

Satan's Eden no 155

Arming Yourself with the Word

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Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Dear Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, that we are here today, living and breathing. And Father, we just thank You for this wonderful Spring.

We know it's upon us pretty soon anyway. And Lord, we know the resurrection time is in the Spring, so hopefully it'll be this year. But Father, we just commit ourselves to studying Thy word in Jesus Christ's Name, preparing our homes, for the going home, in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

Looks like we got half a church this morning. So anyway, this morning I'm going to look at a subject arming yourselves with the Word. And it's all about the deception in the Word. And that's the main thing that we have to look upon.

So, **Romans 1:18** says, *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness* (unright wisdom, that word is unrighteous as unright wisdom) *and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;* (in unright wise thinking,) **19** *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them."*

We are told that these men will actually hold down or suppress the Truth. So ask yourself why? Well, because they have their own personal motives for getting you away from the Truth. Now, whether it be money, whether it be popularity, women, it's one of those three, Brother Branham said.

In **2 Timothy 3:13**, we are told that these men who deceive are also deceived themselves. **13** *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.*

Now if you have a deception, take place. Someone's deceiving you. Now if they know they're deceiving you, there may be some telltale signs of their deception. You know their body language. But honestly, if they're deceived themselves, then they are more sincere. So notice, it says not only are they deceiving, but they are being deceived.

Now in **Ephesians 4:14**, we are also told that these men actually lie in wait to deceive. So they're planning and plotting. OK, how can I do this? How can I do

that to get more people, whatever? (*14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*)

Now I know there are some goody 2 shoes out there who say, oh, people don't willfully deceive. The Bible says they do. Right there. Just read it for yourself. *Whereby they lie in wait to deceive.*

These are men with their ulterior motives. That is why Brother Branham always told us to check our motives. Motives play a very important part and really tell us a lot about where you have your source.

Now I got this quote from Brother Peter and he says. From **62-0729 – Perseverant 90** *And the first thing, your achievement is only by your motive and your objective. Your motive has got to be right, and your objective has got to be right. If your objective is right, and your motive is wrong, then it won't happen. You have got to have the right objective and you have got to have the right motive.*

So we see that, if you just have half of that right, if your objective is to serve Christ, but you're going to serve Him with the wrong motive. You're going to serve Him, with your own willful ignorance. You're going to, he's going to take you off. All right, he says.

And then take it upon the leading of the Holy Spirit in your heart and stay with it, God will bring it to pass.

Now, how do you stay with God? Well, the Catholic Church thinks they're serving God. They're not. They're serving the devil, but they think they're serving God because they've got a historical Jesus and a historical God. But God is the Word. And if you're serving God outside of the Word, outside of spirit and truth, you're wrong.

In **John 3:19-21**” *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, (or in a greater measure than light,) because their deeds were evil.*

20 *For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprove.*

21 *But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought (or that they are sourced) in God.*

We see the actions of two groups of people. One who flees from the Word and won't go near it, and the other who runs to it, and their motive is exposed by their flight pattern. You either fly to the Word or you fly away from it.

Just as the yellow warbler and the yellow finch are identified by their flight pattern as well. One makes a beeline and the other kind of rises and sinks, then rises and sinks, as it flies through the air. They've both got the same objective, OK, to get to the honey or get to the honeysuckles or whatever, but their motives are different. OK, one actually B line, and the other... That identifies your species.

In **Matthew 23:13** "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

In other words, the Kingdom of God is within you. Well, it's the Holy Spirit. And so they do everything they can to get people to look to Programs look to music, look to, running around the church, everything else, instead of looking to the Holy Spirit, cleansing out their life and getting them ready for the word.

We are told the reason those who oppose the Truth will not allow others to go in is because they won't go in themselves. Why? Because Apostle Paul told us that they would be exposed by the light.

Ephesians 5:13 *But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.*

Notice this scripture tells us that all things are exposed by the light. You see we are warned by Jesus and Paul and Peter and Jude and James and John even William Branham that false anointed men will arise and speak, perverse things drawing away disciples after themselves. But we are warned to flee from such.

Acts 20:27-32 "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. **28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, (Not Muslims, No, they're not entering in among you. Not Jews, they're not entering among you. These are people that claim to be Christians.) *not sparing the flock.* **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

What's a perverse thing is something like adultery. See, adultery is a perverse act, because it's taking the righteous act and turning it into fornication or adultery. In other words, going outside what it was meant for, to procreate. It's used for other things. It's used for pleasure. It's used for everything else. So, lying and stealing are not sins, Brother Branham said, they're attributes that you're a Sinner. And as I said before, smoking and drinking, that's not sins, it's attributes that you don't believe.

