

Satan's Eden no 148

A Religious Deceit vs the right kind of teaching

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Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, that You are here and we believe that You are here, Father, we're a product of what was in Your mind before the foundations of the world.

We ask, Lord, that You would be with us now as we understand better the conditions of the hour. In Jesus Christ's Name we pray. Amen.
Now you may be seated.

It's good to see you all. Now this morning we're going to look at Satan's Eden No. 148. A religious deceit versus the right kind of teaching. So we're going to look at the right kind of teaching versus deception and how deception comes. It actually comes by the wrong kind of teaching.

So now we read in **Genesis 3:1** *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Now when did she hear that? Well, she heard it from her husband, because God had actually told it to her husband. He didn't tell it to her. And so she hears it again the second time from this other preacher, who's deceitful.

2 *And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it,* (That word touch is Neshem, and it actually means to lay with a woman for the first time, so she knew exactly what it was all about,) *lest ye die.*

4 *And the serpent said unto the woman, (he began to preach,) Ye shall not surely die:* (Well, this is something new to her,) **5** *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

Now, Brother Branham said from **Satan's Eden 65-0829 P:37** *He said, "Oh, surely you'll not die, but let me give you the reason why God said this.*

(See, that's what the preachers do.)

Is because..." See, now **what he quoted was truth**. You see? He said, "**It'll open your eyes, and it'll make you know good and wrong. You'll be like God then, if you can do it.**" That's just what he wants to do; that's just the same thing he's trying to do today. **It's been a religious deceit since the very beginning** of Eden.

Now, we look at the media and we say it's a media deceit. We look at politics, and we say it's a political deceit, but it began with a religious deceit and it ends with a religious deceit. So anytime you hear the DC coming from the media or from the politicians, it doesn't make any difference, they're all liars to begin with. But when it comes from the pulpit and the preacher is not saying what a vindicated prophet says and backing it up by the Bible, then he doesn't know what he's talking about. Now if he doesn't know what he's talking about, then he doesn't really know where he's going. And if he doesn't know where he's going, then the blind are following the blind, because you don't know where you're going either. So you better know it by the scriptures.

It's been a religious deceit since the very beginning of Eden and has been ever since.

In Adam's time it was a deceit. In Noah's time, it was a deceit. In Jesus' time was the same, and now is the same, the same way, a religious deceitfulness.

Ok, so we want to talk about this tactic of the devil, because Brother Branham said we should know the tactics of our enemy. So many people have the wrong understanding of this Message. They are distracted by the calm nature of the prophet, and so they give in to Satan's same old tactic because of what they see. Like Eve before him, the serpent was a much bigger man than Adam, and He was a more beautiful creature than Adam just like Lucifer was puffed up by his beauty, so too are people disarmed by a minister's nice mannerism, instead of trying every spirit and giving it the Word test. John the Baptist was nothing to look at, and neither was Jesus. The Bible said he was of such a nature that we did not seek him out.

Isaiah 53:2 *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,* (Now, you know what a tender plant is. I mean, it's a little weakling. It has no fruit. It doesn't even look like it might make it, but it's just a tender plant) **and as a root out of a dry ground:** (Now, has anybody ever seen a root in dry ground? I mean, it's all

shriveled up. It's ready to be burned up, Really.) *he hath no form nor comeliness;* (In other words, He just wasn't pleasant to look at.) *and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

So, there was nothing special in the way he looked. Just like King David, He was a man after God's own heart. But Brother Branham said he was a ruddy-looking guy. OK, so he wasn't the big old, handsome, typical king that people think of. A king with a nice beard, and nice hair, and 7 feet tall (213cm). Yeah, he was a little guy. OK, Puny little guy. He's a Ruddy, Ruddy means you kind of stoop shoulder. Stoop shouldered but God doesn't look upon the outward man, that's why He is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

But people judge a man, not by what He preaches, but by his style and his delivery. They judge him by whether he wears his suits right, and what color of ties he chooses for himself. It's like President Trump said. Oh, my favorite preacher was, the guy that spoke on the word of power, and he was actually the first guy to preach on the gospel, is for making money. You want to preach it right so that you get what's coming to you. Well, that's just nonsense.

