "**Faith is not what some people think it is. Their human dream is a delusion. Because they observe that faith is not followed by good works or a better life, they fall into error, even though they speak and hear much about faith.** "Faith is not enough," they say, "You must do good works, you must be pious to be saved." They think that, when you hear the gospel, you start working, creating by your own strength a thankful heart which says, "I believe." That is what they think true faith is. But, because this is a human idea, a dream, the heart never learns anything from it, so it does nothing and reform doesn't come from this 'faith,' either. Instead, faith is God's work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God. (**John 1:13** *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*). Faith kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people. It changes our hearts, our spirits, our thoughts and all our powers. It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Notice Martin Luther said that Faith brings the Holy Spirit with it. It opens the door to receiving the new birth and allowing The Spirit of God to have entrance and to live within our hearts.

In fact that is the same thing Brother Branham said. From the Message entitled, **QA Image of the Beast 54-0515 187-239** Brother Branham said, "Now, watch now the next, He says, "**And thou art Simon, and I give unto thee...**" because he had the spiritual, revealed truth. That's the reason he knowed the difference between Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had a spiritual revelation....

And Remember that is what John said, when he said, He that has not the doctrine of Christ does not even have God, and he that hath the doctrine of Christ has BOTH the Father and the Son.)

Now in continuing with brother Branham's thought on this, he continues, ...*That's what you're understanding tonight, where the Holy Spirit's opening it up to us. He said, "Thou art Simon, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven. And whatever you bind on this earth, I'll bind it in heaven. Whatever you loose on this earth, I'll loose it in heaven." Did He say it? St. Matthew the 16th* chapter, *"Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth, I'll loose in heaven. And I will give you the keys to (to What?) the Kingdom of heaven."* What is the Kingdom of heaven? The Holy Spirit.

Notice then, how brother Branham said that *the keys to the kingdom of heaven is revelation of the Word of God.* And he calls this revelation of the Word of God *having the keys to access the Holy Spirit.*

We know that the Father is the Word, and that His Son Jesus Christ the anointed One, was the Word made flesh, which means He is the Word of God manifested or openly expressed.

Now, Jesus typed Himself with being "**The Door**". He said, no man can come in or out except it be through me. Therefore, it is the manifested Word which is the entrance, and that is what Revelation is all about. You cannot even perceive what the Kingdom of God is all about except it be by revelation. And revelation is defined as the manifestation of Divine Truth. So it must be manifested for it to be revealed.

God interprets His Own Word by doing what? **By bringing it to pass.** Therefore, **Revelation of the Word is the ability to see the word of God manifested, and be able to take it back to the Written Word,** to know the day and hour that you are living. **God gives you an ability to see it and then piece together what you are seeing with the Word God has already beforehand declared.** Therefore **Revelation is not some human notion or some human perception,** but rather **it is being able to see the Word lived out before you.**

And as you look upon that Word living itself out before your very eyes, you become part of that scene that is being played out, a living play taking place where you are one of the actors.

Now, a door is an entrance into something, and since **that Door is the Word of God manifested,** if you do not have the key to that door, or the key to the Word, it will remain forever locked to you and therefore your entrance into the kingdom is shut off from you.

Proverbs 25:8 *Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.*

Luke 13:24 *Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

Matthew 7:22-23 *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Galatians 5:7-9 *Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.*

Romans 10:2 *For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.*

John 9:14-17 *What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*

Smyrnaean Church Age 60-1206 32 *Man's always trying to outsmart the very Creator that made him, and he doesn't do a thing but kill himself. As a few Sundays ago I preached on the "Hybrid Religion." That's exactly. When you hybreed anything, you can never, it's done. **It's finished; it can't come back no more.** A mule can never **breed back** and have another mule, because he's a mule; he's a hybrid. Fine corn, you can't raise fine corn off of fine hybrid corn. It won't... It might come up, but it's, oh, it's no good at all. You can't do it. Anything that's hybrid's no good. And a hybrid religion's no good. **As long as you're trying to add something to what***

God said, or do something that God don't want you to do, it's a hybrid religion. It might look pretty. Oh, hybrid corn will outshine the natural corn. An old mule will outwork two horses. Well, that's... It ain't working, brother; it's grace that we're saved by: not by works are we saved, but by grace. So that might...