31 *Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

Now, Apostle Paul was a hook-nosed Jew, as Brother Branham said. He had a temper. He said, for 3 1/2 years I preached until I cried tears. And yet some would say, well, Brother Brian, you're just too tough on people. I'm certainly not crying tears. But the Apostle Paul was. He preached so hard. Now I preach hard, but not like Paul.

32 *And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

Matthew 7:15-16 *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

16 *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

In other words, do these fruited plants, are they all sick and stuff so you can't actually get to the fruit, or do they allow you to get to the fruit?

17 *Even so every good tree (men are likened unto trees) bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. (Now what's evil fruit? It's a fruit from another season. It has fruit. Right? But it's just corrupted.)* **18** *A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, (A good tree has fresh fruit, not a day-old fruit.) neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

Brother Branham says the fruit is the teaching of the season.

19 *Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.*
20 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

Notice Jesus said “**You shall know them by their fruit**” which Brother Branham taught us is their teaching of what the season is, in which they live. It's what they

teach for the season. It's what they emphasize for this season.

Well, I don't believe, that if you're called to preach in this hour, that you're going to preach a Methodist dogma, or you're going to preach a Baptist doctrine, or you're going to preach a Pentecostal doctrine. Brother, Branham said, it's a million miles beyond Pentecost, so why are they doing it? Why are they doing it? You shall know them by their fruits. Now, I didn't mention any names. So, just get off my case. I'm just saying what the scripture says.

Now from **Satan's Eden pp. 43** Brother Branham said, *Whatever He said would take place, He said it would happen in these last days that He would do certain things, and He done it. He has to ask nobody whether it's time or not; He knows what the time is, and what the plan is.*

*Now, Satan, this deceiver, as spoke of in **Matthew 24:24** with so much deceit. Now, we find that by his gospel program of knowledge:*

Now he's just talking about, God laying out His word and you'll know them whether it's true or not by the fruit for their season. And he says, nobody's going to tell God what His plan is. God has a plan, He's going to do certain things in this season. You're going to either accept them or reject them. But notice how Satan deceives. He gets your eyes off of what God is doing right now or has done in the season of the Shout, and he gets you to buy

Better education, higher ethics, civilization, and so forth. I'll add Music to that, has bewitched the people that wants to serve God into believing his lie.

Oh, I just felt so good when that sister sang. It's just so beautiful. What does that have to do with anything?

Eve did not want to do that, but he showed her how it was more wisdom in it.

Now, if Satan is objective, is to take you away from the Word. And God's objective is to bring you to the Word, then you know the motives right there.

She didn't know. She wanted to know.

How many people sitting in the churches today want to know, but they're not told about it? I heard a minister one time say, Well, we actually, after studying this out, we realized Brother Brian's telling us the truth. But you know what? We just don't need to preach it. So you're not going to preach the truth? Well, if you worship God, you worship Him in spirit, and what? Truth. And so you don't worship Him in spirit and music. You worship Him in spirit and truth.

*She didn't know. She wanted to know. **She didn't understand**, but she wanted to understand.*

And I ask you this morning, we might not understand everything, but we want to understand everything.

And God told her not to try to understand. How can I understand any of these things? I cannot understand them. I believe them. I don't have to understand them. God is faith and not understanding. We just believe what He said.

So, if God is faith and He is what? Revelation. Now, I understand that there are many like a Baptist who say, Have you received the Holy Ghost when you believed? It should be, Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believe? Well now you see if you got the Holy Ghost, you're going to understand.

So he's talking to a bunch of people here who don't understand and he's saying, well, you really don't have to understand the ins and outs of it, but you really do have to understand. Because if you got the Holy Ghost, He'll lead you into all truth. How are you going to go to all truth, if you don't understand what's truth and what's not truth?

All right, so Brother Branham's not saying you got to be an idiot and follow God. He's saying you got to believe. Well, now, what is a belief? What is a belief system? It's an understanding of a certain thing. All right, So, let's just get all the English and all the facts right, that, it's not a total lack of understanding he's talking about.

It's saying, Look, I don't understand all these visions, how they work, but I know they work, all right? I don't understand the ins and outs of the Rapture and how we're going to be changed. But you know what? I believe it.

44 *Now, compare God's Eden to Satan's now, after six thousand years of a perverting of the true interpretation of God's promised Word to the age. Let's compare it now and see where we get it.*

So notice then, that Satan's Kingdom is set up by a perversion of the truth. Just like I said, Adultery and fornication is a perversion of a righteous act. OK, so he takes what is righteous and perverts it.