They will not judge by the Word of God, but rather by the man's outward expressions and whether he sounds humble and nice. Brothers and sisters, that is Satan's deception. A man isn't saved by how nice he can project himself to be. We are not saved by how nice William Branham was. We're saved by the word that was spoken.

You see, people in this message are following a man. Their eyes are on the physical and they're not on the message that he brought. The Angel didn't say, as John the Baptist. So will you be my messenger or the Lord will come after you like you're some great thing? He said, "As the Angel came to John the Baptist, so shall my message forerun the Second coming." So it's about a message.

And then how can they say they belong to the message when they don't even preach the message? They're preaching Pentecostalism. They're jumping up and down and preachers saying, well, you're not of God if you're not going to March around the church. Well, give me a break. Show me one scripture for that. They're adding to. They're taking away just like the serpent did.

You are saved by believing the right Gospel,

Now Paul the Apostle and remember, Brother Branham said, I only say what Paul said. He said in, **Romans 10:13** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the*

Lord shall be saved. OK, so you're supposed to call on the name of the Lord. Well, what if you don't know the name of the Lord? What if you preaching 2 Lords? Which Lord am I going to be saved by? Come on, think about that.

Which one of those Lords am I going to be saved by? All right. And they don't even know the name of the Lord. Jesus said, "I come in My Father's name." So, God is called Jesus, and Brother Branham said that was Jesus in Jesus. OK, but they don't know that, or they won't preach that.

14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?* (Well, now see, how are you supposed to call on a God, whom you've never even heard of?) *and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard.* (You've never heard it, so how are you going to believe it?) *and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

15 *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!*

Well, if they're not even sent, then they're running without a message. You've all heard Brother Branham's story about running without a message.

Absalon was killed, and so a messenger was sent to run and tell David that his son was killed. And then another guy thought, hey, I'm going to beat him to it, I'm faster. So I don't know why they didn't pick me, but I'm going to go and I'm going to run. And so he ran, ran, ran. And he was a better preacher. He was a better runner. He was a better this, he was a better that. He was more fit, you would think, for the job. But he wasn't, because he ran without a message. So he gets to David. And David said, how be it? And he says, "All is well."

Well, if your firstborn son, and the one that you love, is dead, I don't think, all is well. But the other guy finally came running up and David said, "Have you got any news?" He said, may your enemies be as your son Absalom. Well, then David knew right there from those words. And those words were kind of in a nice way, because Absalom had become his enemy. So they were a good way of telling David that he was dead. So Brother Branham's message was running without a message. All right, so we see these preachers preaching, but they're not sent;

As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

So it's got to be the Word of God. Now not just a bunch of quotes and making a cow eating grass out of a tree, but taking the word which was brought to us by a vindicated prophet and bringing it right back to the word itself. So that you understand that God is the same. He changes Not.

Martin Luther in his Commentary on Romans 10. *How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? (10:14) Here the apostle meets the arrogance of all who teach falsely and are a haughty mind. Oh, that the false prophets (or teachers) only would heed these words! How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (10:14) Even though they say they hear, they boast in vain, unless they hear true preachers; for to hear false prophets means as much as not to even hear.*

Now how do you know he's a true preacher? Because God backs up his word by signs and wonders. He's got to. He's the same God who has done the same thing throughout all the ages.

They hear and they do not hear; they have ears, but do not hear, nor do they preach (the Word of God). This is a striking statement against all conceited hearers and students of the Bible. How shall they preach, except they be sent? (10:15) This is directed against conceited teachers and arrogant instructors.

These four statements (Romans 10: 14 -15) follow one another in such a way that one leads to the other, but so that the last forms the foundation on which the others rest. Thus, 1) It is impossible that those preach who are not sent. (OK, we have established that)

2) It is impossible that those hear who are without a preacher.