Now, that is a very significant statement he said in this last paragraph. He speaks of the natural hybridization process, and he says; you take an original seed, and hybridize it with something added and its finished as an original seed. That seed life has been changed and it can never come back to its original nature again.

Now, supposed you a medical treatment that places mRNA into your body. That mRNA then will join up to your DNA and will change permanently your DNA. That is why mRNA technology is so dangerous, because it changes you forever. And what William Branham is telling us 60 years ago is that once you do that, your DNA is now a hybrid DNA and can never come back to original DNA again. It's finished.

And he says this scientific principle applies also to the Word of God. You mix the Word of God with any other word of man and you have mutated the Word of God. And when you do that you are finished. It is "Ichabod", the spirit of the Lord has departed, and when it departs it will not come back.

124-4 Smyrnaean Church Age- Church Age Book CPT.4 Talk about a hybrid. Do you know the most famous hybrid in the world? It has been with us for ages. **It is the mule.** It is a cross between a donkey and a horse. He is a funny kind of an animal. **He can't reproduce himself. He has no life that can do that.** Yet talk about work. He can outwork the horse or the donkey. But watch his nature. **He is stubborn and you can never trust him. He is a perfect picture of hybrid religion. A cross between truth and darkness, for the horse is a type of the true believer and the ass a picture of the unrighteous one. Mix them and you have a sterile, formal religion. It hasn't the seed of life. It is dead. It can talk about truth but it can't produce it. It doesn't have God in its midst, yet it gathers together and talks about God, and all the while systematically denies the power.**

They will deny the Word in the very Name of the Lord. And there is never any hope for them. **Do you realize that no organized religion ever had a revival?** Never! **Once they organized they died.** They can't ever come back. No sir. I can show you that in type. In **Exodus 13:13**, "And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck; and all the first-born of man among thy children shalt thou redeem." See, the ass can be redeemed. Every miserable sinner can be redeemed by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, or in rejecting Christ be rejected himself. But **you don't redeem the mule.** There is no redemption for him. There is no blood for him. There can't be because the mule takes refuge in the church while the ass takes refuge in the blood. The mule has "no seed" in him that can be quickened, but the ass has seed.

380-1 Resume of the ages - Church Age Book CPT.10 Thus at this very moment we are in the complete fulfillment of **Matthew 24:24** "insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." And who is it that shall attempt to deceive the very elect? Why, the spirit of antichrist in the "**false anointed ones**" of this last day. These false ones have already come in "**Jesus' Name**" claiming that they have been anointed of God for the last day. **They are the false Messiahs (anointed ones). They claim that they are prophets. But are they one with the Word? Never. They have added to it or taken from it.** No one denies that the Spirit of God manifesting in gifts is upon them. But like Balaam they all have their programs, make their appeal for money, exercise gifts, but **deny the Word or by-pass it for fear that a controversy might diminish their chances for greater gain.** Yet they preach salvation and deliverance through the power of God, just like Judas, with a ministry imparted by Christ. But **because they are wrong seed, consequently they have a wrong spirit motivating them.** Religious? Oh my! They outshine the elect in effort and zeal, but it is Laodicean, not of Christ, for **it looks for big crowds, big programs and startling signs amongst them.** They preach the second coming of Christ, but deny the advent of the prophet-messenger, though in power and signs and true revelation he eclipses them all. Ah yes, **this false spirit that in the last day is so close to the real, can be distinguished only by its deviation from the Word, and whenever it is caught in being anti-Word, it falls back on the one argument we have already shown to be false: "We get results, don't we? We have to be of God."**

Let us pray...