Like He did to the church in Christ's time, in Jesus, trying to keep back God's loyal sons from knowing the Truth. (That's what Satan did.) That God put His sons here, His attributes, to fellowship with Him by hearing His Word.

Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven (That means you close it down.) against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, (Notice their motive,) neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

So in other words, if I can't do it, you can't do it. I don't want to do it, so I'm not going to let you do it.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (unright-wiseness) of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (unright-wiseness.) So, they're holding on to a wrong understanding.

45 *What if you are a loyal son to your father, and he told you, "Son, don't you go in that water out there, swimming, because there are 'gators in that water."*

Now, you might not understand how Gators got in the water. You might not understand how many there are. You might not understand what size they are. But your father said, don't do it, because. That's believing.

And a fellow comes back and says, "Surely, such pretty water as that, there's no 'gators in it." Now, who are you going to listen to?

If you're a genuine son, you'll listen to your daddy. And a genuine son or daughter of God takes God's Word first. I don't care what anybody else says about it; they take God's Word first. There's poison in the cup, and they believe it.

Having faith in all His Word, His Seed, brought an Eden of holiness, love, and Eternal Life. That's what God's Eden produces: holiness, and it brought an Eden of holiness, of love, understanding, perfection, and Eternal Life. That's what God's planning: His Word, His Seed, that's what His Church will be at the end. It'll be the same thing.

46 *Notice, here's a thought. Don't forget it. I'll get to it some other time, or some other message, but you know, God said, "**Let every seed bring forth of its kind.**"*

Is that God's commandment? Now, what good is any preacher or anybody else trying to make that Word say something else? See?

*Every Word of God is a Seed (Jesus said so.), a seed a Sower sowed. So, if **Mark 16** is God's Word, it'll bring forth if its kind. If Malachi 4 is God's Word, it'll bring forth of its kind. And every other promise must bring forth of its kind.*

Now I received an e-mail from a brother from South America, and he mentioned that he's taught from John 1:1-5 and 1 John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1 and 3 and Hebrews 1:1-3 and just different scriptures. And I said, well those are good scriptures. It's very good that you're using them.

He said, well how do the principles fit into them, that Brother Vayle taught? And I said, well, Brother Vayle said, that in about 80 to 85% of his sermons, he preached vindication, and he told me, he said Brian, he said if you preach vindication, Alpha is Omega. In other words, understanding the first age and the last age are the same. First message, last message, first ministry, last ministry.

And then you bring in twins, which means you preach the negative and the positive. So, you can't preach a message, that's all positive because it's skewed. You have to preach and show both sides of the issue, the parallelism of scripture. OK, so I told him those are the three doctrines. Now, there are others, like sowing and reaping and tithing things like that. But those weren't, really he preached, maybe a message or two in stewardship on those things.

But the main emphasis was those 3 doctrines and because you understand who's Melchizedek by understanding those doctrines, etcetera. So anyway, what I'm trying to say is that every promise of God will bring forth of His kind and we're sitting here looking possibly this spring, for a resurrection.

OK, now remember where it goes from? When does spring start this year? March 21st. And it goes to June 21st. So three months from well actually March 21st to June 21st. So that's a long time from now. I mean it's coming up, but it can go for a few months.

You know the people asked me the question last week about, how is it that Trump, if we're right on Daniel 8, that Trump was basically become powerless, but now he's going to win it all and come back in power. I said, just a minute how do we know that. All we know is that this USA, you can just look at this past week, Putin flew a nuclear bomber. He's showing his people that they're ready for it. He has told the public that they're ready for it.

So, the nuclear is going to fly one of these days. And see he feels righteous because he feels like they are a Christian nation. But the US has become a sodomite nation. And he's right. So, he has every right, so to speak, to think that way. And so, he's going to fulfill scripture by doing it. So don't think that God didn't spur him on, to judge this nation. So it's going to happen soon. So you got to get your eyes on Christ, what He's doing now and see the word made manifest.

So Brother Branham says, **47** *You see? See Satan out here in disguise. He's trying to say, "It's not so." Do you understand it? See, Satan say, "Oh, that ain't for this day. (So, we'll just continue to preach our Pentecostal message.) That was some other time. That don't even mean that." Every seed must come forth of its kind. That's how God established His Eden. Is that right? And here it is.*

That's how God establishes His Church: every Word after its kind. "Men shall not live by bread alone, but by every word proceeding out of the mouth of God." See? Satan, he will take something else, but God said, "Every seed after its kind." If the promise said, "These signs shall follow them that believe..."