In other words, if you stay at home, you're not listening to a preacher. OK. Oh, you say, well, I'm listening to a tape. How do you know that he's not speaking to you forty years later? You, just want to put it back on the people of the 1960s and 50s and everything else and live kind of comfortably in your sinful ways. Oh, but you say you got a prophet. Well, I don't think so.

2) It is impossible that those hear who are without a preacher.

3) It is impossible that they believe who do not hear. 4) It is impossible that they call upon Him who they do not believe. To this add a last one, namely: 5) It is impossible that they who do not call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. So then, the entire source and origin of salvation rests on this, That God sends out someone, (A true minister of the Word).

Remember, the light comes to a vindicated prophet in a certain area, and then from that prophet, the word goes out by men who have been faithfully taught. Now show me one minister in this message. Well, I can show you one that's sitting right here, that's been faithfully taught, and I can show you about 50 others around the world that have been faithfully taught, OK. In other words, Brother Vayle was mentored by Brother Branham, and the majority of the ministers in this message came out of Pentecost and went right to the message preaching the same trap as Brother Vayle called it, claptrap and Boulderdash.

If He does not send out any, then they who are preaching are preaching falsely, and their preaching is no preaching at all.

So those who have not been faithfully taught are preaching and their preaching is nothing. They're saying nothing. They're getting the people to have it, no way. They're not even preaching what's taking place right now. Like Brother Branham said, they can see the Bible, they can preach the Bible, but they can't see the manifestation of it right now. They don't see what's happening right now.

In fact they would be better off had they never preached at all. Then they who hear, hear error, and it would be better for them to not have heard. (So turn them off.)

Then they who believe, would believe false doctrine, and it would be better for them to not believe. (Then also if you see, it would have been better for Eve never to hear the serpent, because what she heard was false doctrine and it brought the interjection of another species, another race, into the human race. Into the race of the sons of God.) ***Then also they who call upon Him would be calling falsely (upon a false Lord),*** (Like all the false people in Elijah's time, they called the Lord Jehovah, they called him Balaam. Well, the word Balaam is the same thing. It means master, Lord. So they were preaching another Jesus.)

and it would be better for them not to call. For such preachers do not preach;

You see, if they're not preaching this message and taking it back to the Bible, they are not even preaching. You can say, oh, they're a wonderful preacher. Their homiletics are great. It makes me feel really good. And I say, did he preach the Word? Well, you he gave one scripture and then talked about not being drunk anymore. And of course, then some girls in the church are called upon to sing some songs. And then he goes back to preaching about not living like I'm drunk anymore, and then calls on some more sisters to preach it, that's what they do, they sing their songs. You know, you've heard preachers sing their songs, sing their sermons, especially amongst the old black Pentecostals. That's what they're

doing. All right.

such hearers do not hear; such believers do not believe, and such callers do not call; and they will be damned because they would be saved by falsehood.

So, we read in **Proverbs 1: 28** "***Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer, they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord.***" ... ***Then only they can preach with certainty who proclaim the Gospel without error. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace (10:15).***

Now I ask you this, unless you are a vindicated prophet, how are you going to preach the word without error? And I'll say this because you're saying what the vindicated prophet said and you're taking it to the scriptures. And if $X = Y$, then you're preaching the right thing, OK? In other words, $X + Y$, You're preaching the right thing if you're taking the message to the Scriptures and it all dovetails. That's the key, it dovetails together, and you're preaching the same thing. Then you are preaching without error.

By this quotation, the Apostle shows that only those can preach who are sent by God. If you're not sent by God, you're not preaching. You're not a preacher. Those cannot preach the Divine Word and be messengers of God whom He has not sent. Now let me just give you the test for that. It says that a bad tree cannot preach good fruit, but a good tree cannot preach bad fruit. Well, what does he mean? He means the fruit of the season. If you're not preaching the fruit—the teaching of the season, you're preaching bad fruit. So that means that God hasn't even called you.

Those cannot preach the Divine Word and be messengers of God whom He has not sent and to whom He has not entrusted His Word. So, with these same words, the Apostle points out the nature of Spiritual Peace and its gifts. These blessings are heard only in the Divine Word and are apprehended only by Faith. They cannot be presented in visible form...Now the word "**Beautiful**" stands for **purity**. So in other words, how beautiful are the feet of them who preach the gospel? How pure are the feet of them which preach the gospel of peace? (and I'd like to add, that according to Strong's, it means **belonging to the right hour or season**. So how beautiful, how pure. So, belonging to the right season are those that preach the gospel, you see, (timely) by implementation to be flourishing.)

So, it behooves us to choose the right kind of teaching to set under, because your eternal destination rests in hearing the correct word for the season, for the hour. Now, Brother Branham said. You know, there's something about who you sit under and who teaches you. There's something about it. So I won't go into that more.

Hebrews Chapter 5 and 6, 57-0908M P:24 *Paul, speaking to this Hebrew group, yet scholars he's speaking to now, scholars, well learned. We find that in a few moments, very scholarly. But **the deep spiritual mystery, the church is still blinded to it.** He said, "**When you ought to be teaching others, you're still a babe.**" Oh, I know there's many rise up, and go out, and say, "**Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore.**" (Now that world is full of them right now.)*

Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come; He's the teacher." **When you get that idea, you're just wrong.** For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church if He was going to be the teacher? See? **There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors.** **The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher.** And if there's, **it isn't according to the Word, God doesn't confirm it, then it isn't the right kind of teaching.**

That's why I'm so thankful that God has confirmed with miracles this ministry. It's not me doing the miracles, it's God confirming the ministry.

Just like when Brother Branham saw the three Rainbows, that he said went into a bowl shape, he said, that was to confirm what he was teaching, was the truth. The same as in Mabanza Nagungu.

*It must compare with the entire Bible and **be just as alive today as it was then.** **There's the real thing made manifest.***

24 *Now, we will notice the earth, when God had it under control... Now, when God had it under His control; then when **Satan took over by rejecting the Word of God.** God one time had the earth under His control. He set it in its orbit. He put it to make it work. He done everything; He had it in His control. Now, we'll compare that with after Satan took it in his control. Now, it took God six thousand years. It didn't take Him that long, but He took that long. (In other words, He didn't have to take that long, but He took that long.) Six thousand years, because we're taught that one day in heaven is a thousand years on earth; and it was six thousand years, or six days that God built the earth.*

25 Now, it took God six thousand years to establish it; plant it with good seeds and to bring forth everything after its kind. **Everything must come forth of its kind.** All of His seeds were good, and so **it must bring forth after its kind.** God took six thousand years.

Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. **12** And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

So, this is a law of God. It's the law of life and has to manifest itself, and there is nothing you can do about it. It's not him that runneth or him that willeth. It's God that showeth mercy. Being born of God it says.

It's even stronger than reaping and sowing. It's an immovable fact. And if He saw you before the foundations of the world and programmed your DNA to manifest a certain way, then it is going to do that. That's really wonderful.

26 Finally, Brother Branham says *when He got it all made, and finally we finally arrive with it's headquarters of the earth in a beautiful spot, laying east of Eden, called the garden of Eden. God made the world's headquarters in the garden of Eden, in Egypt, right at the east end of the garden was the headquarters. And over the whole situation He put His son and His son's wife over all of it. Right. That's what God did.*

27 **He put them in full control. They could speak to the winds, and they would cease to blow. They would speak to the tree, and it would move from here to there.**

(Just think about the new earth. I mean, wow, it's just tremendous where we're going to.)