Now, the church says, "Join the church, recite the creed; know the catechism." (Let's just put it this way. The church says join the church. Recite the Parousia, recite the Godhead.) the creed; know the catechism." There's not such things in the whole Bible. But Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe.

In other words, you can preach God incorrectly and be a denomination. I know of one. I've been in correspondence with them. And you can preach the Parousia and be a denomination because the Jehovah's Witnesses do. So, you can preach the truth and still not have it. That's what I'm saying.

In My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. If they take up serpents or drink deadly things, it won't harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Who is any man to deny that? See?

In other words, I don't care if you see it or you don't see it. I don't care if you are having those things manifested in your life or they are not. God said to them, They got to happen.

You hold on to everything that God told you. Just because you don't see them doesn't make them not real. There's going to be very few people that do see them. Just like I preached that message a few months ago about the 50 different things

that God has done that were strictly supernatural in my life. And I was a witness to what He was doing. I did not 'cause the rainbow to come. I did not 'cause the storm to stop. I did not cause the winds to quit blowing.

God did them. And He told me, what are you sitting there on your seat for? Get up and speak. All right. That's what I did. Just exactly. I did what He told me. Now that doesn't make me any more than just your brother. It means that God did it.

Moses did not part the Red Sea. I'm sorry if you think that, you're messed up. Apostle Paul did not perform miracles. It wasn't Paul. It wasn't Jesus. He said I can do nothing but what the Father shows Me first. So who was it? It was the Father showing first what to do. Simply being a son of God is saying, look, if I want these signs that follow them that believe, that I'm going to believe that's it. Now it's up to God to do them or not. If God doesn't do them, then if there's a need, and I've come the same way someone else did and God doesn't honor that, then God's a respecter of persons. And you know what? God can't be the respecter of persons. Then God lied. And yet you know what? God can't lie. So there's something wrong with my belief. I should check my own belief.

[PP. 291-292 of God's Only Provided Place of Worship where Brother Branham said, *"May we be found in Him, the only provided place. And He is the sacrifice. We bring Him, what we've heard about, Jesus Christ, into the house of God by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, through the Name of Jesus Christ.*

And there our sacrifice is accepted and we're brought into the family; because, yet straying out in the world, we were ordained sons and daughters of God before the foundation of the world.

Thank You for that, Father. Oh, how could anyone ever turn back on something like that (when they found the Truth, that God has selected them out of the world)? There were millions lost, the day that I was saved. O dying Lamb, how can I ever thank You? How can my heart ever be reverent enough before You? Help me, dear God, to live true.

Help my people to live true. I pray for them, Lord, everyone, that You will... God, somehow, I don't... I wouldn't know how... I don't know how, just how to ask, Lord; and I may of not even asking that in the right manner.

Now remember Brother Branham, he didn't know what to do at all. God was on his heart, so he didn't even know how to spell. So he just put up the alphabet basically on a tree and figured that God would figure out what he meant. So if you

don't have those things happening in your life, and the manifestation of the sons of God is a reality, and you're not having them in your life, check your own believing. That's all I'm saying. I'm not getting mad at you. I'm not saying that you don't got it. I'm just saying that your approach has been wrong because your objective is right.

So you got that much going for you, but your motive has been wrong because you're thinking you're waiting for God to do some super duper tremendous miracle. And the miracle is that you're breathing and the miracle is that every time you inhale you're breathing more life into you and the miracle is that when you eat, you grow and you reproduce fibers in your body and the miracle is that you're living.

OK, let's just start there. So if you can't thank God for that, then I don't know what you can start thanking for, but once you start thanking Him for your breath. For every time He helps you with, no matter what it is going to the bathroom or whatever it is. And I'm just saying that not to be facetious, I'm saying that to be a reality. How many children say, Mommy help me, and they want to learn how to go to the bathroom? Well, that's the same way with adults too. So just get off your high horse and realize that the pillar of fire is on the scene, that He is trying to get a hold of you.

Don't be so interested in your job or your wife or your family or whatever, and put God second. Put Him first. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and then all these others will happen, but just keep seeking, because He only comes to those who are looking for Him.

But You forgive my ignorance, Lord, and just look at my heart. I pray that not one of them will be lost, not one of them, Father. I claim them, everyone, for You. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

And so do I, I pray for everybody that I know of, that's listening to these sermons. I pray for them that they will affect their life.

I had a young man who was a typical, and I say a typical message believer who said, they believed in Brother Branham and believed in the message but was never taught the reality of God. And so, he'd get caught up into this or that and he'd fall in a stumble and everything else, just like a young child learned to walk.

But I reached out and we've had contact every day. And that brother has become a very good believer. He loves this message and he loves everything that's

happening. It has just turned him around. He is so thankful to have his eyes opened. Now God's word did that because it's not me. He said he'd been listening to all the sermons and just that word is just creating something in him. It should do that in you too.

Now, I would like to approach the Word of God in light of this statement. Now, remember we were dealing with having the same attitude or mindset that Jesus has as we read in ...

I Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.

I can say that's true. When you've gone through a stroke, you live your life for Him. You don't live your life for other things anymore.

Now, then, if we are to **arm ourselves** with the same mind that Jesus armed Himself with, then we will also do what Jesus did. You see, God deals first with the mind and then with the rest of our being.

Our Body, Soul, and Spirit. When God sanctifies us, it is not just in our thinking, but it must move from our thinking into our actions, thus throughout our entire body, our soul, and our spirit.

You know you don't have just a body when you have life, you have a body, soul, and spirit. And if this word is to give us our life, everything that we have need of, then it takes over the soul and the spirit as well.

We took our study to the book of **Romans** beginning with chapter **12:1-2** and viewing the progression of the change from the mind first and then into the body bringing even our actions into submission to the Word of God.

I believe Paul says, let me just read it for you to, be transformed in the renewing of your mind. And then he says in verse 3, he says then be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

So let me just read it for you, ***Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Which is holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service?***

While the **NIV** says, ***which is your spiritual act of worship and be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your***

mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God?

Well, how do you know God's will? Because His word tells you, what His will is. So I believe it is necessary that we see the importance of passive faith, first, coming first, before we can have an active faith. Because, passive faith, Brother Vayle preached on this for about 10 weeks solid.

And I was there and he said, how many of you understand what active faith is and passive faith? And I raised my hand. I was the only one in that church that raised my hand. Do you know that? And I told Brother Vayle and said in our church on Wednesday nights we sat in a circle and I just had them read Ephesians chapter one, verse one, and go through verse 6.

And we read every single verse. And I said, now, is that God doing it, or is that your response to what God has done?

By the time we got through there, the first round, we had just one person who got one wrong. I didn't make an issue of it. I just said, well, actually, no it's not, but let's just look at why it's not. But then we read through second verse, third verse, fourth verse, fifth verse, sixth verse.

Not one, and there were children six years old that could read, and all the way to adulthood. Not one person got the scripture wrong. They knew it was either God or they knew it was our response to what God is doing. I told this to Brother Vayle and he started then their Friday night talk session because he thought they would do the same. Now the problem is that if you go into the thing thinking you know and you really don't, then you're going to mess up. But if you go into it and say, OK, let's just take it one thought at a time, is this God or is this me? Then you will certainly know.

I believe it is necessary that we see the importance of passive Faith coming first before we can have an active Faith.

I also want you to understand that passive Faith kept isolated and alone is not a fulfillment of the Principles of God either.

Many people have a passive faith, God's prophet did, God's prophet did, God's prophet did it? But they don't have an active faith, which is their response to it. Therefore, their fruit for the season is not correct.

Now, we know that for the past few weeks, we have been studying Brother Branham's Message pertaining to our understanding in the mind that must come

first.

And then once we have something in the mind to deal with, God will anoint this understanding in our minds, and it then will drop down into our Soul, and then it becomes a Spiritual Revelation.

Then as a Spiritual Revelation, it will guide us and keep us in the way. It will direct our being, our whole or complete being, Body, Soul, and Spirit. Thus, taking over the control of our triune being.

Brother Branham taught us from **PP 37 Inter veil 56-0121** that *"There is an intellectual faith. And there's a faith that comes from the heart.*

Most people have intellectual faith. God sent a prophet. That's it. It's not hard to understand. It's not hard to have an intellectual faith, because that's the first place we've got to come to, intellectual faith. But most people don't have a faith that comes from the heart.

And we read in **Ezekiel** that God gives us a new heart which is a new understanding first, then He gives us a new spirit which is a new desire and finally, when we are ready, He gives us His Spirit. Now let's just read this for ourselves...