*The lion and the wolf fed together, and the lamb laid down with them. There was no evil. It was perfect peace, perfect harmony, everything in perfection, and when God had it under His control. Notice. He had His, He had His world; He had all in operation. He had everything coming, **everything eating vegetation**, nothing to die, nothing to be ruined, nothing to be spoiled, nothing... It was just perfect. And over it all, **He placed His beloved children, His son and His daughter; a husband and wife to control it.***

Oh, my, won't that be a wonderful place to live in where everything is Peace and caring one for another, and living with all the animals and with each other in peace, and perfection? Now contrast that to this Satan's Eden where there is no peace, nor safety, nor living for others, contrast that to our living in peace and perfection with man and with God's creation. What a difference it will be. So God has to destroy the earth. He's got to destroy the heavens because man has touched these things. And God has to destroy everything they've touched because they've left their fingerprints on it. All right, He's got to burn it all up.

28 God was so satisfied, and He rested from all His works at the seventh day, and hallowed this seventh day, Sabbath, for it.

Now, just think of that. God who needs no rest, who needs no sleep, rested from all his actions. Did you ever think about that? In other words, He didn't need to do anything more. Now it was up to His Word Seed to begin its time for manifestation.

*Because God looked it all over; after He'd been six thousand years in molding it and fixing it out; **making it come into existence** and put the mountains up and make the volcanics; push the mountains up and the things that taken place in the eruptions; dried it off and fixed it the way He had it, and it was a beautiful place. There was nothing like it.*

Now, he's changed us from being in Him, to the manifestation of that Word Seed, I hope you are catching what he is talking about.

*29 The great paradises of God, and the great dinosaurs, and what evermore, crawling through it, and the great animals, no harm in them, they were just as gentle as a little kitten. **They had nothing at all.***

Notice how the manifestations of His creation, were in a chapter before your Seed Word even began to materialize. What was that for? How did that affect me?

God was preparing your book of life, your story, you know how a very good author will prepare you for the main story. How chapters even before the main character comes on the scene, the author has already prepared the setting, the circumstances, and the environment that all have to do with you, and your character development in the story of your life. Wow, God did all of that for us. He prepared everything.

And we have looked at how characters have come into our book of life and have had an influence on our lives, and yet you could not understand why they left. Sometimes in the book, a character enters in chapter two or three and remains for

a few chapters and then you see them no more. Why do they go out from among you? Because they were not of you. That's it. That's exactly what the scripture says.

It's all the prep work of the author in preparing the story, and we so often wonder about characters that affected our lives in one way or the other but then, for no reason are taken from our story and other characters enter into it and influence the outcome of the Story.

Why did certain people come among you and you helped them and you gave them jobs? You gave them housing, you gave them clothing, you did everything else. And then they spurned you and left. It wasn't for them, it was for you. God wanted to see what was in there. He wanted to test your attributes, and see what kind of son of God and daughter of God you really were.

Sometimes in your story, you see them come in, and then for a few chapters they are gone only to return again at the end of the story, and you see it all has worked out for the best. So just let go and let God have His way and "all things will work out for your good," for He is the author of your story.

We continue with Brother Branham. *No - there's no sickness, no sorrow; not one disease germ on the earth. Oh, what a place - the great birds swinging from tree to tree, and Adam could call them by name, and they'd fly upon his shoulders and coo to him. Oh, what a wonderful place God had.*

30 And then made one of His attributes from His Own body. God has attributes in His body, like you are an attribute of your father. And you notice, you was in your grandfather's, grand-father's, grandfather. But in that, say, we'll take it down to like you and your father.

The virgin birth is nothing compared to our birth. God saw you before He created anything, and you looked in His mind the way you look today. And you have a certain DNA that gives you that look, so he had to get your parents together to give you the right combination of DNA to make you look Like you did in His mind. And he had to get your parents – parents together, and their parents – parents together, etc. all the way back to the garden to make sure you had the right combination of DNA to give you the Look that you have. And I want you to understand this. All that you have by DNA was in Adam. What a powerful statement that is, all that you are. All that you speak like, all the attributes that make up your person were in Adam and Eve.