Ezekiel 36:26-28 *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: (Now, when he says a new heart, will I give you, that Brother Branham says that's the understanding.) and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, (Now notice He causes us. The Son did nothing but what the Father showed Him first.) and ye shall keep my judgments and do [them]. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

And now, from the Message, **IMPERSONATION.OF. CHRISTIANITY, JEFF.IN 57** Brother Branham said, *"God had to give you a new heart, not a patched up one, a new heart. That's your intellect that you think with, a new way of thinking. Then He gives you a new way of thinking, "Yes, that's right Then He said after that, "Then I'll give you a new spirit." What's that? A new desire, ... After you get a new heart and a new spirit, He said, "Then I'll put My Spirit..." His Spirit, part of the Logos in you controlling your emotions."*

So, we see then that this new heart is a new way of thinking or a new mindset. Then it brings with it a new desire in your heart. He that hunger and thirsts for righteousness shall be filled.

Then this new desire opens the door of your heart to let in the Holy Spirit to take complete control by His Word which is the Logos. So, with God's Word taking its place in your heart, His Word then becomes your tie-post in your soul.

And your soul has only one thing it can do and that is to receive or reject the Word of God. And this is done before you receive the Holy Spirit.

Once you receive the Word of God into your Soul you are sealed in by the Spirit of the Word, and anything contrary to the Word won't ring a bell with you, as Brother Branham liked to put it.

Then what happens is that you begin to discern all things by the Word. You compare spiritual things with spiritual things and measure everything that comes into your mind by the Word of God.

Then until a person has received the Word of God into their Soul, they cannot tell the difference between any word and God's Word.

And that's the truth. That's why there are so many churches, and I don't say this to be mean against the message. I say this because I know it. I've been to other churches. I mean good Gracious. Just listen, they had a doctrine over in Congo that said, now that we've got the doctrine, can we eat snake? Yeah. Just like they say, well, now that we've got the doctrine, we can't eat meat. I mean, give me a break. That is so stupid. I've never heard such in all my life. But people fall into that gullibility.

Because the Word, when it comes into your soul becomes the Absolute of your Life and everything you think, do, or say is brought back to the Word of God to see if it fulfills the Word or not.

1 Corinthians 2:10-14 But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit (and that is God's Spirit and there is only one The Spirit, God's Spirit) searcheth all things, (yes, He searches to and fro) yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?

even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God (Knows. I added the word knows, but that is what it means). *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

So, God gives us His spirit that we might know. So when Brother Branham says you don't have to understand, you just have to believe. In one case, I know he's talking to a teenage girl.

In another case, he might have said in the pulpit, he was talking to people that were unbelievers or people that just didn't have the Holy Ghost. I believe that Brother Branham said, that to see is to understand. When Jesus said unless you have the Holy Ghost you won't understand the Kingdom of God. That's what he said. Then how can you come back and say you don't have to understand?

Now you might not understand the details like I don't understand how nuclear Physics works, but I know it works. I don't know a whole lot about electricity, but I know how to wire it, and I know by the principle of electricity, it'll work. So yeah, you've got to understand.

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

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. It is impossible for him to know.

Now what I am trying to address to you is this: namely, we are to receive an understanding **first**, (that is the part the True Five-Fold Ministry plays in this great drama). They bring the True Understanding of the scripture to our minds.

Next, this New understanding creates a desire in our hearts for God's Word.

Finally, God sends forth His Word into our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is our actual Teacher and He anoints the understanding in our hearts thus becoming a Spiritual Revelation. Brother Branham said, we begin with an intellectual understanding. But when the Holy Spirit anoints it, it drops down into our hearts and becomes a dynamic revelation.

That is Why John said in **1 John 2: 21** "*that we have an unction or anointing from the Holy One, that we might know all things.*"

This Revelation then takes over the guiding of our whole body, Soul, and Spirit thus perfecting the believer by the washing of water by the Word.

So, in effect, every fiber of our body is becoming subject to the Word of God which lives and abides in our hearts, bringing us into captivity to the Word for the day we live in and bringing us into subjection to it.

We are not compelled to be Lutherans, we're not compelled to be Methodists or even Pentecostals. It's not the message for the day. The message for the day is to believe All the Word. All a double L (A-L-L), all the Word.

Thus, the sacrifice becomes a living sacrifice, not just a mental conception. And as that it actually changes the actions done in the body.

Romans 7:14 Paul tells us *the law is Spiritual*, and not for the flesh, for if it were for the flesh then we could be expected to fulfill the Law by our flesh, but since it is spiritual and not for the flesh, then the flesh can in no way fulfill it.

Therefore, God does not look upon the flesh but upon the desires in the heart, and thus although your desires may be righteous and Holy, yet your body may backslide a thousand times daily due to the mixed nature because of Eve's transgression.

Now notice how this ties in, with what Brother Branham said, God will not come into your heart to fill it with His Spirit which is His Word until the desires have been changed.

Now you must receive a new understanding first, then a new desire, which he called a new spirit, and once you receive this new desire, then God will come into you by His Word.

God doesn't come into your heart the first minute you have this new understanding. Oh, no! Uh, Uh! There is an order to His coming. He is looking for the desires to be changed first, and then He will come.

Many people have heard the Gospel and seemed to receive it gladly for a short space of time, but before the desires are changed, they fall away and thus never come to this new desire. And why is that?

Because God sends them a test of this new understanding, and because they are not predestined to pass the test, they come up short and are easily offended by the Word.

Some people come so far but when the Word speaks of things that hit them in the pocketbook or speak of things that they should do or a manner of living that makes them lose their popularity with the guys or girls, then they lose what desire they did have and before they know it, they fall away from the Truth.

Brother Branham said God will not place His Word in just anybody. He will not place His Spirit in just anybody. You see, this truth of this doctrine of the message is not for everybody, it's just not for them.

So, we find in **Hebrews 12: 6-7** Paul is teaching us, that *"Every Son that cometh to God must first be tried and tested. And if you can't take the testing then you are not a True Son, but a bastard born, meaning you are illegitimate to the Word."*

Matthew 13:18-23 *Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth [it] not, then cometh the wicked [one], and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.*

So this lack of understanding opens you up for the devil. That's why there's righteousness, right wiseness, and unrighteousness, which is unright wiseness.

*This is he which received seed by the wayside. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when **tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.***

*He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and the Word becometh unfruitful.***

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth [it]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth fruit with patience, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

You will notice that the first group mentioned are those who hear the Word but because they do not understand it the Devil is able to step in and take what understanding they did receive away from them and thus they just simply fall away from the Truth.

Then there are those who hear the Word but when the trials begin, they can't take it and because they too do not really understand what it is all about, they give up and they too fall away from the Truth.

Then we have the Laodicean bunch who get caught up into the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, and these things choke off the word and it cannot bring forth in these people what it is meant to bring forth. These are the foolish virgins who run but do not finish the race.

They are caught in the trap called the deceitfulness of riches. Money, money, money, is the root of all evil. And notice that these riches are called deceitful.

Since this group does not have a full understanding, they too fall short of receiving the True Word of God, which is His Holy Spirit into their hearts and thus they come up short.

But notice the group that comes all the way into the True Baptism of the Holy Spirit, they are the ones who hear the Word and Understand it in their hearts, and because they understand it, they are not caught up by the deceitfulness of riches, because they can't be deceived.

They are focused and ready and thus the Word brings forth Fruit in them some even a hundred-fold.

You can see how important understanding is to the believer. And that is why Eve fell. Notice Eve had an understanding. She knew better than to partake with the serpent because she told the serpent we must not eat of the forbidden tree.

It is cursed. And yet the serpent pulled one over on her and got her to eat anyway. He didn't tell her that her understanding was wrong entirely, but he told her that she just didn't quite have the **full** understanding of the picture. And so, he explained it away from her.

And so, she stepped out from behind the protection of the Word, and she fell for His interpretation or understanding of the Word of God.

And that is exactly what we are warned will happen in **2 Peter 2**

Now, if they are going to bring it in, then they had to get it from somewhere else outside the Message in the first place. Well, I'll just read it for you.

The Wuest Translation says: **2 Peter 2: 1** *But as there arose false prophets also among the people, even as also among you there shall be false teachers who will be of such as to bring **alongside of true doctrine** destructive heresies even denying the Lord who purchased them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.*

So, if they brought into the message, then they came from the outside. They were Pentecostals before, now they're message people. But they didn't change their doctrine.

They do not understand the Godhead correctly as taught by the prophet. Even denying the Lord who purchased them.

2 *And many shall follow their licentious conduct to its consummation; on account of whom the way of truth will be reviled.*

These men will come into the Message and give a wrong understanding of the Word of God and the people will be caught up into what these men say as evil interpreters of the Word of Truth.

3 *And in the sphere of covetousness with **fabricated words** they will **exploit you**,* (it has to do with money, exploit you, making themselves rich at your expense and the expense of your soul.)

from whom: for whom from ancient times their judgment has not been idle.

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In **Romans 1:18** we are told that *these men will actually hold down or suppress the Truth*. Why? Because they have their own personal motives for getting you away from the Truth.