And with each generation all the way back to the beginning God had to make sure your parents met, and grandparents met, and great-grandparents met, all the way from the beginning and to have the necessary attraction to each other, to come together to produce the necessary combination of DNA that is now in you. Wow. Just think about that, and it could just take you weeks to just think about that. And each time you think about that, it grows and grows and grows and you realize how great a God you serve.

Remember, the apple tree as a little sprig ½ inch tall has every apple it will ever produce, just that big. But every apple is in and every blossom it will produce. Otherwise, where's it at? And so did our ancestors.

Levi paid tithes while He was in the loins of Abraham, God said to Jeremiah, ***“I knew you when you were ye in the Loins of your Mother and ordained you to be a prophet to the people.*** God knew it, right from the beginning.

He has everything in His control, and He rested. And if He rested then who are we to not rest in what He is doing? Think about that. He told us 88 things that would take place at His Parousia and He had done 84 of them, and He is certainly at rest knowing the last 4 things will come as certain as the 84 before them have come to pass. He said them in His Word, and they are a seed of His thinking, He spoke them, and they will surely come to pass as He said they would.

And as Brother Branham said, you've seen your last sign. We will not see the last four signs until we have a change. 1) is the resurrection, 2) is the change of the body. 3) is the catching away, and 4) is the destruction of the earth. We're not going to see the destruction of the earth, but we'll be in another body when we see the change in the resurrection, etcetera.

Now, ***you did not know anything when you were in your father***. and therefore actually you've seen your last sign, which is the sign of Messiah. All right. ***Did not know anything when you were in your father?*** The answer is no. *The germ of life comes from the male. The male has the blood cell; the woman has the egg. Now, therefore the blood cell has the life in it. And then when you were in your father, you actually knowed nothing about it; but yet, science and God's Word proves that you were in your father; but you knowed nothing about it. But then the father longed to know you. And with the union of connection with mother, then you were made known to father.*

Now all things were in Him. You were in Him. And your life story will happen as sure as His Word has declared it will take place. And the fact that you can look at

the changes from chapter to chapter that have taken place, then you know with the same certainty that the rest of the story will materialize to you and become the reality that your heart longs for.

I heard on the radio yesterday when we were going up to have a fellowship, I heard a father say, well, I've got this business I've been running for 30 some years. I'm in my 50s, and in eight years I'll be 60. And my son is just not ready to take over. And so they say he's a good boy. He loves the business. He loves everything about it. He's willing to work hard, but I just don't think he has the tools. Well, see what the father saying is. I don't think he has the DNA.

Because Jesus at 22 was not ready for what he started at the age of 30.

Did you know that Jesus had to grow another eight years and become independent? If you want to call it that, of all men, He had to come to the place where he could set out and do God's business. He wasn't ready until the age of 30. And so what the answer should have been is that, listen, just give it time, work with your son and he'll take over and probably do a better job. But no, they try to say this and that and kind of wishy-washy stuff. I don't believe in that. You are what you are. You are ordained to be what you are, but you might have to grow into it. That's all I'm saying.

So Brother Branham says, *Now, you are your father's attribute. You look like him, and you've got parts of your body that looks like your father. Now, that's the way God was in the beginning. Every son of God and every daughter of God was in God at the beginning. You don't remember it now, but you were there. He knewed it, and He wanted you to become,* so He could contact you, speak with you, and love you, and shake your hand.

Oh, what a glorious God we serve.

Let's bow our hearts in prayer now and just to worship Him.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, to know that everything that You have ordained for us will happen. We are predestined to be conformed to the image of the firstborn Son and they, which You foreknew, are justified, not only justified but sanctified by Your word. And we'll be glorified. That means we will be in endoxazo. That means that the doxa of God will be in us. That's what Jesus' Prayer was in Matthew 17. And that's what our prayer is.

May it be done unto us according to Thy will. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen. Amen.