2 Tim 3:13 we are told that these men who deceive are also deceived themselves.

Ephesians 4:14 we are also told that *these men actually lie in wait to deceive. (That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive)*

These are men with ulterior motives. That is why Brother Branham always told us to check our motives. Motives play a very important part and really tell a lot from where you have your source.

Then Jesus Came 57-1213 P:3 he said. *No matter what your religion is, if you believe Jesus Christ to be God's Son, have accepted Him as your savior. You are my brother and sister. And if you accepted and if God accepted you with your peculiarities, and I with my peculiarities, we should be thankful enough to recognize each other as brothers and sisters. See, And we're all working for one great purpose and that's for His Kingdom. And anything different from that would be the wrong motive anyhow.*

John 3:19-21 we see the actions of two groups of people. One who flees from the Word and won't go near it, and the other who runs to it.

And their motive is exposed by their flight pattern, just as the yellow warbler and the yellow finch are identified by their flight pattern as well. One makes a beeline and the other kind of rises and sinks, then rises and sinks, as it flies through the air.

Matthew 23:13 We are told the reason *those who oppose the Truth will not allow others to go in* is because they won't go in themselves. Why? Because John told us that they would be exposed by the light.

Ephesians 5:13 Tells us that all things are exposed by the light.

So we know that the light exposes and it actually. See, you can sit in this message for 20 and 40 years. And you don't change. Like one guy said, Blessed God, I've been in this message 40 years and I haven't changed a bit. Well, if I've been in this message even 2 weeks and haven't changed, I haven't been born again. Because when you're born again, you change, and the light changes you.

You see we are warned by Jesus and Paul and Peter and Jude and James and John even William Branham that false anointed men will arise and speak perverse things drawing away disciples after themselves.

But we are warned to flee from such.

Acts 20:27-32 *For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

29 *For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*

Matthew 7:15-16 *15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

16 *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

Notice he says you shall know them by their fruit which Brother Branham taught us is their teaching of what the season is.

2 Thess 2:10-13 I would like to read this from the **Wuest translation**: *“every kind of wicked deception geared to the gullibility of those who are perishing, this gullibility being caused by the fact that they did not accept the love for the Truth to the end that they might be saved.*

And for this cause God will send them a deluding influence resulting in their believing the Lie, in order that they all might be judged who did not believe the truth but took delight in wickedness.

1 Timothy 4:1 NIV tells us they use **seducing Spirits** and doctrines of devils. Satan's messengers masquerading as angels of light.

Which is **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** *13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.*

You can't read any of Paul's epistles without understanding the parallelism of Scripture. Apostle Paul was just as negative as he was positive.

15 *It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.*

Paul calls them those super fine apostles more righteous than God is righteous, but false to the bone, and look what they did to the early church. **2 Corinthians 11:1** *I hope you will put up with me in a little foolishness. Yes, please put up with me! 2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.*

3 *But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 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 Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.*

In other words, you're not being discerning.

Galatians 1: 6-9 *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel.*

7 *which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we (that's Paul) or an angel from heaven (the angel of the Lord even) should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!*

9 *As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!*

In other words, Hebrews 6 they fall away. They're cursed. He's not saying. Well, I'll put it this way. You cannot fall away. You were in His mind before the foundation of the world. You see through all the ways of Satan. I'll just lay it out that simple.

Mark 7:7-9 *They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." 9 And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!*

They reject the Word of God in favor of their own teachings. And what does this do? It voids the power of the Word in their lives. Thus, they crucify the Word to themselves.

Hebrews 6:4 *It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,*

Notice they can't crucify God who is a spirit, but they can crucify the Word to themselves, That's what they're doing. They're actually crucifying the Holy Ghost to themselves. He didn't say they're crucifying the Holy Ghost, he said to themselves. and that is exactly what they do, making it of no use to them by their own traditions and creeds.

2 Thessalonians 1:10 *on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.*

We are to receive His Glory (His Doxa) in the saints in this hour, the very mind of God in us.

Ephesians 1:17 *the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him that the eyes of our understanding might be enlightened.*

So, we see what His plans for us are, but we also see, by this, Satan's plan is to pervert what God is trying to do.

In Closing let's turn to **2 John 1:8-9** *Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.*

He is warning us not to place ourselves in a place where we will lose what we have wrought and then goes on to tell us how we could do this.

He that transgresseth, which means to go beyond the limits of true doctrine, that's how you lose out, by having a certain knowledge and then adding your own thoughts to what God's thoughts are.

OK, let's just bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful Lord for You and we just ask you Lord to be with us. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.